

THE  
**NUCLEAR BIBLE**

**A FALSE-FLAG NUCLEAR TERROR CONSPIRACY**



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## The Nuclear Bible: A Nuclear Armed Drone?

**Intro:** Should an attack transpire at the Super Bowl, it will most likely come from a method that not many suspect. Could a major terror strike be launched by a Pakistani drone outfitted with a nuclear weapon? The U.S. has not only lost multiple drones over Pakistan, but they have recently given the technology and drones to Pakistan. Theoretically, these drones could fly relatively undetected past the Super Bowl's "No Fly Zone" and straight into prime time TV for all America to see.

### Date:

December, 2001  
July 11, 2002  
September 23, 2008  
March 7, 2009  
January 24, 2010  
January 27, 2010

### Downed Drones In Pakistan

1<sup>st</sup> Drone crash in Pakistan (Skeen, 2002)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Drone crash in Pakistan (Skeen, 2002)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Drone shot down in Pakistan (Khan, Schiffrin, Karl & Martinez)  
4<sup>th</sup> Drone crash in Pakistan (The New York Times, 2009)  
5<sup>th</sup> Drone shot down in Pakistan (Telegraph, 2010)  
6<sup>th</sup> Drone shot down in Pakistan (The Nation, 2010)

**\*Iraq, Afghanistan, or Yemen not counted**



**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)*

**Abstract:** A drone or an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), is an aircraft that flies without a human crew on board the aircraft. UAVs were historically simple drones that were remotely piloted aircraft, but autonomous control is increasingly being employed in UAVs. UAVs come in two varieties: some are controlled from a remote location, and others fly autonomously based on pre-programmed flight plans using more complex dynamic automation systems. **Some drones, such as the HALE (high altitude, long endurance) can fly at over 30,000 with indefinite range** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** July 11, 2002

**Source:** The Free Library, Associated Press (AP), Jim Skeen

**Title/Headline:** *Global Hawk Goes Down: Palmdale-Built Drone Crashes On Pakistan Mission*

**Abstract:** A Palmdale-built Global Hawk reconnaissance aircraft reportedly crashed Wednesday in Pakistan during a mission supporting the Afghanistan campaign. The unmanned aircraft was flying a routine mission when it crashed at 9:05 a.m. Pacific Daily Time - night in Pakistan. **An investigation has begun into the cause; however, the cause of the crash was not a result of hostile fire defense officials said.** Defense officials would not disclose the country where the crash occurred, but Associated Press (AP) quoting unnamed Pentagon officials, said it occurred in Pakistan. **Defense officials also indicated to AP that the crash might have been caused by an engine failure. The incident was the second crash of a Global Hawk during Operation Enduring Freedom.** In December, a Global Hawk crashed while returning to base from a mission. Defense officials would not disclose where that crash occurred, citing host nation sensitivity. The December crash was attributed to an improperly installed bolt that caused a control rod to fail. The Global Hawk is a high-altitude, long-endurance reconnaissance aircraft being developed for the Air Force. **Controlled by computer, the unmanned aircraft can fly 1,200 miles, linger over its target for 24 hours at nearly twice the altitude of a passenger jetliner, and then fly back.** Global Hawks' radar is capable of detecting objects 100 miles away, and its cameras provide still images clear enough to identify targets as far away as 30 miles. **The Global Hawk aircraft are being pressed into service even though they are still in the development stage. Six Global Hawk aircraft have been built by Northrop Grumman thus far, but three have been lost in crashes - two in support of the Afghanistan campaign and one during a test mission out of Edwards Air Force Base.** Two aircraft are at Edwards supporting the program's flight test efforts. The location of the other aircraft has not been disclosed, but it is reportedly being used in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Skeen, 2002).

**Date:** September 23, 2008

**Source:** ABC News, Habibullah Khan, Nick Schiffrin, Jonathan Karl, Luis Martinez

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Drone Shot Down in Pakistan*

**Abstract:** **An American drone was shot down over the volatile Pakistani tribal area, according to a local resident and a Pakistani intelligence official, though U.S. officials deny losing any aircraft.** If true, it would be the first time a spy plane has crashed over Pakistan after thousands of flights designed to target senior Al Qaeda and Taliban officials (Khan, Schiffrin, Karl, & Martinez, 2008).

**Date:** March 7, 2009  
**Source:** The New York Times, Associated Press  
**Title/Headline:** *Drone Crash In Pakistan Reported*

**Abstract:** Pakistani officials said they were investigating reports that a remotely piloted American plane had crashed Saturday in a northwest tribal region. The planes are believed to be operated by the Central Intelligence Agency and often carry out missile strikes against suspected militants in Pakistan. An army spokesman, Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, said the reports of a plane down in the village of Angoor Ada were under investigation. Two intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the news media, said their agents had yet to locate any wreckage at the site. Col. Greg Julian, the top United States military spokesman in Afghanistan, said he could not comment on the crash report (The New York Times, 2009).



**WIRED**

**Date:** April 8, 2009  
**Source:** Wired Magazine, Noah Shachtman  
**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan To America: Give Us The Killer Drones*

**Abstract:** When last we left America's drone war over Pakistan, the local government seemed resigned to idea of the United States launching its unmanned air force from Pakistani soil, on targets within Pakistan, without Islamabad's permission. All the ministers asked was that America respect their "red line" — and keep U.S. ground forces out of their country. **But the red line may have suddenly shifted, from human troops to robots in the sky.** In a meeting yesterday with U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Admiral Michael Mullen, top Pakistani officials allegedly demanded that America stop the unmanned attacks and "shift the drone technology and authority to the Pakistan Army," according to Pakistan's *Dawn* newspaper. "We did talk about drones and let me be very frank, there is a gap," Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi tells Reuters. Pakistani leaders have huffed about the drones in public before — only to cooperate in secret with the robotic aircraft strikes. But these requests are a bit different. Rather than demand the drones stop flying, the leaders are asking for control of the aircraft. **"We would much prefer that the U.S. share its intelligence and give us the weapons, drones and missiles that will allow us to take care of this problem on our own,"** Pakistani president Asif Ali Zardari tells the *Independent*. "These drone attacks are counter-productive." Meanwhile, the attacks continue. An unmanned aircraft fired a pair of missiles today into a vehicle in the town of Gangi Khel. Four suspected militants were killed. "It's the third such strike this month and the fourteenth inside Pakistan in 2009, according to the *Long War Journal*. Gangi Khel is thought to be under the control of Pakistani Taliban leader Maulvi Nazir. **In an interview earlier this week with al-Qaeda's propaganda wing, Nazir practically begged the Americans to come after him — declaring his intents to wage terror worldwide, and calling President Barack Obama a "black ass."** A week earlier, Nazir's ally Baitullah Mehsud threatened to "launch an attack in Washington." Which, of course, makes the idea of America giving up her killer drones all the more remote (Shachtman, 2009).

**Date:** January 22, 2010  
**Source:** Press TV  
**Title/Headline:** *US To Equip Pakistan With Low-Tech Drones*

**Abstract:** U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said that Washington is considering supplying Pakistan with unarmed drone aircraft in an attempt to boost the "war on terror." "We are in partnership with the Pakistani military and we are working to give them their own intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance vehicles, both aircraft and drones," Gates said. **According to the Friday edition of New York Times, the Shadow surveillance drone appears to be a compromise aimed at enticing Pakistan further into the war** (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** January 24, 2010  
**Source:** Telegraph  
**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Tribesmen 'Shoot Down' US Drone*

**Abstract:** An unmanned US drone crashed after reportedly being shot down in Pakistan's lawless tribal area near the Afghan border. Local tribesmen in North Waziristan were reported on Sunday to have been seen congratulating each other. Gunfire had been heard shortly before the drone crashed. The Pakistani army rejected similar claims after a drone crashed in neighboring South Waziristan in 2008, saying it was a technical problem (Telegraph, 2010).

**Date:** January 27, 2010  
**Source:** The Nation  
**Title/Headline:** *Taliban Claim Downing 2nd US Drone*

**Abstract:** Pakistani tribesman shot down another US unmanned spy plane through anti-aircraft gun in North Waziristan region. According to sources, four US drone aircrafts were hovering over different parts of Waziristan when the tribesmen shot fire at them with anti-aircraft gun. As a result one of the aircrafts crashed in Miranshah area. According to an eyewitness, the plane's wreckage fell into Afghanistan's area. **This was the second drone plane, which was shot down by tribesmen this week** (The Nation, 2010).



**Date:** January 14, 2011

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *The Green Hornet*

**Abstract:** *The Green Hornet* is an upcoming 2011 superhero film, based on the character of the same name created by George W. Trendle and Fran Striker. Directed by Michel Gondry, the film stars Seth Rogen in the title role, who also co-wrote the screenplay with Evan Goldberg. Supporting actors include Jay Chou as Kato, Christoph Waltz, Cameron Diaz, Edward Furlong, Edward James Olmos, Angela Bassett, David Harbour and Tom Wilkinson. The film is scheduled to be released in North America and the United Kingdom on January 14, 2011 and in Australia on January 20, 2011, which will also include RealD Cinema and IMAX 3D (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Interestingly, the blockbuster movie that will open about two weeks prior to the 2011 Super Bowl is *The Green Hornet*! A green Pakistani drone cruising around the Super Bowl will get a chorus of cheers before everybody in the greater Dallas area goes nite nite.**

**The \$1,000,000 Question: Will the nuke be in the drone, or, is it already in Cowboy Stadium?**

**Conclusion:** Regardless of whether any drones nuke the Super Bowl or any other event for that matter, the people of Afghanistan, Iraq, and now Pakistan have suffered tremendously at the hands of these death machines. Many innocent civilians have been literally blown away by a machine that generally is controlled by someone thousands of miles from home. Drones are inhumane, anti-human, and should be outlawed immediately. Latest word: Miami-Dade county of Florida has now purchases their own drones, and it's only a matter of time before they are armed. The *Terminator II* Skynet terminator scenario is coming true!



## The Nuclear Bible: Alex Jones & Super Bowl Sunday

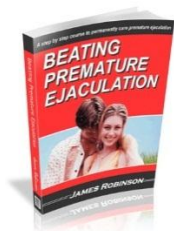


**Intro:** There are many people within the so called “Truth Movement” who question the motives and actions of Alex Jones. For those unfamiliar with Alex Jones, he is the founder of Infowars.com and PrisonPlanet.com, and the self-proclaimed grand-daddy of the 9/11 Truth Movement. Jones has made countless documentaries, the most famous of which are *Terrorstorm*, *End Game*, *The Obama Deception* and *Fall of the Republic*. While I have personally enjoyed listening to his syndicated radio show via podcast, I too have long had my suspicions regarding his true motives and his rather odd and suspicious behavior at times. While I do respect Alex for helping me wake up to my current reality, I fear that Mr. Jones may be part of a greater sinister plot. While I pray that I am wrong, I feel that it is my duty to inform the American public of a potentially deadly and explosive situation. If my suspicions are wrong and unwarranted, I will personally ask Alex Jones for his forgiveness.



Devil's Messiah?

The following evidence leads me to the conclusion that Alex Emerick Jones may be a Zionist Globalist tool determined to... **“Prematurely Ejaculate the 2<sup>nd</sup> American Revolution!”**



While I don't necessarily like the aforementioned label, I am unable to think of a more fitting term regarding Alex Jones that the American people would understand. The logic concerning Mr. Alex Jones is as follows:



**The Y2K Scare:** During the Y2K scare of 2000, Alex Jones attempted to whip the American people into a frenzied panic and subsequent riot after Alex Jones repeatedly lied and exaggerated the events of the day. From his Texas studio, Alex spewed unverifiable news and propaganda that Russian had launched a preemptive nuclear strike on America. This madness lasted for hours. The late Bill Cooper took Alex Jones to task regarding this radio broadcast and was subsequently gunned down months later. Please Google or YouTube Bill Cooper/Alex Jones and do your own research. The fear is that Alex Jones may instruct millions of young Americans to riot during a post nuclear attack. Many Americans believe that another 9/11 false-flag event will happen, but in the case of a nuclear attacks, the Globalists have set up Pakistan as the scapegoat, and therefore perpetrators of the riots will me demonized as terrorists, while the U.S. government attempts to regain some credibility



**Super Bowl Sunday Radio Broadcast (February 6, 2011):** Like Y2K, it appears that Alex Jones' mission is to goad the American public into a full-scale riot. Should a nuke detonate at the Super Bowl, Alex will be on the radio. According to Jones, he started doing Sunday radio broadcasts three years ago which indicates that Jones may have been let in on the Super Bowl Conspiracy. The Sunday evening show just happens to coincide with the exact time that the Super Bowl is being played and should a nuclear terror event occur, Alex Jones will be live on the radio for people to hear him in. Since Alex has been right on many previous issues, but it is imperative to warn the American people:

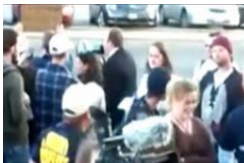
### **DO NOT TO LISTEN TO ALEX JONES FOR INSTRUCTIONS**

Jones' instruction and orders may come at the sheer detriment of the American People. Since Alex has the top rated alternative news show in the World, we can assume that millions of people will tune it should a massive terror event transpire. The fear is that Alex will hype the severity of terror and potential U.S. Government response in order to get the American people to riot, thus ushering in Martial Law and the eventual deportation of millions to the FEMA concentration camps. On Friday, October 29, 2010, Alex Jones stated on his radio show that he has a new affiliate, AM 1630, KKGM, which covers Dallas, Fort Worth, and Arlington, Texas. In Alex Jones' words, it's a "Big, Big, Big, Station."

**Demonization of William "Bill" Cooper:** On the day of 9/11, Bill Cooper warned America that Alex Jones was a disinformation agent, sent to provoke violence in the midst of a national tragedy. Cooper repeatedly told Americans NOT TO LISTEN TO ALEX JONES. Subsequently, Bill Cooper was gunned down weeks later, and despite his assassination, Alex Jones repeatedly demonizes Cooper every opportunity he gets. William "Bill" Cooper was a real American Patriot, and although no human is perfect, Cooper did the best to inform Americans about Jones' true goal. Please Google Cooper's 9/11 broadcast and have a listen for yourself. As if demonizing Cooper wasn't bad enough, Alex has been advertising two bio weapons books on his radio show with the names "Pale Horse" and "Red Horse" which are quite similar to Bill Cooper's book entitled *Behold The Pale Horse*. While this may seem like a harmless gesture, rest assured, it is a calculated attempt to confuse listeners and steer them away from Cooper's book.

**William "Bill" Cooper's Book: *Behold A Pale Horse***

Free Online @: [http://www.fmh-child.org/Behold\\_A\\_Pale\\_Horse.pdf](http://www.fmh-child.org/Behold_A_Pale_Horse.pdf)



**Alex Jones Is COINTELPRO:** If there was any doubt that Alex Jones is an agent provocateur, he showed his true colors at an Austin protest where Jones took a bull horn and purposely disrupted an event by WeAreChange. The next day, Jones went on the air and lied blatantly about the events of the day. This video can be found on YouTube, and it shows that Jones has zero respect for any fellow truthers, and that his goal is not to unite, but rather divide.

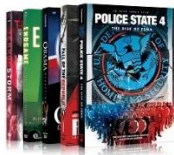


**The Political Assassination of Debra Medina:** During the heat of Debra Medina's campaign, Alex Jones stated, "We can't believe anything she says if she gets in office if she'll flip flop like this", and with that, the Infowarriors (what Infowars listeners call themselves), attacked Debra Medina from all angles and sunk her bid for the Texas Governorship. The reason: Medina didn't state publicly that she concurred that 9/11 was an Inside Job. Alex Jones took her out of context and politically assassinated her, a win for Rick Perry and the Globalists that Alex Jones allegedly fights against.

**Money Bombs:** Alex Jones has repeatedly drained money from his listeners with repeated "Money Bombs", which is just a different label for what Jim and Tammy Fay Baker did to the sheep that followed them. These Money Bombs are to allegedly build his 3<sup>rd</sup> studio in as many years, and regardless if partially true, it is an obvious personal money grab. After all, should Jones betray the American public, he must get all the money he can before he twists the knife in the back of America.



**Beta Testing Infowars Radio:** About six months prior to Super Bowl XLV, Alex Jones started a rather disturbing trend: Beta Testing his Infowars radio listeners on a regular basis. Jones orders his listeners to Google search terms, and through Google Trends, Jones can see how many of his listeners heed his commands. While this may seem innocent on the surface, it is clear that Jones & Co. are gaging how people will obey him. When Jones give the command to attack on Super Bowl Sunday, many listeners will obey an attack the police and military, playing right into the Globalist's hand. Other forms of Beta Testing may have been the Obama poster campaign, whereby Jones ordered his listeners world-wide to print and hang millions of Obama posters like the one posted above. To his credit, Jones was able to get people to act from Tokyo to London, and from L.A. to New York. Interestingly, Obama is anything but a socialist. Obama's policies are Bush policies, and are more fascist and Nazi, than socialist, another piece of disinformation. Should a nuclear terror attack transpire, Alex Jones MAY give the instructions to attack police or military targets, thus resulting in a major crackdown. What Alex Jones asks his audience to do next is anybody's guess, but we do not assume that this BETA testing of his listeners will stop until after the Super Bowl.



The Essential Alex Jones 5-DVD Collection (Actual Infowars Info)

~~\$59.9~~

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\$24.95 **SALE**

**Infowars DVD Blowout:** As listeners of the Alex Jones' Show know, Alex has been blowing out his entire DVD inventory starting a couple months ago and based on the current trend, this is likely to continue until February 6, 2010. Jones, a man who won't even let people copy and resell his DVDs (despite claiming he's all about the message rather than the money), all of a sudden is blowing out his DVD's at cost! Alex has even stated that he is "losing money", but is now selling the DVDs for \$5, when they go for around \$30. Obviously, after a betrayal, they DVDs will be worthless.

**Alex Jones & Violence:** The increasingly violent rhetoric from Jones has reached an all-time high, and exactly 60 days prior to Super Bowl XLV, this rhetoric was taken up a notch or two when Jones stated that he is that he is "oiling his guns"! Jones has also made statements that he is getting ready for fireworks and preparing for battle. On top of this disturbing trend, Alex has allowed Globalist tool Porter Stansbury to advertise the following:

**America's Most Important Day in 50 Years...**  
**It will change the way you travel... shop... invest... and even retire.**  
Watch the eye-opening video presentation [HERE](#). **WARNING: Viewer discretion advised**

**This video, which Jones begs his audience to watch, is an obvious clue that something major will happen in America, and at the very least is a form of terrorism itself.**

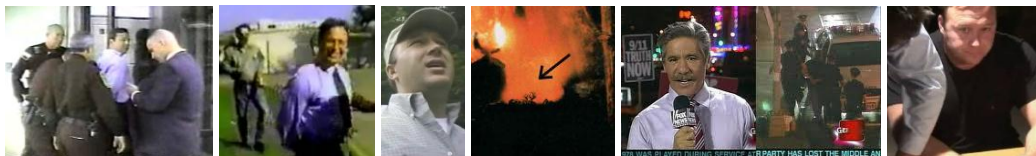


**NWO Terminology:** The terminology used in the titles of his films such as Police State, End Game, Terrorstorm, Fall of the Republic, etc., are all negative NWO terms, and thus begs the question; who is Alex Jones really working for? You would think that Jones, an alleged patriot, would name his film with positive, uplifting, and anti-globalist names, but it's quite the opposite.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Film Title</u>
1998	America: Destroyed by Design
1999	Police State 2000
2000	Police State II: The Takeover
2002	911: The Road to Tyranny
2002	The Masters of Terror: Exposed
2003	Matrix of Evil
2003	Police State 3: Total Enslavement
2004	American Dictators: Documenting the Staged Election of 2004
2005	Martial Law 9-11: Rise of the Police State
2005	The Order of Death
2006	Terrorstorm: A History of Government- Sponsored Terrorism
2007	Endgame: Blueprint for Global Enslavement
2008	Fabled Enemies
2009	Fall of the Republic: Vol. 1, The Presidency of Barack H. Obama
2010	Police State IV: The Rise of FEMA



**The 11 Obsession:** Alex Jones obsession with number 11 may also indicate that he is part of the establishment, rather than a rebel with a cause. His show starts at 11am, a rather odd time for a radio broadcast, and many stories over the years revolve around Top 11 Reasons, Trends, Facts, etc. Jones made a point of harping on the 1/11/2011 date, and followed up his comments by stating that numerology is like astrology; there is nothing to it. Please see the chapter of the numerology of 26 & 11 for more information. While Alex Jones is a very private man, we can gain some insight into his allegiances and loyalties based on the fact that Alex may even be Jewish himself, because he is married to a woman of Jewish/Israeli decent, thus making his children of Jewish. Please see chapter entitled “Israel & Zionism” for information regarding the relevance of this information.

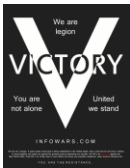


**Right Time at the Right Place:** Alex Jones may be the luckiest man on Earth, or he may just be a Zionist shill. The following incidents appear staged in an attempt to give Jones the needed street cred that he needs in order to be an effective Judas. As luck would have it, Jones was able to sneak into the Bohemian Grove, by simply stating, "We just told them, we were with the Hillbillies, that's where the Bushes stay, you know, because we have Texas accents." In an ironic twist, that may indeed be a true statement. Jones was also arrested for asking the governor of Texas, George W. Bush, a question. For all to see and on live TV, Jones was handcuffed and escorted out of the press conference. This happened as well at a Texas DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) when Jones was arrested in a public spectacle. Again, while heading to Canada, Jones was allegedly detained at the airport, but was only freed when the local press came to cover the arrest. Years later, Alex Jones bull-horned Fox News anchorman Geraldo Rivera, and was also arrested on Live TV in front of a national TV audience.



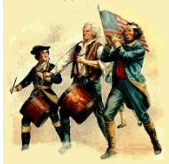
**Charlie Sheen, Jesse Ventura, Willie Nelson & Joe Rogan**

**Alex Jones Goes Hollywood:** AJ's sudden rise to fame in Hollywood and his TV appearances raises the question: If AJ was a true rebel against the system, why all the Zionist love? Alex Jones has routinely claimed that he was offered Glenn Beck's job, but that he has refused. He has also stated on numerous occasions that he has "met people" at or near the top and that he has inside information from unnamed sources. While this may very well be true, we DO NOT KNOW whether he has succumbed to their offer, or if he accepted and is just not telling us.



**V for Victory Campaign:** Alex Jones getting his audience ready for War as of Sunday January 23, 2011

**9/11 was an Inside Job:** Alex Jones made famous this term with t-shirt, slogan, stickers, etc. Reality is, 9/11 was a Zionist Job. Please see Chapter 44: *Israeli Coup D'état of America* for more information.



**The “Revolution” Concert:** The recent phenomenon of celebrities, politicians, and other prominent people singing the Revolution tune has reached a crescendo and appears to be part of a grand conspiracy to trick Americans into thinking they have the majority, and therefore will be successful in a real Revolution. Jones appears to be playing his part in this concert of deception with Alex Jones, Geraldo Rivera (Fox News), Glenn Beck (Fox News), Lord Christopher Monkton (UK), Judge Napolitano (Fox News), Lou Dobbs (formerly of CNN), Charlie Sheen (actor), Jesse Ventura (former governor of Minnesota and Navy Seal), George Noorey (Coast to Coast AM), Alan Watt, David Icke (UK), Dr. Sheeri Tenpenny (Skull & Bones), Max Keiser (France), Gerald Celente (Trends Research), Bob Chapman, Eric “Mancow Muller, Ted Anderson (GCN owner), Webster Griffin Tarpley (World Crisis Radio), and countless others, with the main catalyst being 9/11 Truth.



**The Ron Paul Deception:** Alex Jones states that he knows a lot of Free Masons, people in high places, Hollywood celebrities, and has had Ron Paul (suspected Free Mason) on his show every month for over 12 years now. The Powers that Be, create an incident (9/11) that is an obvious lie, and then offer the so called leaders to foment a revolution so that the establishment can identify, track, arrest, and detain real activists that want to change the system. In order to pull off an operation of such magnitude, you would need a spotless leader with a perfectly clean voting record so that the people believe that a real change is possible, hence Ron Paul.

#### **A Few Points to Consider:**

- The photos here clearly show Ron Paul using Masonic signs and shaking hands exactly as the Masons do
- Ron Paul spoke at Free Mason Georgetown University surrounded by Free Masonry symbology
- Ron Paul’s father was a Free Mason and Dr. Paul has said many times that he respects the Free Masons, and that he has been to many of the open meetings in his district
- Ron Paul’s wife Laura is a member of the Velasco Order of the Eastern Star and maintains her membership in the Freeport area lodge
- Ron Paul’s daughters Lori and Joy were Rainbow Girls, another organization associated with Free Masonry
- Ron Paul denies that 9/11 was carried out by criminal elements in the U.S. Israeli governments, something quite elementary to understand

Obviously, the aforementioned facts do not make Ron Paul a Free Mason, but it does make it probable. It appears that these people seem to be working in tandem, in order to give Americans the false sense that they have the majority. While it is true that people are waking up, it is a process, and these characters seem to be obsessed prematurely ejaculate the 2<sup>nd</sup> America Revolution. A brilliant plan if I may say so.

**No Love:** Alex Jones exhibits no love and no real empathy for his listeners or his callers who hold on line for hours while Jones repeats disinformation. And, when he does take their calls, he usually hijacks the call and misrepresents what they were trying to say. Judge a tree by its fruits, and the first activist that Alex Jones embraced or promoted would be his first. Clearly, his actions speak louder than his words. Alex routinely hangs up, cuts off, or hijacks callers that bring up Bill Cooper or topics that He does not want discussed. Although Alex promotes his radio program as open, many topics are ignored or swept under the rug.

**Conclusion:** As the Legendary Bob Marley would say... **“Dat der Alex Jones ain’t got no Positive Vibrations man!”**



## **The Nuclear Bible: Author David Chase Taylor**



David Chase Taylor is a graduate of San Diego State University (SDSU), where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Communication, and is currently a pro-active journalist living abroad in Europe.

After voting for George W. Bush in the 2000 and 2004 elections, David, a life-long Republican, was horrified to find out in 2007 that the 9/11 Terror Attacks were actually perpetrated by criminal elements within the U.S. and Israeli governments, rather than former CIA creature Osama bin Laden.

Since his shocking epiphany, David founded the first known official 9/11 Truth Group at an NCAA University, and has worked tirelessly to spread the message of 9/11 Truth to the World via websites, protests, concerts, flyers, and by bringing prominent member of the 9/11 Truth community to SDSU such as Dr. David Ray Griffin, Dr. Steven Jones, Richard Gage (Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth), Daniel Sunjata (actor), and Dylan Avery (Loose Change).

David's initial interest in Nuclear Terror came during a 2007 political science class at SDSU taught by Professor Ronald J. Bee who circulated the CFR propaganda piece entitled "7 Minutes to Midnight" which disseminated the inherent dangers of Muslim terrorists using a nuclear weapon on American soil.

However, it wasn't until 2009 that David realized that a 9/11 type false-flag nuclear terror attack was imminent when his combined love of sports and politics came together in an unprecedented fashion. Since this realization, David took it upon himself to research and write *The Nuclear Bible: A False-Flag Nuclear Terror Conspiracy* in a desperate attempt to stop this nuclear holocaust from transpiring.

**If you find the information within *The Nuclear Bible* alarming, relevant, and reliable, please see to it that it is forwarded to all:**

- 1) **Public Officials:** Local, State, Federal & International (police, sheriff, FBI, CIA, politicians)
- 2) **News Media:** Local, National & International (TV, radio, newspapers, and internet)
- 3) **Sports Media:** Local, State, National & International
- 4) **The Public:** Classmates, Colleagues, Family, Friends, Neighbors & Fellow Church Goers
- 5) **Texas:** Businesses, Churches, Sports Bars, Local Governments in the Dallas/Arlington, Texas area
- 6) **NFL Athletes:** Whether they are on the Packers or Steelers, forward this information to any known current or retired NFL players

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## The Nuclear Bible: Martial Law & FEMA Concentration Camps



**Intro:** The following U.S. Laws regarding the treatment, detainment, harassment, interrogation, and potential execution of American Citizens is alarming and quite frightening. Please take the time to research these claims for yourself and share this information with your friends, family, colleagues, and co-workers.

**Date:** 1956 – Present

**Source:** Wikipedia, FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)

**Name/Title:** COINTELPRO

**Abstract:** COINTELPRO (Counter Intelligence Program): A series of covert, and often illegal, projects conducted by the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) aimed at surveilling, infiltrating, discrediting, and disrupting domestic political organizations. COINTELPRO tactics included discrediting targets through psychological warfare such as planting false reports in the media, smearing through forged letters, harassment, wrongful imprisonment, and extralegal violence and assassination. Covert operations under COINTELPRO took place between 1956 and 1971, however the FBI has used covert operations against domestic political groups since its inception. The FBI's stated motivation at the time was "protecting national security, preventing violence, and maintaining the existing social and political order." **FBI records show that 85% of COINTELPRO resources targeted groups and individuals that the FBI deemed "subversive," including communist and socialist organizations; organizations and individuals associated with the civil rights movement, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Congress of Racial Equality and other civil rights organizations; black nationalist groups; the American Indian Movement; a broad range of organizations labeled "New Left", including Students for a Democratic Society and the Weathermen; almost all groups protesting the Vietnam War, as well as individual student demonstrators with no group affiliation; the National Lawyers Guild; organizations and individuals associated with the women's rights movement; nationalist groups such as those "seeking independence for Puerto Rico;" and additional notable Americans, such as Dr. Albert Einstein. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover issued directives governing COINTELPRO, ordering FBI agents to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize" the activities of these movements and their leaders (Wikipedia, 2010).**



**Date:** 1967 – Present

**Source:** Wikipedia, U.S. Federal Government

**Name/Title:** Readiness Exercise 1984 (Rex 84)

**Abstract:** Short for *Readiness Exercise 1984*, is a contingency plan developed by the United States federal government to suspend the United States Constitution, declare martial law, place military commanders in charge of state and local governments, and detain large numbers of American citizens who were deemed to be "national security threats", in the event that the President declared a "State of Domestic National Emergency". The plan stated that events that might cause such a declaration would be widespread U.S. opposition to a U.S. military invasion abroad, such as if the United States were to directly invade Central America. To combat what the government perceived as "subversive activities", the plan also authorized the military to direct ordered movements of civilian populations at state and regional levels. **Rex-84 was written by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, who was both the NSC White House Aide and NSC liaison to FEMA, and John Brinkerhoff, the deputy director of "national preparedness" programs for FEMA.** They patterned the plan on a 1970 report written by FEMA chief Louis Giuffrida, at the Army War College, which proposed the detention of up to 21 million "American Negroes", if there were a black militant uprising in the United States. Existence of a master military contingency plan (of which REX-84 was a part), "Garden Plot" and a similar earlier exercise, "Lantern Spike" were originally revealed by journalist Ron Ridenhour, who summarized his findings in "Garden Plot and the New Action Army." Rex 84 was publicly mentioned during the Iran-Contra Hearings in 1987. Exercises similar to Rex 84 happen regularly. **For example, from 1967 to 1971 the FBI kept a list of over 100,000 persons to be rounded up as subversive, dubbed the "ADEX" list. The basic facts about Rex 84 and other contingency planning readiness exercises—and the potential threat they pose to civil liberties if fully implemented in a real operation—are taken seriously by scholars and civil libertarians (Wikipedia, 2010).**

**Date:** April 19, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia, U.S. Congress

**Name/Title:** *Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007*

**Abstract:** A bill sponsored by Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA) in the 110th United States Congress. **Its stated purpose is to deal with "homegrown terrorism and violent radicalization" by establishing a national commission, establishing a center for study, and cooperating with other nations.** The bill was introduced to the House on April 19 2007, and passed on Oct 23, 2007. It was introduced to the Senate on August 2, 2007 as S-1959. The bill defines some terms including "violent radicalization," "homegrown terrorism," and "ideologically based violence," which have provoked controversy from some quarters (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 4, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia, The Whitehouse

**Name/Title:** *National Security and Homeland Security Presidential Directive 51*

**Abstract:** **National Security Presidential Directive: NSPD 51/Homeland Security Presidential Directive HSPD-20**, sometimes called simply "Executive Directive 51" for short, was created and signed by United States President George W. Bush on May 4, 2007, is a Presidential Directive which **claims power to execute procedures for continuity of the federal government in the event of a "catastrophic emergency".** Such an emergency is construed as "any incident, regardless of location, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption severely affecting the U.S. population, infrastructure, environment, economy, or government functions." The unclassified portion of the directive was posted on the White House website on May 9, 2007, without any further announcement or press briefings (Wikipedia, 2010).



**KBR/Halliburton) Railroad Cars for Human Transportation to FEMA Camps**

**Date:** February 4, 2008

**Source:** San Francisco Chronicle, Lewis Seiler, Dan Hamburg

**Title/Headline:** *Rule By Fear Or Rule By Law?*

**Abstract:** Since 9/11, and seemingly without the notice of most Americans, the federal government has assumed the authority to institute martial law, arrest a wide swath of dissidents (citizen and noncitizen alike), and detain people without legal or constitutional recourse in the event of "an emergency influx of immigrants in the U.S., or to support the rapid development of new programs." Beginning in 1999, the government has entered into a series of single-bid contracts with Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg, Brown and Root (KBR) to build detention camps at undisclosed locations within the United States. The government has also contracted with several companies to build thousands of railcars, some reportedly equipped with shackles, ostensibly to transport detainees. According to diplomat and author Peter Dale Scott, the KBR contract is part of a Homeland Security plan titled **ENDGAME**, which sets as its goal the removal of "all removable aliens" and "potential terrorists." Fraud-busters such as Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Los Angeles, have complained about these contracts, saying that more taxpayer dollars should not go to taxpayer-gouging Halliburton. But the real question is: **What kind of "new programs" require the construction and refurbishment of detention facilities in nearly every state of the union with the capacity to house perhaps millions of people?** Sect. 1042 of the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), "Use of the Armed Forces in Major Public Emergencies," gives the executive the power to invoke martial law. For the first time in more than a century, the president is now authorized to use the military in response to "a natural disaster, a disease outbreak, a terrorist attack or any other condition in which the President determines that domestic violence has occurred to the extent that state officials cannot maintain public order." The Military Commissions Act of 2006, rammed through Congress just before the 2006 midterm elections, allows for the indefinite imprisonment of anyone who donates money to a charity that turns up on a list of "terrorist" organizations, or who speaks out against the government's policies. The law calls for secret trials for citizens and noncitizens alike. Also in 2007, the White House quietly issued National Security Presidential Directive 51 (NSPD-51), to ensure "continuity of government" in the event of what the document vaguely calls a "catastrophic emergency." **Should the president determine that such an emergency has occurred, he and he alone is empowered to do whatever he deems necessary to ensure "continuity of government."** This could include everything from canceling elections to suspending the Constitution to launching a nuclear attack. Congress has yet to hold a single hearing on NSPD-51. U.S. Rep. Jane Harman, D-Venice (Los Angeles County) has come up with a new way to expand the domestic "war on terror." Her **Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007 (HR1955)**, which passed the House by the lopsided vote of 404-6, would set up a commission to "examine and report upon the facts and causes" of so-called violent radicalism and extremist ideology, then make legislative recommendations on combating it. According to commentary in the Baltimore Sun, Rep. Harman and her colleagues from both sides of the aisle believe the country faces a native brand of terrorism, and needs a commission with sweeping investigative power to combat it. A clue as to where Harman's commission might be aiming is the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, a law that labels those who "engage in sit-ins, civil disobedience, trespass, or any other crime in the name of animal rights" as terrorists. **Other groups in the crosshairs could be anti-abortion protesters, anti-tax agitators, immigration activists, environmentalists, peace demonstrators, Second Amendment rights supporters ... the list goes on and on.** According to author Naomi Wolf, the National Counterterrorism Center holds the names of roughly 775,000 "terror suspects" with the number increasing by 20,000 per month. **What could the government be contemplating that**

leads it to make contingency plans to detain without recourse millions of its own citizens? The Constitution does not allow the executive to have unchecked power under any circumstances. The people must not allow the president to use the war on terrorism to rule by fear instead of by law (Seiler & Hamburg, 2008).

**Date:** 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia, The Whitehouse

**Name/Title:** *The Enemy Belligerent Interrogation, Detention, And Prosecution Act Of 2010*

**Abstract:** **The Enemy Belligerent Interrogation, Detention, and Prosecution Act of 2010** (S. 3081) is a bill introduced by United States Senator John McCain, sponsored by Joe Lieberman and eight other Republican Senators. Its counterpart in the House is H.R. 4892, introduced by Howard McKeon (R-CA). **According to the bill's official summary, the bill requires that any person who is arrested on suspicion of terrorism against the United States or its coalition partners be placed in military custody for the purposes of initial interrogation and determination of status as an "unprivileged enemy belligerent". Such determination is to be made within 48 hours.**

**The Bill proceeds to define an "unprivileged enemy belligerent" as an individual who:**

1. Has engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners;
2. Has purposely and materially supported hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners; or
3. Was a part of al Qaeda at the time of capture.

**The bill authorizes the President to establish a "high-value detainee interrogation group" consisting of executive branch personnel with expertise in national security, terrorism, intelligence, interrogation, or law enforcement to perform the interrogation and status determination.** The bill defines that the paramount purpose of such interrogations is the protection of U.S. civilians and facilities through thorough and professional interrogation for intelligence purposes. It further prohibits the use of Department of Justice (DOJ) appropriated funds to prosecute an unprivileged enemy belligerent in an Article III court. **Finally, the bill allows for the detention of a person who is deemed to be an unprivileged enemy belligerent without criminal charges or trial for the duration of hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners in which the individual has engaged or which the individual has purposely and materially supported.** S.3081 was co-sponsored in the Senate by: Scott Brown [MA], Saxby Chambliss [GA], James Inhofe [OK], George LeMieux [FL], Jeff Sessions [AL], John Thune [SD], David Vitter [LA], and Roger Wicker [MS] (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 10, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Aaron Dykes

**Title/Headline:** *Bombshell: FEMA Camps Confirmed*

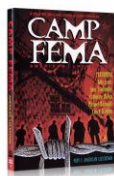
**Abstract:** **Former Gov. Jesse Ventura and his crew at *Conspiracy Theory* have blown the FEMA camp issue wide open in a truly groundbreaking episode from the program's second season on TruTV. The "Police State" episode proves once and for all that the feds have trained to take on American citizens, planned for riots and disasters and made preparations to maintain order at any cost.** Tune in this Friday, Nov. 12 at 10 PM Eastern/ 9 PM Central and leave the denial at the door. This powerful episode is the largest and most in-depth investigation into FEMA camps to date— and it is scheduled to air on television. **Radio host and filmmaker Alex Jones returns to the series yet again, as the team takes you to confirmed on-the-ground facilities, confronts the legislators who authorized FEMA camps and breaks down the full-scale technologically-integrated police state that includes Fusion Centers, FEMA, the Department of Homeland Security and more.** At one of many real and verified FEMA locations, Jesse Ventura and Alex Jones approach a "Residential Center" run by Homeland Security in central Texas where they find locked doors, double-fences and escape warnings around the entire perimeter. Further inside the facility, they witness a playground complex, swings and slides for children. The crew walks up to the front door and attempts to get some answers. But the officials refuse to either confirm or deny the facility's purpose, including whether or not American citizens are being held inside. **However, our past investigations into this facility reveal that it has confined both children and adults, including immigrants, refugee seekers and American citizens. Despite hundreds of government documents identifying emergency and contingency plans, including plans to deal with mass fatalities, insurrection, internment and quarantines, Ventura and his team repeatedly encounter outrageous denial and avoidance by officials at every level. The mainstream media have avoided and downplayed these on-the-record plans for FEMA Camps and Homeland Security Emergency Facilities for years.** Clearly, it is not meant to be a public relations talking point, and it is no surprise that members of Congress, including those who wrote the bill to create FEMA camps in America, are reluctant to discuss the matter. So, Jesse Ventura, former Mayor and Governor, descends upon Washington to confront two important figures behind H.R. 645, the National Emergency Centers Establishment Act. Despite going through official channels, Ventura finds that Jim Gerlach (P-Pennsylvania) repeatedly "ducks" TV cameras and refuses to answer questions about H.R. 645. **Another Congressman who co-sponsored the bill starkly admits that FEMA camps exist, but rationalizes that they were put in place to deal with "happy children."** This bizarre admission is another confirmation that Congress and the leadership in Washington are out of touch with the oppressive measures that have been authorized against the American people. Later, Ventura and Jones visit the Deep South and discover what appears to be an active cover-up to keep them from the truth. **Outside the Atlanta, Georgia area is another confirmed location in FEMA's disaster preparation network. They pay a visit to a facility storing thousands of plastic coffins where video has already confirmed the coffins in large numbers. Ventura and Jones discover upon arrival that a convoy of trucks has just left hauling away the evidence— thousands and thousands of liners the facility wanted to keep out of the way of cameras and public knowledge. Various plastic coffin locations affiliated with FEMA, as well as plans for mass graves and large-scale fatalities, have been previously exposed and reported upon— including photographs sent by**

an Infowars listener of an Alabama facility in 2009 with thousands and thousands of plastic coffin liners. Why then would the officials in Georgia engage in such a desperate and hurried cover-up? Further, the plans are already confirmed. **DMORT and other divisions of Homeland Security have a contingency-structure in place to deal with mass fatalities and outbreaks in times of pandemics, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, national emergency or other disasters. Elements of these plans are in place on record, and coordinated via the 10 FEMA regions in the United States and via the “Fusion Centers” that are popping up at the Federal, State and Local levels all across the nation to spy on ordinary citizens. Concerned about the fact that these programs admittedly monitor ‘returning veterans,’ ‘Ron Paul, Bob Barr and Chuck Baldwin supporters’ and beyond, the TV show contacted a Fusion Center spokesman to find out more about why they are targeting ordinary Americans.** Spokesman Lance Clem told the show point blank that these domestic intelligence gathering centers have no oversight. **Clem shockingly admitted, “We police ourselves.”** The show’s producers have told Alex behind the scenes that this episode turned out to be the most exciting from its entire Second Season line-up. It not only confronts the FEMA camp issue head on, but uncovers significant reason to worry about the actions of Homeland Security and other agencies. At location after location, it is clear that its administrators are nervous to discuss what they are preparing, but it is clear from their records and public documents that they are preparing for something big.

**From TruTv’s Episode Guide:** “It’s been said the government has a plan to declare martial law and round up millions of United State citizens into concentration camps. Jesse may have found a conspiracy in plain sight as he investigates the proliferation of law enforcement Fusion Centers around the country. And they may be connected to hundreds of detention centers ready to accept prisoners at the stroke of a Presidential pen” (Dykes, 2010).

The following documentaries cover the aforementioned topics in great detail and are great tools to educate yourself and your fellow Americans about the current situation regarding FEMA and their plan for American Citizens. These films document real FEMA Concentration Camps in America with on the ground investigating, admissions, interviews, documents, and video footage of the actual camps. These videos can be found for free on Google or YouTube.

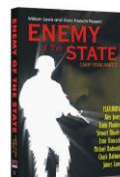
**WARNING: DO NOT GO TO ANY GOVERNMENT FACILITY, CAMP, OR PRISON AT ANY TIME, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, OR FOR ANY REASON.**



**Camp FEMA**



**Police State 4: The Rise of FEMA**



**Enemy of the State**

**Conclusion:** “They came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for me and by that time no one was left to speak up.” ~**Pastor Martin Niemöller**

**We are all in this together and as one of our Founding Fathers Benjamin Franklin once stated:** “We must hang together, gentlemen...else, we shall most assuredly hang separately.”

"The power of the Executive to cast a man into prison without formulating any charge known to the law, and particularly to deny him the judgment of his peers, is in the highest degree odious and is the foundation of all totalitarian government whether Nazi or Communist." ~**Winston Churchill** (November 21, 1943)

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Aftermath of America



**Intro:** Should a nuclear terror attack transpire at the Super Bowl, or any other target for that matter, it is almost certain that martial law will be declared in United States. Should this occur, it would be the second time that martial law was declared in the last 10+ years. Just prior to 9/11, Jeb Bush, brother to George W. Bush and son of George H.W. Bush, declared martial law in Florida four days prior to 9/11 when he signed Florida Executive Order No. 01-261. As detailed, martial law and the destruction of the U.S. Constitution has been planned for quite some time now.

**Date:** September 7, 2001

**Source:** Prison Planet, State Of Florida, Jeb Bush

**Title/Headline:** *Executive Order Number 01-261*

**Abstract:** "I hereby delegate to The Adjutant General of the State of Florida all necessary authority, within approved budgetary appropriations or grants, to order members of the Florida National Guard into active service, as defined by Section 250.27, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of training to support law-enforcement personnel and emergency-management personnel in the event of civil disturbances or natural disasters and to provide training support to law-enforcement personnel and community-based organizations relating to counter drug operations. This Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until the earlier of its revocation or June 30, 2003". Section 3, of Florida Executive Order No. 01-261, states that the Florida National Guard may order selected members on to state active duty for service to the State of Florida pursuant to Section 250.06(4), Florida Statutes, to assist FDLE in performing port security training and inspections. **Based on the potential massive damage to life and property that may result from an act of terrorism** at a Florida port, the necessity to protect life and property from such acts of terrorism, and inhibiting the smuggling of illegal drugs into the State of Florida, the use of the Florida National Guard to support FDLE in accomplishing port security training and inspections is "extraordinary support to law enforcement" as used in Section 250.06(4), Florida Statutes. **The precedence and training for martial law in the state of Florida has already been implemented** (Prison Planet, 2001).



Tommy Ray Franks

**Date:** November 21, 2003

**Source:** Newsmax, John O. Edwards

**Title/Headline:** *Gen. Franks Doubts Constitution Will Survive WMD Attack*

**Abstract:** Former U.S. Gen. Tommy Franks says that if the United States is hit with a weapon of mass destruction that inflicts large casualties, the Constitution will likely be discarded in favor of a military form of government. The former commander of the military's Central Command warned that if terrorists succeeded in using a weapon of mass destruction (WMD) against the U.S. or one of our allies, it would likely have catastrophic consequences for our cherished republican form of government. **Discussing the hypothetical dangers posed to the U.S. in the wake of Sept. 11**, Franks said that "the worst thing that could happen" is if terrorists acquire and then use a biological, chemical or nuclear weapon that inflicts heavy casualties. If that happens, Franks said, "... the Western world, the free world, loses what it cherishes most, and that is freedom and liberty we've seen for a couple of hundred years in this grand experiment that we call democracy." Franks then offered "in a practical sense" what he thinks would happen in the aftermath of such an attack. **"It means the potential of a weapon of mass destruction and a terrorist, massive, casualty-producing event somewhere in the Western world – it may be in the United States of America – that causes our population to question our own Constitution and to begin to militarize our country in order to avoid a repeat of another mass, casualty-producing event. Which in fact, then begins to unravel the fabric of our Constitution. Two steps, very, very important."** But Franks' scenario goes much further. He is the first high-ranking official to openly speculate that the Constitution could be scrapped in favor of a military form of government. Franks ended his interview with a less-than-optimistic note. "It's not in the history of civilization for peace ever to reign. Never has in the history of man... **I doubt that we'll ever have a time when the world will actually be at peace**" (Edwards, 2003).





San Francisco Chronicle

**Date:** May 11, 2007

**Source:** San Francisco Chronicle, James Sterngold

**Title/Headline:** *Contingencies For Nuclear Terrorist Attack: Government Working Up Plan To Prevent Chaos In Wake Of Bombing Of Major City*

**Abstract:** As concerns grow that terrorists might attack a major American city with a nuclear bomb, a high-level group of government and military officials has been quietly preparing an emergency survival program that would include the building of bomb shelters, steps to prevent panicked evacuations and the possible suspension of some civil liberties. Many experts say the likelihood of al Qaeda or some other terrorist group producing a working nuclear weapon with illicitly obtained weapons-grade fuel is not large, but such a strike would be far more lethal, frightening and disruptive than the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Not only could the numbers killed and wounded be far higher, but the explosion could, experts say, ignite widespread fires, shut down most transportation, halt much economic activity and cause a possible disintegration of government order. The efforts to prepare a detailed blueprint for survival took a step forward last month when senior government and military officials and other experts, organized by a joint Stanford-Harvard program called the Preventive Defense Project, met behind closed doors in Washington for a day-long workshop. **The session, called "The Day After," was premised on the idea that efforts focusing on preventing such a strike were no longer enough, and that the prospect of a collapse of government order was so great if there were an attack that the country needed to begin preparing an emergency program.** One of the participants, retired Vice Adm. Roger Rufe, is a senior official at the Department of Homeland Security who is currently designing the government's nuclear attack response plan. The organizers of the nonpartisan project, Stanford's William Perry, a secretary of defense in the Clinton administration, and Harvard's Ashton Carter, a senior Defense Department official during the Clinton years, assumed the detonation of a bomb similar in size to the weapon that destroyed Hiroshima in World War II. Such a weapon, with a force of around 10 to 15 kilotons, is small compared with most Cold War-era warheads, but is roughly the yield of a relatively simple bomb. That would be considerably more powerful and lethal than a so-called dirty bomb, which is a conventional explosive packed with some dangerous radioactive material that would be dispersed by the explosion. **The 41 participants -- including the directors of the country's two nuclear weapons laboratories, Homeland Security officials, a number of top military commanders and former government officials -- discussed how all levels of government ought to respond to protect the country from a second nuclear attack, to limit health problems from the radioactive fallout and to restore civil order.** Comments inside the session were confidential, but a number of the participants described their views and the ideas exchanged. A paper the organizers are writing, summarizing their recommendations, **urges local governments and individuals to build underground bomb shelters, much as people did in the early days of the Cold War; encourages authorities who survive to prevent evacuation of at least some of the areas attacked for three days to avoid roadway paralysis and damage from exposure to radioactive fallout; and proposes suspending regulations on radiation exposure so that first responders would be able to act, even if that caused higher cancer rates. "The public at large will expect that their government had thought through this possibility and to have planned for it,"** Carter said in an interview. "This kind of an event would be unprecedented. We have had glimpses of something like this with Hiroshima, and glimpses with 9/11 and with Katrina. But those are only glimpses." **Perhaps the most sobering issue discussed was the possibility of a chaotic, long-term crisis triggered by fears that the attackers might have more bombs. Such uncertainty could sow panic nationwide. "If one bomb goes off, there are likely to be more to follow,"** Carter said. "This fact, that nuclear terrorism will appear as a syndrome rather than a single episode, has major consequences." It would, he added, require powerful government intervention to force people to do something many may resist -- staying put. Fred Ikle, a former Defense Department official in the Reagan administration who authored a book last year urging attack preparation, "Annihilation from Within," said that **the government should plan how it could restrict civil liberties and enforce a sort of martial law in the aftermath of a nuclear attack, but also have guidelines for how those liberties could be restored later.** That prospect underscored a central divide among participants at the recent meeting, several said. Some participants argued that the federal government needs to educate first responders and other officials as quickly as possible on how to act even if transportation and communication systems break down, as seems likely, and if the government is unable to issue orders. **"There was a clear consensus that a nuclear bomb detonated in the United States or a friendly country would be an earth-shaking event, and we need to know how we will respond beforehand,"** said Ikle. "I wish we had started earlier, because this kind of planning can make an important difference." But others said the meeting made it clear that the results of any attack would be so devastating and the turmoil so difficult to control, if not impossible, that the lesson should have been that the U.S. government needs to place a far greater emphasis on prevention. **"Your cities would empty and people would completely lose confidence in the ability of the government to protect them,"** said Steve Fetter, dean of the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland. **"You'd have nothing that resembles our current social order. I'm not sure any preparation can be sufficient to deal with that."** Fetter added, "We have to hold current policymakers more responsible" for taking all out measures to prevent a nuclear attack. Raymond Jeanloz, a nuclear weapons expert at UC Berkeley and a government adviser on nuclear issues, said that California might be better prepared than most states because of long-standing plans for dealing with earthquakes and other natural disasters. Those plans, he said, could be a useful model for first responders. He added, as others did, that the dislocation and **panic caused by a nuclear strike could make any responses unpredictable. "The most difficult thing is the fear that this kind of planning, even talking about it, can cause,"** Jeanloz said. Michael May, a former director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, defended the survival planning, saying that people should get used to the idea that such a crisis, while dire, could be managed -- a key step in restoring calm. **"You have to demystify the nuclear issue,"** said May, who now teaches at Stanford's Center for International Security and Cooperation. **"By talking about this, you take away the feeling of helplessness"** (Sterngold, 2007).



**Date:** February 14, 2008

**Source:** United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM)

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Northern Command, Canada Command Establish New Bilateral Civil Assistance Plan*

**Abstract:** The US signed an agreement which allows for the deployment of US troops inside Canada. There was no official announcement nor was there a formal decision at the governmental level. The agreement, which raises far reaching issues of national sovereignty, was not between the two governments. It was signed by military commanding officers. U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) released a statement confirming that the agreement had been signed between US NORTHCOM and Canada Command, namely between the military commands of each country. Canada Command was established in February 2006. U.S. Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart, commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, and Canadian Air Force Lt.-Gen. Marc Dumais, commander of Canada Command, have signed a **Civil Assistance Plan that allows the military from one nation to support the armed forces of the other nation during a civil emergency.** “This document is a unique, bilateral military plan to align our respective national military plans to respond quickly to the other nation's requests for military support of civil authorities,” Renuart said. “Unity of effort during bilateral support for civil support operations such as floods, forest fires, hurricanes, earthquakes and effects of a terrorist attack, in order to save lives, prevent human suffering and mitigate damage to property, is of the highest importance, and we need to be able to have forces that are flexible and adaptive to support rapid decision-making in a collaborative environment.” “**The signing of this plan is an important symbol of the already strong working relationship between Canada Command and U.S. Northern Command,**” Dumais said. “Our commands were created by our respective governments to respond to the defense and security challenges of the twenty-first century, and we both realize that these and other challenges are best met through cooperation between friends.” The plan recognizes the role of each nation's lead federal agency for emergency preparedness, which in the **United States is the Department of Homeland Security and in Canada is Public Safety Canada.** The plan facilitates the military-to-military support of civil authorities once government authorities have agreed on an appropriate response (NORTHCOM, 2008).

**Date:** March 25, 2008

**Source:** Washington Post, Jay Davis

**Title/Headline:** *After A Nuclear 9/11*

**Abstract:** The appearance of nuclear weapons materials on the black market is a growing global concern, and it is crucial that the United States reinforce its team of nuclear forensics experts and modernize its forensics tools to prepare for or respond to a possible nuclear terrorist attack. Large quantities of nuclear materials are inadequately secured in several countries, including Russia and Pakistan. **Since 1993, there have been more than 1,300 incidents of illicit trafficking of nuclear materials, including plutonium and highly enriched uranium, both of which can be used to develop an atomic bomb. And these are only the incidents we know about. It is quite possible that a terrorist group could acquire enough nuclear material to build a bomb.** Nuclear materials have been discovered by border patrols, seized in police raids from India to, as recently as last fall, Slovakia, and even hidden in a flower garden in Hanover, Germany. With enough stolen material, only a few specialists would be needed to build a nuclear weapon. After that, terrorists would lack only a truck to deliver it. **If a terrorist group were to detonate a nuclear weapon on U.S. soil, the FBI, CIA, Department of Homeland Security and the nation's national labs would race to track down those responsible and prevent any further detonations by that group.** After the Sept. 11 attacks, the time between the fall of the twin towers and our response in Afghanistan was less than one month. **But current U.S. nuclear forensics capability -- which involves analyzing nuclear radiation and isotopic signatures -- can't guarantee definitive information within a month of an attack.** Fibers, fingerprints, hair samples, a truck axle -- all standard forensics clues -- would have been vaporized in the explosion. **Only two primary pieces of evidence would remain: radiation and isotopic signatures. Radiation and isotopic signatures are the scents that nuclear forensics scientists use to hunt terrorists. Within a few hours, they would know whether the bomb was made of plutonium or uranium, a crucial first step in narrowing the investigation.** Within hours to weeks, they would determine key details about the original nuclear material and then estimate the size, weight and complexity of the bomb. Over the next several months, they might be able to identify the source country and the terrorists' pathway into the United States. **But in our post-Sept. 11 world, we won't have months to respond. There would be enormous pressure to rapidly identify the terrorists and the chain of events leading up to the attack.** With a few changes, the speed and accuracy of nuclear forensics could be significantly improved. First, we should update our 20th-century program to confront 21st-century enemies. Much of our field and laboratory equipment dates to the Cold War. So do most of our personnel. We need to develop and manufacture advanced, automated radiation analysis equipment that can be deployed to the field and is backed up by improved laboratory measurement. We need enhanced computer simulation and modeling capabilities. **And we need to establish a federal initiative to reinvigorate the field of nuclear chemistry.** Second, international collaboration is essential. Nuclear material can have a unique signature depending on its source reactor or fuel facility. A shared and appropriately accessible international database of nuclear samples can help to more quickly match debris from an explosion with its original source. Third, we must consider what it will take for the world to believe our analysis. The U.S. intelligence community's failures in assessing weapons of mass destruction in Iraq could well result in international skepticism regarding any nuclear forensics investigation we might perform. A group of recognized experts not associated with our federal investigation should be established to provide independent validation of the forensics analysis. **Finally, we need to manage expectations and prepare for the inevitable political pressure to respond quickly after an attack.** Through realistic drills, our leaders can become aware of the strengths and limitations of the nation's nuclear forensics capability. Even with these changes, forensics analysis will take time, and results will not be immediately conclusive. Our leaders must recognize that, at times, decisions may need to be deferred or made amid uncertainty. **There has been some good news. Some countries, including Pakistan, are strengthening the critical programs that lock down nuclear material at its source.** But we must take additional steps, in case plutonium or uranium slips past the gate (Davis, 2008).

**Date:** July 18, 2008

**Source:** CQ Politics, Jeff Stein

**Title/Headline:** *D.C. Homeland Security Chief Predicts Chaos In Event of Nuke Attack*

**Abstract:** Darrell Darnell, director of the District of Columbia's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, says **there would be "a lot of panic, a lot of chaos" if a small nuclear bomb detonated near the White House, which would most likely prevent an evacuation of the city as radiation spread.**

**Jeff Stein:** Who's in charge during in a major emergency in the city?

**Darrell Darnell:** Well, I think we all operate under the Incident Command system, to have consistency and commonality among different agencies at the federal, state and local level responding to an event. So who's in charge would depend on the event, and who we believe is most qualified agency-slash-person to lead that event. So it's not just a matter of saying it's a certain federal, state or local person, but who's best qualified to handle that event. And it usually depends on who is first on the scene. The first person on the scene is the incident commander, until someone else comes on the scene, who's most qualified. And that's how the incident command is determined.

**Jeff Stein:** Who would be in charge if a small nuclear bomb went off downtown?

**Darrell Darnell:** Well, again, the incident really drives who's in charge, who takes charge. Obviously, the local government has a big responsibility in the incident you just described, you're going to have a large federal presence simply because the resources to deal with that only the federal government has.

**Jeff Stein:** Well, you have the fire trucks, ambulances.

**Darrell Darnell:** We have those types of things. But obviously in a nuclear event you're going to have a huge swath of area.

**Jeff Stein:** What would happen if a small nuke went off near the White House right now? You'd have an immediate area of damage, but then other things, like a radiation plume moving right toward your office. It could be there in 10 minutes, so you guys would be radiated here.

**Darrell Darnell:** Yeah.

**Jeff Stein:** So if it happened right now what would you do?

**Darrell Darnell:** If it happened right now, the first thing we would do is notify some federal officials and get some assets that would help us provide immediate assistance, to get as many people away from ground zero, if you will, try to do the best thing we can to coordinate that area so that no one gets into it. We have plume modeling equipment here in our office. So I would ask my plume-modeling folks to as quickly as they can let me know where that plume is going to be, so we can start evacuating people. We would be sending out text alerts, a reverse 911, to anyone in the district who has a listed telephone number, explaining to them what actions to take, which areas to evacuate. We would also immediately pick up our emergency hot line to all the emergency agencies explaining to them what happened, where we are trying to evacuate people to, such as VDOT, so we can start our evacuation routes to West Virginia, Delaware, North Carolina.

**Jeff Stein:** What about "sheltering in place," as its called. The federal government says it has plans for its employees to shelter in place, and have stockpiled supplies there, but when we reported on it a few years ago, most of them didn't have supplies and the employees hadn't ever heard of it.

**Darrell Darnell:** In the last year the National Capital Planning Commission has been working on sheltering in place and a capital evacuation plan. We've identified the shelters for people to go to, but one of the challenges in any incident is getting people to understand whether to shelter in place. So what we've done is — again, the reverse 911 text messaging system, if you sign up for that at the 72hours.dc.gov Web site that we have. What we'll try to do is to get people information on whether they should shelter in place, whether they should go to a shelter, or whether they should evacuate. We'll try to get that information out to them. We're also working with businesses. In fact, we just made contact with the Business Improvement District on security plans for the buildings, for evacuation and shelter plans. We already have some basic information on our Web site they can download, and

we're trying to get more fidelity to that, and to work with the business owners as well as the building managers where they can have the training and education with the people who reside in their buildings. But you know, the private entities, we can't force them to do that.

**Jeff Stein:** Are the shelters marked, like yellow radiation signs on the nuclear war shelters during the Cold War?

**Darrell Darnell:** Our shelters are marked within the District government. We've identified 39 shelters within the District government that we own. You can go on our Web site and get a list of where those shelters are, as well as our evacuation routes. You can put in your address and it will tell you the closest shelter and evacuation route.

**Jeff Stein:** Yes, but in a power outage, the electricity is out, and during an emergency I'm not thinking about going to my computer, especially if I'm in a blast area. So if I'm not online, how do I find out where to go?

**Darrell Darnell:** This past March we sent out 150,000 brochures to everyone who is a District resident, so you should have gotten one, that laid out what the evacuation plan was. And do you subscribe to The Washington Post? You should have gotten one.

**Jeff Stein:** Was it in the Sunday plastic packet of ads?

**Darrell Darnell:** Yes.

**Jeff Stein:** I throw those away.

**Darrell Darnell:** Well, I can't help you if you throw it in the trash.

**Jeff Stein:** Is that it? Is that enough to get the word out?

**Darrell Darnell:** No, it's not, but we're trying to use every means we can. We send them into the homes, we hand them out at community meetings. In fact, I think we've put out about 400 of these brochures at community meetings in the last month alone. We do the mailings, we do the 72hours.dc.gov Web site, we have individual brochures that we're going to be putting out in libraries, District office buildings, basically anywhere there's a large traffic of people going in and out of the facilities. So we're trying to use every medium we have to get the word out. Again, if people throw the information out, I'm not sure how we can control that.

**Jeff Stein:** I'm not trying to pick on you, but let's say people are smart enough to save their brochure. Are they going to be thinking, "Where's my brochure?" after a nuclear attack?

**Darrell Darnell:** Well, we try to do as much as we can. We have a very active community plan. We do community-based training within the neighborhoods, with certain qualified civilian emergency response teams.

**Jeff Stein:** Are you going to have table-top exercises based on that scenario?

**Darrell Darnell:** Yes.

**Jeff Stein:** Or have you had table tops on that scenario?

**Darrell Darnell:** Yes, we have.

**Jeff Stein:** So when it actually happened, it didn't work out very well. The reality was different.

**Darrell Darnell:** Well, table top is never going to simulate the real things. Having said that, there are lot of scenarios we can simulate because we can go to a training facility or something like that. It's very difficult to simulate the power going instantaneously out and grid locking traffic. I'm open to any suggestions if you have any (Stein, 2008).

**Date:** December 11, 2009

**Source:** Global Research, Stuart Trew, House Of Commons Of Canada

**Title/Headline:** *New Maritime Security Law Will Deputize U.S. officers "In Every Part of Canada" During Integrated Operations*

**Abstract:** Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan and Justice Minister Rob Nicholson tabled legislation that would **transform designated U.S. police and security agents into peace officers equal to the RCMP "in every part of Canada" during joint maritime border operations.** As if holding the RCMP accountable for its officers' actions isn't hard enough, nothing in the new legislation should make Canadians feel comfortable that any complaints against U.S. agents operating on Canadian territory will be dealt with swiftly or fairly. Bill C-60, the *Keeping Canadians Safe (Protecting Borders) Act*, is being sold by Van Loan and Nicholson as a way to **"strengthen cooperative bilateral policing efforts to stem the flow of cross-border criminal activity in shared waterways and further protect community safety and security in Canada."** It is the legislative face of a cross-border "Shiprider" agreement dreamed up by past governments under the now defunct Security and Prosperity Partnership and signed this May by Van Loan and U.S. Homeland Security czar Janet Napolitano. Bill C-60 will go further than coastal waters. **Section 11 states: In the course of an integrated cross-border operation, every designated officer is a peace officer in every part of Canada and has the same power to enforce an Act of Parliament as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police** (Global Research, 2009).

**Date:** January 21, 2010

**Source:** Raw Story

**Title/Headline:** *Ron Paul: After 'CIA Coup,' Agency 'Runs Military'*

**Abstract:** Former 2008 Presidential candidate and current Texas Congressman Ron Paul made the following statement in his State of the Republic address: **"We are rapidly moving toward a dangerous time in our history.** Society as we know it is vulnerable to political and social unrest. This impending crisis comes as a consequence of our **flawed foreign and domestic economic policies**, a silly notion of money, ignorance about central banking, ignoring the onerous power and mischief of **out of control intelligence agencies (CIA)**, our unsustainable welfare state and a willingness to sacrifice privacy and civil liberties in an attempt to achieve safety and security from an inept government. **The only way that we can prevent blood from running in the streets is to offer a better idea of the proper role of government in a society that desires, first and foremost, liberty. The social unrest will illicit cries for the government to exert unusual force to head off a complete breakdown of law and order.** The ultimate trap will be set for a system of government claiming to protect a free society. If more power and police authority are not given to the Federal government, it will be argued that only anarchy will result. If more government policing power is given, it will mean a lethal threat to civil liberties." Paul went on refer to the 9/11 aftermath when American freely gave up their liberties for alleged government security, **"Our civil leaders will not be hesitant to use these powers to maintain order, tragically, the people may even demand it"** (Raw Story, 2010).

**Date:** January 23, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Elisabeth Bumiller

**Title/Headline:** *Gates Sees Fallout From Troubled Ties With Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Current Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, returned home from a trip from Pakistan where he basically lumped all known terrorist organizations together and stated that **"Al Qaeda, the Taliban in Afghanistan, Tariki Taliban in Pakistan, Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Haqqani network — this is a syndicate of terrorists that work together,"** he said. "And when one succeeds they all benefit, and they share ideas, they share planning. They don't operationally coordinate their activities, as best I can tell. **But they are in very close contact. They take inspiration from one another, they take ideas from one another.**" His final message delivered, he relaxed on the 14-hour trip home by watching **"Seven Days in May,"** the cold war-era film about an attempted military coup in the United States (Bumiller, 2010).

**Should Obama decide not to go along with the CIA's plan, there is no doubt that Obama will become expendable, and a military coup will take place with the United States. The only back-up the American people have against this scenario is the 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Amendment: The right to keep and bear arms. The Founding Fathers knew that guns were a last resort against a tyrannical and oppressive government, and apparently their Wisdom is still shining through 235 years later.**

**Date:** May 30, 2010

**Source:** Japan Focus, Peter Dale Scott

**Title/Headline:** *'Continuity of Government' Planning: War, Terror and the Supplanting of the U.S. Constitution*

**Abstract:** In July 1987, during the Iran-Contra Hearings grilling of Oliver North, the American public got a glimpse of "highly sensitive" emergency planning North had been involved in. **Ostensibly these were emergency plans to suspend the American constitution in the event of a nuclear attack** (a legitimate concern). But press accounts alleged that the planning was for a more generalized suspension of the constitution. As part of its routine Iran-contra coverage, the following exchange was printed in the New York Times, but without journalistic comment or follow-up.

**Congressman Jack Brooks:** Colonel North, in your work at the N.S.C. were you not assigned, at one time, to work on plans for the continuity of government in the event of a major disaster?

**Brendan Sullivan** [North's counsel, agitatedly]: Mr. Chairman?

**Senator Daniel Inouye:** I believe that question touches upon a highly sensitive and classified area so may I request that you not touch upon that?

**Congressman Jack Brooks:** I was particularly concerned, Mr. Chairman, because I read in Miami papers, and several others, that there had been a plan developed, by that same agency, a contingency plan in the event of emergency, that would suspend the American constitution. And I was deeply concerned about it and wondered if that was an area in which he had worked. I believe that it was and I wanted to get his confirmation.

**Senator Daniel Inouye:** May I most respectfully request that that matter not be touched upon at this stage. If we wish to get into this, I'm certain arrangements can be made for an executive session. But we have never heard if there was or was not an executive session, or if the rest of Congress was ever aware of the matter.

According to James Bamford, **"The existence of the secret government was so closely held that Congress was completely bypassed."** Key individuals in Congress were almost certainly aware. Brooks was responding to a story by Alfonzo Chardy in the Miami Herald. Chardy's story alleged that Oliver North was involved with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in plans to take over federal, state and local functions during a national emergency. This planning for "Continuity of Government" (COG) called for "suspension of the Constitution, turning control of the government over to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, emergency appointment of military commanders to run state and local governments and declaration of martial law." To my knowledge no one in the public (including myself) attached enough importance to the Chardy story. Chardy himself suggested that Reagan's Attorney General, William French Smith, had intervened to stop the COG plan from being presented to the President. Seven years later, in 1994, Tim Weiner reported in the New York Times that what he called **"The Doomsday Project" – the search for "ways to keep the Government running after a sustained nuclear attack on Washington" – had "less than six months to live."** To say that nuclear attack planning was over was correct. But this statement was also very misleading. On the basis of Weiner's report, the first two books on COG planning, by James Bamford and James Mann, books otherwise excellent and well-informed, reported that COG planning had been abandoned. They were wrong. Mann and Bamford did report that, from the beginning, **two of the key COG planners on the secret committee were Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld, the two men who implemented COG under 9/11. What they and Weiner did not report was that under Reagan the purpose of COG planning had officially changed: it was no longer for arrangements "after a nuclear war," but for any "national security emergency."** This was defined in Executive Order 12656 of 1988 as: "any occurrence, including natural disaster, military attack, technological emergency, or other emergency, that seriously degrades or seriously threatens the national security of the United States." **In other words extraordinary emergency measures, originally designed for an America devastated in a nuclear attack, were now to be applied to anything the White House considered an emergency.** Thus Cheney and Rumsfeld continued their secret planning when Clinton was president; both men, both Republicans, were heads of major corporations and not even in the government at that time. Moreover, Andrew Cockburn claims that the Clinton administration, according to a Pentagon source, had "no idea what was going on." The expanded application of COG to any emergency was envisaged as early as 1984, when, according to Boston Globe reporter Ross Gelbspan, **Lt. Col. Oliver North was working with officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency . . . to draw up a secret contingency plan to surveil political dissenters and to arrange for the detention of hundreds of thousands of undocumented aliens in case of an unspecified national emergency. The plan, part of which was codenamed Rex 84, called for the suspension of the Constitution under a number of scenarios, including a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua.** Clearly 9/11 met the conditions for the imposition of COG measures, and we know for certain that COG planning was instituted on that day in 2001, before the last plane had crashed in Pennsylvania. The 9/11 Report confirms this twice, on pages 38 and 326. It was under the auspices of COG that Bush stayed out of Washington on that day, and other government leaders like Paul Wolfowitz were swiftly evacuated to Site R, inside a hollowed out mountain near Camp David. **What few have recognized is that, nearly a decade later, some aspects of COG remain in effect. COG plans are still authorized by a proclamation of emergency that has been extended each year by presidential authority, most recently by President Obama in September 2009.** COG plans are also the probable source for the 1000-page Patriot Act presented to Congress five days after 9/11, and also for the Department of Homeland Security's Project Endgame — a ten-year plan, initiated in September 2001, to expand detention camps, at a cost of \$400 million in Fiscal Year 2007 alone. At the same time we have seen the implementation of the plans outlined by Chardy in 1987: the warrantless detentions that Oliver North had planned for in **Rex 1984, the warrantless eavesdropping that is their logical counterpart, and the militarization of the domestic United States under a new military command, NORTHCOM. Through NORTHCOM the U.S. Army now is engaged with local enforcement to control America, in the same way that through CENTCOM it is engaged with local enforcement to control Afghanistan and Iraq.** We learned that COG planning was still active in 2007, when President Bush issued National Security Presidential Directive 51 (NSPD 51). **This, for the sixth time, extended for one year the emergency proclaimed on September 14, 2001.** It empowered the President to personally ensure "continuity of government" in the event of any "catastrophic emergency." He announced that NSPD 51 contains "classified Continuity Annexes" which shall "be protected from unauthorized disclosure." Under pressure from his 9/11 truth constituents, Congressman Peter DeFazio of the Homeland Security Committee twice requested to see these Annexes, the second time in a letter signed by the Chair of his committee. His request was denied. The National Emergencies Act, one of the post-Watergate reforms that Vice-President Cheney so abhorred, specifies that: **"Not later than six months after a national emergency is declared, and not later than the end of each six-month period thereafter that such emergency continues, each House of Congress shall meet to consider a vote on a joint resolution to determine whether that emergency shall be terminated"** (50 U.S.C. 1622, 2002). Yet in nine years Congress has not once met to discuss the State of Emergency declared by George W. Bush in response to 9/11, a State of Emergency that remains in effect today. Appeals to the Congress to meet its responsibilities to review COG have fallen on deaf ears. It is clear that the planning by Cheney, Rumsfeld and others in the last two decades was not confined to an immediate response to 9/11. The 1000-page Patriot Act, dropped on Congress as promptly as the Tonkin Gulf Resolution had been back in 1964, is still with us; Congress has never seriously challenged it, and Obama quietly extended it on February 27 of this year. **We should not forget that the Patriot Act was only passed after lethal anthrax letters were mailed to two crucial Democratic Senators – Senators Daschle and Leahy – who had initially questioned the bill. After the anthrax letters, however, they withdrew their initial opposition. Someone —**



we still do not know who – must have planned those anthrax letters well in advance. This is a fact most Americans do not want to think about. **Someone also must have planned the unusual number of war games taking place on 9/11. COG planners and FEMA had been involved in war games planning over the previous two decades; and on 9/11 FEMA was again involved with other agencies in preparing for Operation Tripod, a bioterrorism exercise in New York City.** Someone also must have planned the new more restrictive instructions, **on June 1, 2001, determining that military interceptions of hijacked aircraft had to be approved “at the highest levels of government” (i.e. the President, Vice-President, or Secretary of Defense).** The Report attributes this order to a JCS Memo of June 1, 2001, entitled “Aircraft Piracy (Hijacking) and Destruction of Derelict Airborne Objects.” But the written requirements had been less restrictive before June 1, 2001, and I am informed that the change was quietly revoked the following December. In The Road to 9/11 I suggest the change in the JCS memo came from the National Preparedness Review in which President Bush authorized Vice-President Cheney, together with FEMA, “to tackle the... task of dealing with terrorist attacks.” **Not noticed by the press was the fact that Cheney and FEMA had already been working on COG planning as a team throughout the 1980s and 1990s.** Weiner’s article persuaded authors James Mann and James Bamford that Reagan’s COG plans had now been abandoned, because “there was, it seemed, no longer any enemy in the world capable of . . . decapitating America’s leadership.” **In fact, however, only one phase of COG planning had been terminated, a Pentagon program for response to a nuclear attack.** Instead, according to author Andrew Cockburn, a new target was found: **Although the exercises continued, still budgeted at over \$200 million a year in the Clinton era, the vanished Soviets were now replaced by terrorists.** . . . There were other changes, too. In earlier times the specialists selected to run the “shadow government” had been drawn from across the political spectrum, Democrats and Republicans alike. But now, down in the bunkers, Rumsfeld found himself in politically congenial company, the players’ roster being filled almost exclusively with Republican hawks. . . . **“You could say this was a secret government-in-waiting.** The Clinton administration was extraordinarily inattentive, [they had] no idea what was going on.” **The Pentagon official’s description of a “secret government-in-waiting” (which still included both Cheney and Rumsfeld) is very close to the standard definition of a cabal, as a group of persons secretly united to bring about a change or overthrow of government.** In the same era Cheney and Rumsfeld projected change also by their public lobbying, through the Project for the New American Century, for a more militant Middle East policy. **In light of how COG was actually implemented in 2001, one can legitimately suspect that, however interested this group had been in continuity of government under Reagan, under Clinton the focus of Cheney’s and Rumsfeld’s COG planning was now a change of government** (Scott, 2010).

**Like 9/11, it is essential for the Federal Government to have “heroes” and heroines” to parade in front of the public on television in the weeks and months after an attack. Unfortunately, just like 9/11, there is a high probability that scores of first responders will perish in the radiation and chaos.**



**Date:** June, 2010

**Source:** National Academy Of Engineering, Georges C. Benjamin

**Title/Headline:** *Medical Preparedness And Response To Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** The medical and public health community is still in its infancy in terms of preparedness for the detonation of a nuclear device. Today, detonation of a compact, portable nuclear device by a small group of terrorists is a real threat. These devices, known by a variety of names—suitcase nukes, mini-nukes, or improvised nuclear devices (INDs)—are small enough to put in a backpack or suitcase and can yield an explosion of up to 20 kilotons.

**Challenges To Emergency Medical Response:** All nuclear detonations result in significant structural and environmental destruction from the blast, heat, and radiation. The level of physical destruction in and beyond the response area and the potential loss of critical medical infrastructure in surrounding areas at relatively remote distances will create significant barriers to normal emergency medical responses. In addition, **dangerous levels of radiation in the immediate response area and downwind from the radiation plume will make it difficult to respond rapidly to victims of the blast.** Operational and logistical problems with the delivery of supplies, patient transport, and emergency communication will further complicate emergency medical response. **The medical effects will be catastrophic, both for people in the immediate area and for people within a radius of several miles.** Survivability in the short and intermediate term will depend on the degree and type of physical injury combined with the degree of exposure to radiation (Waselenko et al., 2004). **The radiation effects will have immediate, delayed, and long-term health consequences for both victims and emergency response personnel.** Under any scenario that includes the release of a nuclear weapon, there will be thousands, possibly tens of thousands, of casualties. In the immediate aftermath, there will be an urgent need for a large number of specialized beds for patients with burns, blunt and penetrating trauma, eye injuries, and other injuries that would quickly overwhelm the existing overtaxed health system.

**Preparing For The Worst:** Since the horrific events of September 11, 2001, the nation has been working toward improving preparedness to threats to public health ranging from infectious diseases to weapons of mass destruction. Preparing for any emergency begins with asking “what if” security officials fail to prevent the release of a biological or chemical weapon or the detonation of an IND in an urban area or a highly populated American city. **The medical and public health community is still in its infancy in preparing to respond to such an unthinkable event (IOM, 2009).** The detonation of an IND would cause a level of destruction and risk to health that would be a mega-disaster of national significance (Figure 1). In such an attack, federal authorities would have to be immediately engaged in the emergency response and not wait for requests from state or local officials, as they would in a typical



scenario. **Medical preparedness for a nuclear detonation will require using all of the measures taken for many types of natural and manmade disasters. It will also require a radical change in thinking about how we provide emergency medical care. Finally, because this would be an intentional attack, planners must include preparations to respond to multiple detonations or the release of biological or chemical weapons.** These challenges will require an all-hazards approach to emergency medical preparedness, which will be only one component in the general emergency response plan for a major disaster.

**Response Plans For Weapons Of Mass Destruction:** One of the earliest efforts to plan for responding to weapons of mass destruction was the Metropolitan Medical Response System Program (MMRS), which was started in 1995. This federal program was an early attempt to encourage integrated planning for large-scale disasters in several urban cities. **The intent was to link first responders (e.g., police, fire, and emergency medical services) with public health and emergency management officials.** Many other public and nonpublic efforts have been undertaken by a variety of federal, state, and local agencies to prevent, mitigate, or respond to the threat of a nuclear weapon. **The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), for example, provided funds to multiple urban areas to address preparedness specifically for detonation of a nuclear weapon.** The program was designed to improve capabilities and preparedness planning in response to improvised explosive devices in high-density, high-threat urban areas.

**Health Effects Of A 10-Kiloton Nuclear Device:** Because there have been few experimental ground-level detonations, most of what we know comes from sophisticated models estimating the effects of an IND. **Based on these models, current estimates for a 10-kiloton release (a small suitcase bomb) are about 40,000 to 50,000 people killed within the first 24 hours from blast effects and burns and more than 130,000 injured from radioactive fallout (Marrs, 2007).** Factors that modelers use to estimate human casualties include population density, time of day, geographic location, wind speed, and so on. **Thus, even with conservative estimates, the health care system would quickly be overwhelmed (Bell and Dallas, 2007).** The immediate types of injuries sustained from an explosion of this type would include a combination of blast, burn, and penetrating traumas. For initial survivors, acute and chronic radiation illness would be another problem, which, when combined with traumatic injuries, is known to increase mortality (Flynn, 2006).

**The First 72 Hours:** The management goal in a typical disaster is to move from chaos to controlled disorder as quickly as possible. **In a disaster like an IND, the period of chaos would be magnified because of fear, the size of the affected area, and the loss of local response capacity, that is, responders who are used to working together.** Traditional preparedness planning is based on the assumption that local communities will be the responders for the first 48 to 72 hours. Thus planning focuses on optimizing the response until outside assistance arrives, as needed. The mobilization of meaningful federal assistance is expected to take from 48 to 72 hours. **The explosion of an IND or other weapon of mass destruction, however, would be immediately understood as an event of national importance, and local, state, and federal planners must harmonize their plans in a way that immediately nationalizes the response.** Although the local community may be on its own for some period of time for logistical reasons, **it is clear that, without immediate nationalization, there cannot be a reasonable emergency medical response.** Because of the loss of a significant amount of the local critical infrastructure (e.g., ambulances, hospitals and clinics, and associated personnel), the response plan should be designed to use regional and national health resources for the most severely affected patients. **Medical standards of care may also change dramatically, under appropriate medical supervision and ethical guidelines, in disaster situations.** For example, critically ill patients might have to be treated in a school gymnasium instead of a hospital because of the volume of patients, **and non-physician caregivers might be authorized to give injections and perform other procedures, even minor surgical procedures (IOM, 2010).** **First responders will have to address the early loss of command and control and operational communications** (mostly because of blast or burn effects, less so from the electromagnetic pulse). Situational threat awareness, accurate weather information, and the status of the medical system infrastructure are critical pieces of information essential for effective control and command of the medical response. Risk communication to the public will be a major challenge; messages must be clear, consistent, and as accurate as possible. **Maintaining public trust will be of great importance for health officials, who will have to make difficult decisions based on incomplete information. Managing fear, post traumatic stress disorders, as well as traditional mental health concerns (e.g., depression) will also be critical (Koenig et al., 2005).** In an emergency, immediate care (first aid) is often provided by bystanders and others in the general area of the event. In the case of an IND explosion, however, the area will be contaminated with radiation, and **even able-bodied survivors may be unable or unwilling to assist because of concerns about the risk of lethal exposure.** Significant search and rescue may also be delayed because of contamination of the site. The decontamination of victims will be an essential medical procedure, not only to protect patients, but also to protect care providers from continued radiation exposure. In general, however, most experts recommend that emergency care not be delayed because of fear of a contaminated patient. **Removing a patient's clothing will usually reduce the amount of contamination by 90 percent.**

**Conclusion:** Ensuring that an emergency medical system can respond to a nuclear emergency requires a proactive, nontraditional approach to disaster planning and response. This can be accomplished within the traditional framework of all-hazard planning, **but it will require immediate recognition of the national nature of the emergency, an "all in" response from the beginning, and complex decisions in response to an emergency that has elements of different types of disasters. The prospect of responding under continued threat of multiple intentional detonations or the use of conventional or unconventional weapons could further complicate the situation.** Moving successfully from chaos to controlled disorder will require that emergency planners effectively integrate response to the unique challenges of a particular event with the medical response scenario. **In the event of the unthinkable, even a resilient community will be slow to recover (Benjamin, 2010).**

**Date:** July 19, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *US Intelligence 'Mushroomed' After 9/11*

**Abstract:** The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks kicked off the establishment of a sprawling intelligence community in the US with no way to head off its mushrooming growth. Following two years of investigation, *The Washington Post* came to the conclusion on

that since 2001, **the bureaucracy has turned to be "so unwieldy and so secretive that no one knows how much money it costs, how many people it employs, how many programs exist within it or exactly how many agencies do the same work."** The paper said its findings suggested that around 1,271 government organizations and 1,931 private companies were involved in counterterrorism-related programs, and together they occupied 33 building complexes already built or under construction. The space could embrace nearly three Pentagons or 22 US Capitol buildings, it said. **"There has been so much growth since 9/11 that getting your arms around that -- not just for the DNI [Director of National Intelligence], but for any individual, for the director of the CIA, for the secretary of defense - is a challenge,"** Defense Secretary Robert Gates told the *Post*. The probe also referred to the gigantic redundancy and waste generated by the enormous bureaucracy. According to the report, **the US leads its homeland security and intelligence programs from some 10,000 locations across the country. This is while, Washington uses 51 federal and military commands located in 15 US cities to track money shipments by terrorist networks.** The various agencies involved in the job produce a whopping 50,000 intelligence reports annually, "many" of which "are routinely ignored," said the *Post*. Alleged al-Qaeda terrorists conducted a series of coordinated attacks on the US soil in September 2001. The attacks gave the US and its allies the excuse to send troops to Afghanistan, where they claimed was the al-Qaeda hub at the time. The so-called global war on terrorism has so far cost the American taxpayers billions of dollars (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** December 16, 2010

**Source:** Nathanael Kapner

**Title/Headline:** *The Call For A Military Coup*

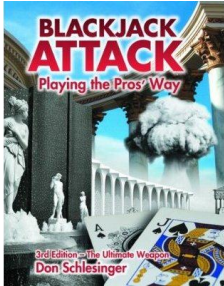
**Abstract:** Two recent calls for a military coup brings the prospect of martial law in America into a singular and fresh perspective. In 2007, black political analyst, Thomas Sowell, lamenting the undermining of traditional values and the promotion of diversity in America by politicians, educators, and media moguls, remarked, **"I can't help wondering if the day may yet come when the only thing that can save this country is a military coup."** Two years later, former adviser to the Carter administration, John L Perry, outlined the possibility that America's military could "intervene" as a last resort to resolve the "Obama problem." Backed by financier Richard Mellon Scaife, the musing Perry appealed to the Constitution to suggest the legality of a military coup: **"Top military officers can see the Constitution they are sworn to defend being trampled on. These officers swear to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Unlike enlisted personnel, they do not swear to obey the orders of the president."** In a recent interview, Ex-Green Beret Joe Cortina, put forth that Congress has placed itself under the yoke of International Jewry and its Jewish-American agents at home. Thus, Cortina argues, because **Capitol Hill has subverted the military oath to defend the Constitution against "foreign and domestic enemies," the military is under no obligation to obey a civilian authority that has been usurped by Jewish interests acting as agents of a foreign state.** In fact, President John F Kennedy and Attorney General Robert Kennedy attempted to have the American Zionist Council, (the parent organization of AIPAC), registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, but the power of Jewry was stronger than these two high ranking and powerful executive officers. **Millions of Americans, although oblivious to the Jewish takeover of America, are awakening to the trashing of the US Constitution as protested by the Tea Party movement.** And with the increasing disgust with the elitism of the unconstitutional Federal Reserve Bank, popular support of Ron Paul, now head of the House Monetary Policy Subcommittee, giving clout to his war on the Fed, is at an all time high. **But what the "Constitution lovers" fail to recognize is that with 99.9% of our politicians having sold their souls to Jewish money — and with three Jews serving on the Supreme Court — the prospect for "ending the Fed" or "restoring the Constitution" is impossible.** Thus, the call for a military coup takes on a whole new favorable face. For the feasibility of the Officer Corps shutting down the Fed, canceling all debts on the grounds of the Fed lending counterfeit money, and establishing a National Bank that coins its own money, lends a pleasing savor to the prospect of a military restoration of America. **When Hitler came to power in 1933, Germany was bankrupt and plagued by high unemployment while hyper-inflation had depleted its national Treasury. Germany had no choice but to resign itself to what was imposed upon them by the Versailles Treaty — debt slavery under international Jewish bankers.** But in 1933, when the National Socialists were elected by popular vote, the much-loved Fuhrer freed the Germans from the Jewish yoke. **Hitler began a public works program wherein workers were paid certificates of credit which were essentially receipts for labor delivered to the government. Hitler said, "For every mark issued, we require the equivalent of a mark's worth of work."** These receipts, called "Labor Treasury Certificates," (not unlike the currency framework of Alexander Hamilton's credit system and Lincoln's greenback solution), thwarted international Jewry's monetary system, (not unlike the Fed's currency arrangement now plaguing America.) **Hitler's revival of the nation's economy was short-lived due to Jewry's declaring a global boycott of Germany and enlisting a universal revenge on German independence from its control.** View Entire Story Here, Here, & Here. Indeed, while the allies enjoyed a military victory over the German uprising against Jewry, the political victory of Jewish hegemony over Europe and America solidified. **But, a "military & political victory" in the form of a coup, liberating America from its slavery to Jewry, could bring fresh hopes to a nation in economic collapse and deep internal crisis** (Kapner, 2010).

**Conclusion:** The aftermath of a nuclear attack, no matter how devastating, is NO reason to suspend the U.S. Constitution, declare martial law, incarcerate citizens, or pass any draconian laws. Based on the information available, the individuals that promote this un-free post-nuclear America are in fact the very individuals that have the motives, the money, and the opportunity to carry out a false-flag nuclear terror attack in the first place. While many will die in a nuclear attack, the death toll will most likely be under 1 million people. That leaves us as least 299 million people to make sure that America, our Bill of Rights, our Constitution, and our way of life continue for centuries to come.

**"Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government." ~Thomas Jefferson**

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Blackjack

**Intro:** The 45<sup>th</sup> NFL Super Bowl is February 6, 2011 in Arlington (Dallas), Texas. If one takes the date of the game (02/06/2011) and you add at the numbers (2+6+2+11=21) you get Black Jack. A coincidence?



**Blackjack Attack** appears to have a nuclear detonation along with statues frozen in time. Very Sodom and Gomorrahish

**Date:** March 2, 2005

**Source:** Amazon

**Title/Headline:** *Blackjack Attack: Playing The Pro's Way*

**Abstract:** The most important book available to blackjack aficionados since Beat the Dealer by Ed Thorp, **Blackjack Attack** has been praised by every prominent blackjack expert. In it, Schlesinger answers virtually all of the thorny mathematical questions that have puzzled serious players for years: optimal betting, camouflage, risk analysis, team play, systems comparison, and much more. With twice as much material as its predecessor, this third edition contains new studies bound to intrigue even the most knowledgeable pro, including a complete reexamination of the late **Peter Griffin's work**, and the publication of the most accurate basic strategy and effects of removal charts ever devised (Amazon, 2005).

**Date:** January 16, 2009

**Source:** Prison Plane, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Bizarre And Offensive Online Gallery Fearmongers For Terror Attacks In London, NYC*

**Abstract:** A bizarre, anonymous and offensive picture gallery currently appearing on the website of the London Telegraph newspaper that tells the story of a terrorist nuke attack on London has left many asking questions about its origin and meaning. The slide show features on a section dedicated to art, culture, film and music but seemingly holds no artistic credence whatsoever, comprising merely of a series of crude pictures designed to instill fear into the viewer. The only purpose of the gallery is presumably just a continuation of the incessant drone of fearmongering **propaganda from the establishment media and authorities about the imminent inevitability of a mass casualty terror attack**. Entitled “Blackjack,” the gallery begins with a date, June 20 at 2pm, followed by an MI5 logo and the text “MI5 report warns government of imminent terrorist attack”. This certainly makes sense because **MI5 and MI6 have proven themselves adept at controlling terrorist groups and carrying out attacks in the past, including paying Al-Qaeda \$100,000 in the mid-80's in a failed attempt to assassinate Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi**. After we learn that the attack will be the work of “home grown extremists, Islamists and Christian doomsday cultists,” the date switches to **June 21 at 12pm as a nuclear bomb is loaded onto a white van in London**. As Cryptogon.com notes, the “fictitious” attack occurs during the Summer solstice, the name on the side of the van is **New Dawn Presentations and the logo is the Sun**. The white van also harks back to the Kingstar (controlled demolition company) van that was pictured near the exploded bus after the 7/7 London bombings. **After citizens panic buy groceries and flee London in droves, on June 22 at 8:03am, the nuke explodes in central London**. The images then show the devastation in the aftermath of the attack as the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and Big Ben lay in ruins. This is only the end of part one and in part two we are promised similar devastation with an image of millions fleeing New York City. **This disgusting and pointless “gallery” cannot be classed as culture, art or anything of the sort – it is nothing more than gratuitous and macabre pornography for those in establishment**, and believe me there are many, that yearn for another 9/11 or worse in order to unravel their contemptuous political agenda. What kind of sick mind created this and why was it allowed to feature so prominently on a major UK newspaper website? **This is vile, vulgar propaganda and downright offensive, especially to the millions of people who live in London and New York City and have already suffered terrorist attacks, both of which were carried out with the complete complicity of the British and U.S. governments, within the past decade** (Watson, 2009).

**Date:** January 26, 2009

**Source:** Prison Plane, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Blackjack Part 2: Telegraph Continues To Run Vulgar Propaganda*

**Abstract:** Despite calls, questions and complaints to the UK Telegraph as to the purpose and origins of a bizarre, offensive and crudely put together “photo gallery” depicting a nuclear attack on London, the newspaper is now featuring **part two of “Blackjack” on its website, which portrays six major cities being nuked before a fascist “Union of North America” is implemented**. As we revealed in our previous story, the first installment of the gallery featured on a section of the Telegraph website dedicated to art, culture, film and music but seemingly held no artistic credence whatsoever, comprising merely of a series of crude pictures designed to instill fear into the viewer. The series of images is also replete with occult symbols with which those who have researched the Illuminati will be familiar. In the second part

of the series, **at 8:03am on June 22nd six cities, New York City, Washington DC, Toronto, Mexico City, Portland, and Los Angeles, all suffer a nuclear attack as mushroom clouds are depicted rising over the skyscrapers.** The crumbling remains of the cities are shown one week later. The final few images show a revised US flag with five stars in the middle, with black fighter jets roaring overhead as well as a “Department of Homeland Security Emergency Transmission” which tells people to “Stay at home and await further instructions”. The logo on the bottom right of the mock screenshot is of a Nazi-style eagle below the words “UNION OF NORTH AMERICA”. At the bottom of the logo are the words “Norvus Ordo Seclorum” or alternatively “Norvus Ordo Emporium” (the resolution isn’t high enough to make out the last word). **Norvus Ordo Seclorum translates as “new order of the ages” or more traditionally, “new world order”.** Presumably the message being sent is that a series of nuclear terror attacks will bring in a fascist style world government which will be headed by a union of America, Canada, Mexico and Britain. What on earth is the purpose of this “photo gallery”, who is the author and why is it being featured on a major UK newspaper website with no explanation whatsoever? Without proper clarification, this amounts to nothing more than bizarre fearmongering and propaganda. **It is also downright offensive to people who live in the seven cities being depicted as targets for the nuclear attacks.** According to readers who contacted and questioned the Telegraph as to the origin and meaning of the picture gallery, the response was belligerent and hostile. “I just called the Telegraph about the Blackjack Nuke scenario story they posted on their website,” wrote David Icke forum member “free at last”. **“No one wanted to talk about it and then after speaking to four different people the last guy got snotty and hung up the phone.”** “There is something behind this, they never even tried to play it down, just got aggressive with me.” “When I called he practically wanted to interrogate me on the phone and got very wound up that I dared to inquire about it, Who are you? What’s your business? I was asked and slammed the phone down on me,” he added. Another forum member who called the Telegraph was told “who are you and of what concern is this of YOURS?” “I informed him I was a concerned reader, it did not matter where I was from and I required some information re: the source of this “story”, an explanation as to why it was the LEAD story and how it was deemed “culture”. “I also asked “who is the regulators body that governs online content and how do I contact them?” ... He never answered this one.” Others who called the Telegraph received the same aggressive, interrogative overreaction when they asked about the gallery. But the questions need to keep being asked. This so-called “gallery” has no artistic merit whatsoever, so what is it doing in the “arts and culture” section of a major British newspaper? **Part 2 cannot even be considered to have a plot, it just shows a series of major cities being nuked and then amateurish photo-shopped images of Nazi-style symbols on flags and police uniforms. Is someone’s sick fantasy being afforded exposure on a major UK newspaper website or are we being prepared for something?** The rude and hostile response to people who have attempted to get clarification from the Telegraph only deepens the mystery (Watson, 2009).

**Date:** February 5, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Steve Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Blackjack Part 3: Telegraph Continues Propaganda Piece, Depicts Concentration Camps, Martial Law*

**Abstract:** The London Telegraph is continuing to run a crude propaganda piece in it’s arts and culture section that depicts nuclear attacks on major cities, the formation of a world government, and a police state crackdown on citizens complete with concentration camps and the implementation of martial law. Now a third installment of the baffling piece depicts the fallout of nuclear attacks on London, New York City, Washington DC, Toronto, Mexico City, Portland, and Los Angeles. This time the piece has been photoshopped in the style of a comic book, perhaps in a poor attempt to give it the impression that it has some artistic merit. The Telegraph received a great deal of complaints after our first two articles. One of the first images shows a map marked “Teardrop – Eyes only” which features the flag of the newly formed “Union of North America” (UNA) – a new government composed of America, Canada, Mexico and Britain. Some men in suits, presumably representatives of the “UNA” are looking at map and “the glasseye reports”, which constitute the scale of destruction wrought on the attacked cities. These men seem to be pleased with situation stating “this has exceeded our wildest expectations” and calling for “phase 2”. **Clearly from this we are supposed to deduce that these men, representatives of the new world government, are somehow involved in the events that have taken place,** despite the fact that we were told religious extremist terrorists were the culprits. The next set of images depict an announcement by the UNA to citizens everywhere that the union has begun carrying out military attacks on China, Syria and Iran, who are now apparently somehow also to blame for the earlier nuclear attacks. What is the point of “Operation Blackjack”, why does it continue to run in the “arts and culture” section of a major British newspaper? Is someone’s sick fantasy being afforded exposure on a major UK newspaper website or are we being prepared for something? **Could it be that in the fictionalization of false flag terror, the creation of detention centers and the push for global government, someone is attempting to relegate such real world issues to the pages of a comic book?** As we previously highlighted, the rude and hostile response to people who have attempted to get clarification from the Telegraph only deepens the mystery (Watson, 2010).

**Date:** January 16, 2009

**Source:** Telegraph

**Title/Headline:** *Blackjack*

## **The Nuclear Bible: Blackjack: Part 1 (Total: 30 Slides)**

[The events portrayed in this slideshow are entirely fictitious]

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**Slide 2: Blackjack Part 1**

**Slide 3: June 20 ... 2PM**



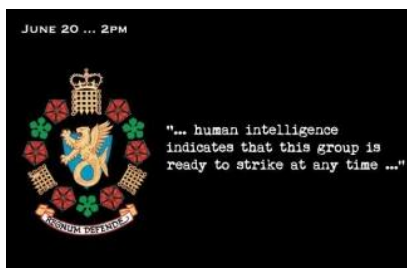


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Slide 8: [Unavailable] June 20 ... 2pm "...in the event of such an attack, the likelihood of many thousands of casualties is high..."

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Slide 11: [Unavailable] June 21 12pm...Home Office raises threat level to 'critical'



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Slide 13: [Unavailable] June 21...pm...Exodus: Queues building on all major routes

Slide 14: [Unavailable] June 21...pm...Police and security forces raid known militants

Slide 15: [Unavailable] June 21...pm...Panic leaves shelves empty across Britain

Slide 16: [Unavailable] June 21...pm...Pumps run dry as drivers stock up on fuel



**Slide 17:**

**Slide 18:** [Unavailable] June 22...8.03AM...The view from an airliner over London (Aerial view of London)



**Slide 19:**



**Slide 20:**

**Slide 21:** [Unavailable] June 22...8.15AM (Black smoke rises over London)

**Slide 22:** [Unavailable] One week after the bomb

**Slide 23:** [Unavailable] Battersea power station (Battersea power station destroyed)



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**Slide 25:**

**Slide 26:** [Unavailable] End of Part One...

**Slide 27:** [Unavailable] In Part Two...





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Slide 29: [Unavailable] (Ferris wheel with a phallic shaped tower similar to Washington Monument on the right side of the frame)

Slide 30: [Unavailable] (A white van with a green snake on the left side along with the initials NAU, in what appears to be New York City)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Blackjack: Part 2 (Total: 25 Slides)**

[The events portrayed in this slideshow are entirely fictitious]

Slide 01: Blackjack

Slide 02: Blackjack Part II

Slide 03: [Unavailable] Previously in Blackjack

Slide 04: [Unavailable] MI5 report warns government of imminent terror attack "...a coalition of home-grown extremists, Islamists and Christian doomsday cultists may have acquired the means to carry out a mass casualty attack..."

Slide 05: [Unavailable] Previously in Blackjack (Nuclear detonation in London)

Slide 06: [Unavailable] Previously in Blackjack (Buckingham Palace destroyed)



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Slide 09: [Unavailable] June 22...8.03am EDT Washington DC (Nuclear detonation in Washington D.C.)



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Slide 11: [Unavailable] June 22...8.03am EDT. Toronto

Slide 12: [Unavailable] June 22...8.03.27am EDT. Toronto (Nuclear detonation in Toronto)



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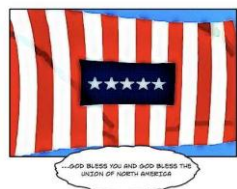
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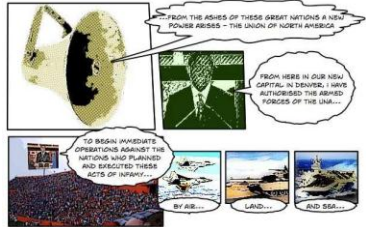
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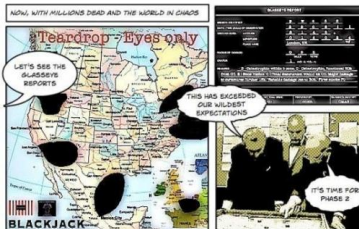
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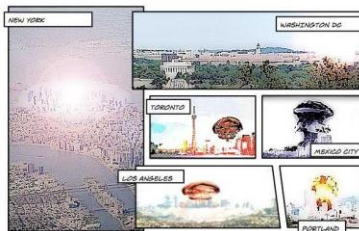
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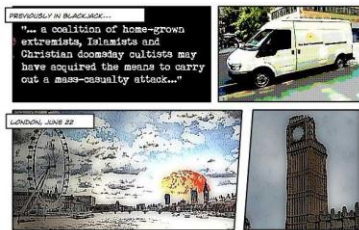
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Slide 12: Blackjack Part III



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**The Nuclear Bible: Blackjack: Part 4 (Total: 16 Slides)**

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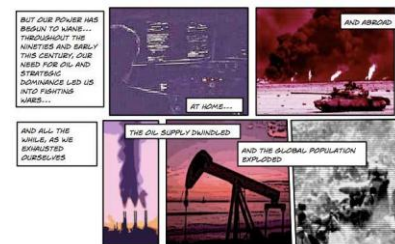
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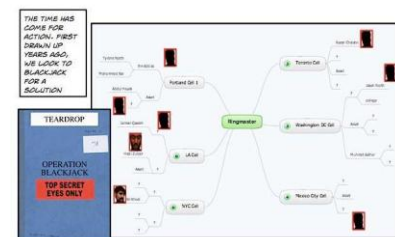
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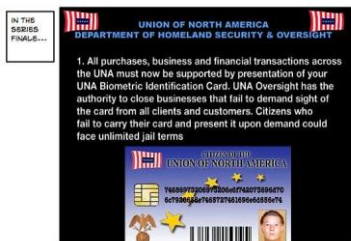
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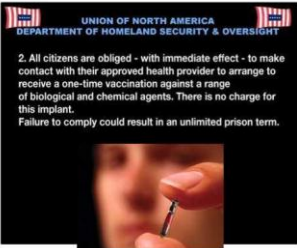
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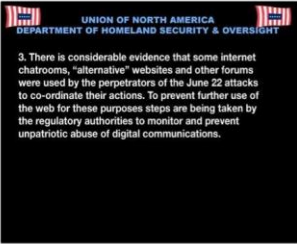
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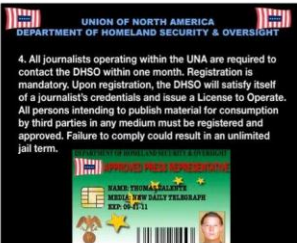
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Slide 19: (Telegraph, 2009).

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Dictator Barrack Hussein Obama



**Intro:** Starting as early as Barack Obama's 2008 Democratic Presidential campaign against then New York Senator Hillary Clinton, Obama has been stating that the U.S. must attack Pakistan. Along with the warmongering rhetoric, Obama has acted in a rather bi-polar manner regarding the development and use of nuclear weapons in a preemptive strike against "terrorists". Should a nuclear attack occur at the Super Bowl on February 6, 2011, it will occur during Black History month, making it even harder for Americans to question Obama's decisions without being labeled as racist. Unfortunately, Obama will make the worst kind of history as he openly retaliates in a nuclear manner against Pakistan and others defenseless Middle Eastern nations. Obama's decision to retaliate against nuclear terror with nuclear terror will kill millions and will make Obama the most infamous U.S. President ever, and will eventually be used by Globalists to further drive a stake into the heart of race relations in America. After a preemptive nuclear attack, with no real evidence (like 9/11), the U.S.'s global reputation will be soiled to the point of no return. At this point, a lot of ignorant and racist people will lash out at African Americans due to Obama's genocidal policies, playing right into the hands of the Globalist's Divide and Conquer dialectic. One thing can be sure, Obama was chosen to play this part, and is likely destined to become the 1<sup>st</sup> Nuclear Dictator the World has ever seen. While it is impossible to know for sure, Obama's codename may be "Blackjack", which just happens to be the name of Chapter 21.

**Date:** August 2, 2007

**Source:** Reuters, Steve Holland

**Title/Headline:** *Obama, Clinton In New Flap, Over Nuclear Weapons*

**Abstract:** During the 2008 Democratic Presidential election, **Barack Obama ruled out the use of nuclear weapons to go after Al Qaeda or Taliban targets in Afghanistan or Pakistan** Obama, a first-term senator from Illinois, told a reporter after a Capitol Hill event that he **would not use nuclear weapons in those countries, an aide said "His position could not be more clear,"** said Obama spokeswoman Jen Psaki. **"He would not consider using nuclear weapons to fight terror targets in Afghanistan and Pakistan."** That position came a day after Obama vowed he would be willing to strike Al Qaeda targets inside Pakistan with or without the approval of the government of Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf. 2008 Democratic presidential candidate Chris Dodd, a senator from Connecticut, also criticized Obama, saying that over the last several days, "Senator Obama's assertions about foreign and military affairs have been, frankly, confusing and confused. He has made threats he should not make and made unwise categorical statements about military options." **"We are facing a dangerous and complicated world. The next president will require a level of understanding and judgment unprecedented in American history to address these challenges"** Dodd said (Holland, 2007).

**Date:** July 16, 2008

**Source:** CNN, Alexander Mooney

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Says Time To Rid World of Nuclear Weapons*

**Abstract:** Sen. Barack Obama on Wednesday said he wants to rid the world of nuclear weapons and pledged to fight emerging threats posed by biological and cyber-terrorism. **"It's time to send a clear message to the world: America seeks a world with no nuclear weapons," the White House hopefully said. "As long as nuclear weapons exist, we'll retain a strong deterrent. But we'll make the goal of eliminating all nuclear weapons a central element in our nuclear policy."** The remarks, delivered at Purdue University in Indiana before a roundtable discussion with foreign policy experts, come as the senator from Illinois is preparing for a trip abroad. Obama also is seeking to gain traction on national security issues. In a fact sheet distributed to reporters, Obama's campaign said he will work to eliminate all nuclear weapons, but will not commit the United States to giving them up while other states retain them. Going after one of John McCain's signature issues, the war in Iraq, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee said invading the country after the September 11, 2001, attacks has allowed other emerging threats to develop. **"Instead of taking aggressive steps to secure the world's most dangerous technology, we have spent almost a trillion dollars to occupy a country in the heart of the Middle East that no longer had any weapons of mass destruction,"** he said. **"It's time to update our national security strategy to stay one step ahead of the terrorists -- to see clearly the emerging threats of our young century and to take action to make the American people more safe and secure. "It's time to look ahead -- at the dangers of today and tomorrow rather than those of yesterday. America cannot afford another president who doesn't understand the threats that confront us now and in the future,"** he said. Obama, who plans to visit Europe and the Middle East this month, said nuclear terrorism is "the gravest danger we face," and said he would seek to rally international support to place increased pressure on Iran and North Korea over their apparent nuclear ambitions. **"Both of these nations have a history of support for terror,"** he said. **"Both should face strong and increasing sanctions if they refuse to verifiably abandon their illicit nuclear programs. And both demand sustained, aggressive and direct diplomatic attention from the United States, and that's what I'll provide as president."** The presidential candidate also pledged to protect the country from the threat of biological and cyber attacks. **"We know that the successful deployment of a biological weapon -- whether it is sprayed into our cities or spread through our food supply -- could kill tens of thousands of Americans and deal a crushing blow to our economy,"** he said. The campaign also said

**Obama will seek to secure all nuclear weapons materials in four years and to increase funding by \$1 billion a year to make sure nuclear weapons are removed from vulnerable sites around the world.** The scene of Obama's remarks was no accident -- Indiana is a state that has long voted Republican in presidential elections but one the Democrat's campaign is hoping to make competitive this cycle. Taking part in the roundtable discussion with Obama was Indiana's Democratic U.S. senator, Evan Bayh, a popular figure from a powerful political family. Obama also went out of his way to praise Indiana's other senator, Republican Dick Lugar. The two teamed up in the Senate on legislation seeking to curb the threat of loose nuclear weapons. Former Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia also joined Obama in the discussion. Nunn is considered one of the most respected Democratic voices on national security issues and, along with Bayh, is said to be on Obama's short list for vice president. Shortly after Obama concluded his remarks, the McCain campaign released a letter signed by 10 retired admirals and generals touting the senator from Arizona's national security credentials. **"This country has learned the peril of treating terrorists and their state sponsors as little more than a law enforcement problem,"** the letter said. **"We are unanimous in our view that the failures of the past should not be repeated, and we believe that John McCain's long record of national service, and his demonstrated judgment on matters of national security, make clear who can best defend this country abroad, and assure peace and prosperity at home."** The retired military officials who signed the letter were Navy Adm. Ronald J. Hays, Navy Adm. James L. Holloway, Navy Adm. Jerome L. Johnson, Marine Corps. Gen. P.X. Kelley, Army Gen. James J. Lindsay, Air Force Gen. John Michael Loh, Navy Adm. Leighton W. Smith, Army Gen. Carl Stiner, Coast Guard Vice Adm. Donald C. "Deese" Thompson and Coast Guard Vice Adm. Howard B. Thorsen (Mooney, 2008).

**Date:** October 21, 2008

**Source:** Newsmax, Rick Pedraza

**Title:** Albright Agrees: Terrorists Will Test Obama

**Abstract:** Former Secretary of State, Madeline Albright, confirmed Joe Biden notion that Obama would be tested by a generated international crisis. When talking to CNN's John Roberts she stated, **"It's just a statement of fact. In my book, I talk about the fact that there are a lot of big issues out there, but also something unexpected. You always have to be prepared for that"** (Pedraza, 2008).

**Date:** November 11, 2008

**Source:** NPR News

**Title:** *Madeleine Albright Has Advice For Obama*

**Abstract:** NPR reported that Madeline Albright stated the following: **"I think that the big issues are still how to fight terrorism without creating more terrorists, how to deal with the broken nuclear non-proliferation system, how to restore the good name of democracy, how to deal with the negative aspects of globalization, the growing gap between the rich and the poor. And all those issues - energy, environment, food prices - they have not gone away. And then, as I said in my book, you have to expect the unexpected. So, there's - I'm so glad we have Barack Obama to deal with the issues because this is going to be a very hard presidency** (NPR, 2008).

**Date:** November 15, 2008

**Source:** The Sunday Times, Tom Baldwin, Michael Evans

**Title/Headline:** *Barack Obama Is Warned To Beware Of A 'Huge Threat' From Al-Qaeda*

**Abstract:** Security officials fear a 'spectacular' during the transition period. Barack Obama is being given ominous advice from leaders on both sides of the Atlantic to brace himself for an early assault from terrorists. General Michael Hayden, director of the CIA, this week acknowledged that there were dangers during a presidential transition when new officials were coming in and getting accustomed to the challenges. But he added that no "real or artificial spike" in intercepted transmissions from terror suspects had been detected. President Bush has repeatedly described the acute vulnerability of the US during a transition. **The Bush Administration has been defined largely by the 9/11 attacks, which came within a year of his taking office. His aides have pointed to al-Qaeda's first assault on the World Trade Centre, which occurred little more than a month after Bill Clinton became President in 1993.** There was an alleged attempt to bomb Glasgow airport in Gordon Brown's first days in Downing Street and a London nightclub attack was narrowly thwarted. Lord West of Spithead, the Home Office Security Minister, spoke recently of a "huge threat", saying: **"There is another great plot building up again and we are monitoring this."** Intelligence chiefs on both sides of the Atlantic have indicated that such warnings refer more to a general sense of foreboding than fear of an imminent or specific plan. **Referring to the attacks in 1993 and 2001, General Hayden told a Washington think-tank on Thursday night: "For some people two data points create a trend line. For others, there may be more hesitation to call it that."** He said that the chief danger comes from remote areas in Pakistan that border Afghanistan. **"Today virtually every major terrorist threat that my agency is aware of has threads back to the tribal areas. Whether it's command and control, training, direction, money, capabilities, there is a connection to the Fata [Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas]."** General Hayden said that al-Qaeda remained a "determined, adaptive enemy" operating "from its safe haven in Pakistan". He added: **"If there is a major attack on this country it will bear the fingerprints of al-Qaeda."** He said that the border region remained the base of al-Qaeda's leadership, which had developed a more durable structure and a deep reserve of skilled operatives. **"Al-Qaeda, operating from its safe haven in Pakistan's tribal areas, remains the most clear and present danger to the safety of the United States,"** General Hayden said. The hunt for al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden "is very much at the top of CIA's priority list," he added. **"Because of his iconic stature, his death or capture clearly would have a significant impact on the confidence of his followers."** The CIA chief also suggested that the terror group was seeking to recruit Western-looking operatives who would not cause attention if they were standing in airport screening queues. Hours after he spoke, a suspected US missile attack killed 12 people in Pakistan, including five foreigners. Such strikes are hugely controversial, with Islamabad claiming that they fuel anti-American extremist groups. But Mr Obama has been clear that he wants to pursue al-Qaeda aggressively across the Afghan border. **In Britain, security officials say that there is genuine concern that al-Qaeda will attempt a "spectacular" in the transition period, but suggest**



that it may be aimed more at Mr Bush than Mr Obama. “As far as we know there is nothing from the intelligence world to indicate that anything has changed dramatically in recent months to put us on alert for an attack at the moment,” a source said. The present threat level is “severe”, which is the second-highest alert status. But a senior counterterrorism official suggested last month that this should be regarded as “the severe end of severe”. This would point to Britain facing a terrorist threat nearly as high as the period in the summer of 2005 when terrorists killed 52 people on London’s transport network on July 7 and attempted a similar attack on July 21. Britain and the US are sharing all intelligence on suspected terrorist activity because of the high risk of a plot involving transatlantic flights. Al-Qaeda is understood still to be obsessed with mounting an attack using passenger airliners. **There have also been warnings of al-Qaeda interest in developing a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear (CBRN) device. The US has anti-CBRN units on constant patrol in main cities. Al-Qaeda is known to be experimenting with biological agents, particularly anthrax, which they acquire from dead animals and then create cultures. The key man involved in these experiments is Abou Kabbah al-Masri, who was engaged in the biological trials including tests on rabbits that were uncovered in Afghanistan when the Taleban were overrun after the US invasion in 2001.** James Lewis, a security expert with the Centre of Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said that al-Qaeda may wish to provoke a reaction from the next US Administration designed to show the rest of the world that “America is still the evil crusader”. Last month Joe Biden, the Vice-President-elect, told campaign donors: “**Watch, we’re going to have an international crisis, a generated crisis, to test the mettle [of Mr Obama].**” Mr Lewis said that many Muslims were intrigued by Mr Obama’s arrival in the White House and “there may be political downsides” in attacking America too early. “It is hard to fathom the level of sophistication of their operatives and whether the chatter we intercept is dissent or intent. If they are going to do something, they may wait until after the inauguration. “At present there are policemen standing on policemen at possible targets. That won’t be the case three months into the new administration” (Baldwin & Evans).

**Date:** January 11, 2009

**Source:** Reuters

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan And Its Nuclear Weapons Loom Large Over Obama Administration*

**Abstract:** Pakistan and its nuclear weapons are back in the centre of the U.S. foreign policy frame as a steady stream of reports from think tanks and newspapers build the case for President-elect Barack Obama to recognise and act urgently with regard to the potential threat from the troubled state. The New York Times Magazine in an extensive article headlined Obama’s Worst Pakistan Nightmare says the biggest fear is not Islamist militants taking control of the border regions. **It’s what happens if the country’s nuclear arsenal falls into the wrong hands.** And it then takes a trip to the Chaklala garrison where the headquarters of Strategic Plans Division, the branch of the Pakistani government charged with protecting its growing arsenal of nuclear weapons, are located and led by Khalid Kidwai, a former army general. “**In the second nuclear age, what happens or fails to happen in Kidwai’s modest compound may prove far more likely to save or lose an American city than the billions of dollars the United States spends each year maintaining a nuclear arsenal that will almost certainly never be used, or the thousands of lives and hundreds of billions of dollars we have spent in Iraq and Afghanistan to close down sanctuaries for terrorists,**” writes David E. Sanger, author of a forthcoming book: “The Inheritance: The World Obama Confronts and the Challenges to American Power”. **The article quotes a Bush administration official as saying there were two ways Pakistan’s weapons could fall into the wrong hands. One was when the Pakistani military was moving its tactical weapons closer to the frontlines when it could be much more vulnerable to seizure by militants.** A time of heightened tensions with India, as is the situation now following the attacks in Mumbai, would be a top reason for Pakistan to begin moving its weapons. Could that be one of the objectives of the Mumbai attacks, the New York Times asks. A second route for al Qaeda would be to infiltrate Pakistan’s nuclear labs, put in sleeper cells and then squirrel away the material. “**It is relatively easy to teach Kidwai’s security personnel how to lock down warheads and store them separately from trigger devices and missiles, training that the United States has conducted, largely in secret, at a cost of almost \$100 million.**” “It is a lot harder for the Americans to keep track of nuclear material being produced inside laboratories, where it is easier for the Pakistanis to underreport how much nuclear material has been produced, how much is in storage or how much might be ‘stuck in the pipes’ during the laborious enrichment process.” And it would be nearly impossible to stop engineers from walking out the door with the knowledge of how to produce fuel and bomb designs. Last month, the blue-ribbon Commission on Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism submitted its report, with its members making clear that for sheer scariness nothing could compete with what they heard in a series of top-level intelligence about the risk of Pakistan’s nuclear technology going awry. “**Were one to map terrorism and weapons of mass destruction today, all roads would intersect in Pakistan. It has nuclear weapons and a history of unstable governments, and parts of its territory are currently a safe haven for al Qaeda and other terrorists,**” the commission said. It added that it had singled out Pakistan because it believed it constituted a serious challenge to America’s short-term and medium-term security. “**Pakistan is an ally, but there is a grave danger it could also be an unwitting source of a terrorist attack on the United States — possibly with weapons of mass destruction,**” it said, adding it must top the list of priorities for the next President and Congress. Does this steady drumbeat of reports in the days leading up to Obama’s inauguration foreshadow an even more activist, muscular policy toward Pakistan? Reading through these reports - there is another by Shuja Nawaz urging the new administration to **declare Pakistan’s Federally Administered Tribal Areas as part of America’s Afghan war theatre because it is the most dangerous spot on earth** - you would think the India-Pakistan tensions of the past month are a sideshow. For all of New Delhi’s fulminations against Pakistan and the sense of outrage over the Mumbai attacks, the pressure it can bring to bear on its troubled neighbour is limited compared with America’s. But is this all justified or is there a bit of hype here? The New York Times article quotes Kidwai, the former general with the keys to the nuclear arsenal, as saying that its security systems were foolproof. “**Please grant to Pakistan that if we can make nuclear weapons, we can also make them safe,**” he says. And as he points out, should the United States really be giving lectures on nuclear safety when **the U.S. Air Force lost track of some of its own weapons in 2007 for 36 hours, flying them around unguarded to air bases and leaving them by the side of the tarmac?** Or how can you be so sure about U.S. intelligence establishment reports about Pakistan’s arsenal being at risk, when it was so wrong about Iraq’s nuclear weapons? (Reuters, 2009).



**Date:** September 24, 2009

**Source:** NNSA (National Nuclear Security Agency)

**Title/Headline:** *The President's Nuclear Security Agenda September 2009*

**Abstract:** President Barrack Obama stated “**Just one nuclear weapon exploded in a city -- be it New York or Moscow; Tokyo or Beijing; London or Paris -- could kill hundreds of thousands of people.** And it would badly destabilize our security, our economies, and our very way of life.... **We harbor no illusions about the difficulty of bringing about a world without nuclear weapons.** We know there are plenty of cynics, and that there will be setbacks to prove their point... Today, the **Security Council endorsed a global effort to lock down all vulnerable nuclear materials within four years.** The United States will host a summit in April of 2010 to advance this goal and help all nations achieve it. And it calls for stronger safeguards to reduce the likelihood that peaceful nuclear weapons programs can be diverted to a weapons program” (NNSA, 2010).

**Date:** October 28, 2009

**Source:** Infowars, J. T. Coyote

**Title/Headline:** *Has President Obama, the Constitutional Lawyer, Committed Open Treason?*

**Abstract:** When the president of the United States, Barack H. Obama accepted rotating status as chairman of the United Nations Security Council, he committed high treason... not only a direct violation of article 1 section 9 clause 8 of the Constitution for the United States of America, which states emphatically: “No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States; and no person holding any office of profit or trust under them, shall without consent of Congress accept of any present, emolument, office, or title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.” But this act by the President also has violated the 13th article of amendment that was duly ratified by March of 1819, but with secrecy and by active subterfuge, it was replaced by Lincoln’s 14th amendment right after the Civil War. This duly ratified original 13th amendment states the following: “If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive, or retain any title of nobility or honour, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office, or emolument of any kind whatever, from any emperor, king, prince, or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them.” Article 1 section 9 describes what shall not be allowed, but, it puts forth no punishment for such actions on the part of an elected government official... the original 13th amendment however, which was proposed in 1810... and some would say was a large part of the reason for the War of 1812, not only states that an elected government official cannot accept this kind of gratuity or office, but also states, if so done, the official would lose all possibility of office present and future, as well as citizenship, and if the circumstances are grave enough could be tried for treason and ultimately hung. In either case I do not recall there having been a bill, resolution, or memorial, put forth by Congress, granting this president its permission for accepting the position of chairman of the Security Council of the United Nations... **Without this permission and open discussion about it, prior to the granting of the permission... President Barack H. Obama is in violation of article 1 section 9 clause 8 of the Constitution for the United States of America... at the very least.** The creation of the United Nations at the Presidio in San Francisco in 1945, was done by treaty power. **It is not part of the United States in any way other than by treaty in the form of an international “Peace” treaty. The Constitution states that treaties are considered part of Constitutional law when they are enacted by an act of Congress and signed by the president.** They are not etched in stone however, and as with all treaties, as was addressed in 1803 by the Supreme Court in the landmark Marbury vs Madison, which states that a law, (by law I mean act of Congress, and no treaty can become law without an Act of Congress), cannot void the Constitution. **The Constitution however can void any law including treaties, if that law is repugnant to the Constitution. When Obama took the position of Chairman of the UN Security Council... he violated Article 1 Section 9 Clause 8 by accepting leadership in an organization that is clearly at odds with the Constitution for the United States of America (Coyote, 2009).**



**Date:** December 16, 2009

**Source:** The European Union Times

**Title/Headline:** *Prepare For Rebellion, Obama Orders US-Canadian Troops*

**Abstract:** Kremlin position papers presented to Prime Minister Putin today on his upcoming meeting with NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen state that the European-US military alliance has authorized an ‘emergency request’ from President Obama to utilize American and Canadian NATO troops to put down what is expected to be a “rebellion” after the expected January, 2010 ‘declaration of bankruptcy’ by the State of California. According to these reports, Obama’s fears of rebellion are due to the economic health of California (the United States largest State) after the 3rd largest US State, New York, declared a ‘fiscal emergency’ and refused to release to its cities and towns over \$750 Million due them this past week with the Governor of New York, David Paterson, declaring “I can’t say this enough: The state has run out of money.” New York’s fiscal crisis, however, pales in comparison to California’s, where new economic data points to its expected 5-year budget deficit reaching the staggering amount of over \$100 Billion which Russian economists warn will result in budget cuts so steep as to create ‘social chaos’ among this States 36 million citizens. **Reports from the United States are, indeed, confirming the mass movement of military supplies and thousands of Canadian Special Forces Troops to California from the Canadian Forces Base of Petawawa to join their American military**

counterparts, with 'secondary' reports stating that at least 1,000 tanks are massing their too. Russian Military Analysts are further warning in this report that Obama has decided to implement the feared RAND Corporation (one of the most powerful research arms of the US Military-Industrial-Homeland Security Complex) police state 'blueprint' titled "Stability Police Force for the United States: Justification and Creating U.S. Capabilities" that has been modeled on the Nazi German secret police forces organization Geheime Staatspolizei (Gestapo) meant to 'control and demoralize' any opposition to the state. Even worse for these American people is the legalization process currently embedded in their new health care legislation which will see everyone of them becoming virtual slaves of their government, and as warned about by the Fox News Service in their report titled "Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid of Obama's Latest Big Brother Plan" and which says: "Under the Democrats' national health care scheme not only would OPM be charged with overseeing and administering federal employees health care but they will have the added charge of administering civilian federal health care as well. What does that mean? Basically, that Americans will be treated as "civil servants." Are you starting to see the danger? The more government seeks to control our lives the more Orwellian it gets. This "big brother" mentality that "government knows best" and that it is their mission to provide cradle to grave "care" of its citizens will doom America as we know it. Under such a system the individual becomes meaningless and the state becomes the entity upon which we are all forced to rely." Unfortunately, with or without these Americans succumbing to the loss of their Nation through the establishment of a police state, their fate appears to have already been sealed as new reports are showing that by their continued saving they are failing to provide China with the money needed through the buying of goods to purchase US bonds to keep them afloat, and which has led to the incredible circumstance of the United States, through its Federal Reserve and other financial entities, becoming the largest buyers of their own debt. Not being seen in all of these dire events by the American people is that their present collapse as an independent Nation was engineered by their own President Obama, who working in concert with the previous President, George Bush, sold them out to Wall Street by packing his administration with banking insiders have, literally, pillaged the entire economic future of the United States for the benefit of their elite classes and, incredibly, supported these once collapsing banks with over \$352 Billion in drug money. And so grave has it become for ordinary Americans that new reports are now showing that in what was once the most powerful Nation on Earth, there now exists an 'epidemic' of child hunger and one their fastest growing cities is a tent-town of newly homeless named "Obamaville" in a stark reminder of the thousands of shanty towns named Hoovervilles built during the Great Depression. For those American people believing their propaganda media reports that a recovery is underway they couldn't be more mistaken, as newly released data shows that of the millions of jobs lost these past 2 years almost all of them are permanent. And, as always, these people are being kept from knowing the full and brutal truth of their economic collapse with reports also showing that the latest unemployment figures released by the US government were faked. But to the greatest fears of these Americans should be the newly released information showing that US scientists have perfected, for the first time in history, a new drugless technique to wipe from these people's minds their very own memories, and as we can read: "In a scientific experiment that brings to mind the memory-erasing escapade in the 2004 film "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," scientists have blocked fearful recollections in human participants, sans drugs. The results challenge the view that our long-term memories are fixed and resistant to change." Russian Military Psychologists have long warned that the West's longest term plan to control their soon to be rebellious populations lie in memory altering techniques such as are being perfected in the United States and due to be deployed through their mass media in radio programmes, television, and movie broadcasts outlets as these Nations past reliance on the drugging of their citizens through mass fluoridation is becoming more and more ineffectual. Important to note too is that the economic collapse of the United States is just one of the catastrophic dangers they are facing, as this past week the giant plant genetics company Bayer admitted in a US Federal Court that it has been "unable to control the spread of its genetically-engineered organisms despite 'the best practices' to stop widespread contamination" and which may very well see the destruction of the American's ability to feed themselves as these 'monster plants' reap their destruction on Nature. To all of these events, it is not in our knowing if the American people will awaken from their self induced slumber to arise, as they have many times throughout their history, to reclaim for themselves what is now rapidly being stolen from them. But, and if their present actions are a predictor to what they may do in the future, one can only fear for them as they are marched in lockstep towards an abyss they only fail to see because they won't open their eyes (The European Union Times, 2009).

**Date:** January 3, 2010

**Source:** Boston Globe, Bryan Bender

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Presses Review of Nuclear Strategy*

**Abstract:** The Obama administration, while reviewing current nuclear threats to the United States over the next decade decided on "seeking to match the arsenal and strategy to emerging dangers like North Korea, a rising China, and nuclear terrorism." Clark Murdock, a former strategic planner at the Pentagon who is now a senior adviser at the nonpartisan Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington stated that, "There is no broad-based consensus in the policy community on how important US nuclear weapons are to US security in the post-9/11 era" (Bender, 2010).

**Date:** January 8, 2010

**Source:** CNN, Alexander Mooney

**Title/Headline:** *Giuliani Says No 'Domestic Terror Attacks' Under Bush*

**Abstract:** Echoing recent comments from former Bush administration officials, Rudy Giuliani defended former President George Bush's record on terrorism Friday, saying the country was not subjected to domestic terror attacks when he was in office. "We had no domestic attacks under Bush; we've had one under Obama," Giuliani said on ABC's Good Morning America. Democrats and other political observers were quick to question Giuliani's comments, wondering how the former New York City mayor would classify the attacks of September 11, 2001, as well as Richard Reid's attempted shoe-bombing in late 2001. "Giuliani seems to have forgotten about the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and shoe bomber Richard Reid," ABC's George Stephanopoulos, who conducted the Giuliani interview, wrote on his

blog. Giuliani's comments are similar to those of former White House Press Secretary Dana Perino and former Dick Cheney aide Mary Matalin, both of whom have said in recent weeks no terrorism attacks occurred under Bush. **"We did not have a terrorist attack on our country during President Bush's term,"** Perino told Fox News last November. **In December, Mary Matalin - a former senior adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney - made comments that seemed to place the 9/11 attacks under President Clinton's watch. "We inherited a recession from President Clinton and we inherited the most tragic attack on our own soil in our nation's history,"** Matalin a CNN analyst, told John King on CNN's "State of the Union" last month (Mooney, 2008).

**Date:** January 11, 2010

**Source:** White House

**Title/Headline:** *President Obama Signs Executive Order Establishing Council of Governor*

**Abstract:** Obama signed an Executive Order establishing a Council of Governors to **strengthen further the partnership between the Federal Government and State Governments to protect our Nation against all types of hazards.** When appointed, the Council will be reviewing such matters as involving the National Guard of the various States; homeland defense; civil support; **synchronization and integration of State and Federal military activities in the United States;** and other matters of mutual interest pertaining to National Guard, homeland defense, and civil support activities. **The bipartisan Council will be composed of Ten State Governors who will be selected by the President to serve two year terms.** In selecting the Governors to the Council, the White House will solicit input from Governors and Governors' associations. Once chosen, the Council will have no more than five members from the same party and represent the Nation as a whole. Federal members of the Council include the **Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, the Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, the U.S. Northern Command Commander, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.** The Secretary of Defense will designate an Executive Director for the Council. The Council of Governors will provide an invaluable Senior Administration forum for exchanging views with State and local officials on strengthening our National resilience and the homeland defense and civil support challenges facing our Nation today and in the future. The formation of the Council of Governors was required by the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act which stated, **"The President shall establish a bipartisan Council of Governors to advise the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the White House Homeland Security Council** on matters related to the National Guard and civil support missions" (Whitehouse, 2010).

**Date:** January 12, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Stephan Clarke

**Title/Headline:** *Obama's First State Of The Union Speech In Scheduling Limbo*

**Abstract:** President Obama's first State of the Union address should be coming soon -- but exactly how soon is still anyone's guess. The speech has already sparked protests for potential scheduling conflicts with TV's most popular programs. **The White House has announced that the president won't deliver the address on the same night as the premiere of "Lost,"** relieving the legions of fans of the popular ABC series, which is scheduled to debut Feb. 2. As of Tuesday, the **White House still had not said when it will come, though a senior congressional leadership aide told Fox News that Obama is planning to speak in the week after the Super Bowl, Feb. 7.** Obama apparently is trying to give congressional Democrats more time to finish negotiations on a final health care bill, so he can tout it in his speech. The House passed its version in November and the Senate on Christmas Eve. But negotiators are struggling to find common ground between the versions, which differ in how to pay for the entitlement program, among other sticking issues (Clark, 2010).

**Barrack Obama suspended the State of the Union speech till after Super Bowl, then changed his mind, and then changed his mind yet again. In a turnabout never seen before by a sitting U.S. President, Obama was the latest in giving a State of the Union speech, flip-flopping on the date more than once indicating that there was some internal discussion as to whether they would nuke the Super Bowl in 2010 or 2011. Obama gave his speech on January 27, 2009, rather than after the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Super Bowl date.**

**Date:** January 20, 2010

**Source:** Bloomberg News, Lorraine Woellert

**Title/Headline:** *FBI Chief Tells Congress Terrorist Threat Grows More Worrisome*

**Abstract:** The head of the FBI said the threat of a terrorist attack against the U.S. is becoming more worrisome "with each passing day." Robert Mueller, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, told the Senate Judiciary Committee that law enforcement agencies have disrupted several plots in the past year as terrorists "remain determined to strike the United States." "As the Christmas Day attempted bombing illustrates, the threats we face are becoming more diverse and more dangerous with each passing day," Mueller testified. **"We not only face threats from al-Qaeda, but also from self-directed groups not part of al-Qaeda's formal structure."** The Obama administration admitted mistakes in failing to stop an alleged bomber before he boarded a Christmas Day flight to Detroit. Several congressional committees are probing security lapses in the Dec. 25 incident. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, a 23-year-old Nigerian, has been charged with trying to destroy Northwest Flight 253 and kill its 290 passengers as the plane approached Detroit. He has pleaded not guilty. **"We acknowledge that errors were made and that processes need to be improved,"** Patrick Kennedy, a State Department undersecretary, told the Judiciary Committee. At one point, a U.S. embassy employee misspelled the Abdulmutallab's name, helping him avoid detection. "We slipped up," Kennedy said. The plot failed when the explosives he was carrying failed to detonate and passengers and crew aboard the flight restrained him. A White House report released Jan. 7 said **"there was not a comprehensive or functioning process for tracking terrorist threat reporting and actions taken"** that would hold agencies accountable for running

down leads. "It can be tempting to forget that it is always easier to connect the dots in hindsight," said Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, a Democrat from Vermont. "It was not our intelligence agencies who first raised the alarm about the suspect who tried to blow up the Northwest Airlines flight. It was the suspect's own father, a Nigerian, who turned him in." Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is set to appear before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee today. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Commerce Committee and Select Committee on Intelligence are also scheduled to hear from administration officials this week. **Mueller said the U.S. faces threats from "homegrown terrorists" who live in the communities they attack and train on their own. He said law enforcement agencies have disrupted terrorist plots in Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Colorado, Texas and elsewhere in the past year. "We cannot discount the lone offender threat here at home -- the individual who may take up arms and strike without notice," Mueller said (Woellert, 2010).**



**Date:** January 26, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Judith Miller

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Gets 'F' on Stopping Spread Of Weapons Of Mass Destruction*

**Abstract:** A bipartisan, independent commission on stopping the spread of weapons of mass destruction says that the Obama administration has failed in its first year in office to do enough to prevent a germ weapons attack on America or to respond quickly and effectively should such an attack occur. In a 19-page report card being published Tuesday, the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation and Terrorism, chaired by former Senators Bob Graham, a Democrat from Florida, and Jim Talent, a Missouri Republican, gives the new administration the grade of "F" for failing to take key steps the commission outlined just over a year ago in its initial report. Specifically, the commission concludes that the Obama administration, like the three administrations before it, has failed to pay consistent and urgent attention to increasing the nation's ability to respond quickly and effectively to a germ attack that would inflict massive casualties on the nation. **The commission repeated its warning that unless nations acted decisively and urgently, it was more likely than not that a WMD will be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by the end of 2013, and that the terrorists' weapon of choice would be biological, rather than nuclear.** The administration's delayed response to the H1N1 virus, the report concludes, demonstrated that the United States was "woefully behind in its ability to rapidly produce rapidly vaccines and therapeutics, essential steps for adequately responding to a biological threat, whether natural or man-made." Even with time to prepare, the report noted, the epidemic peaked "before most Americans had access to vaccine." And a bio-attack, it warned, would have no such warning. The administration's lack of urgency was also reflected in its lack of priority on producing and distributing enough vaccines and other medical countermeasures for Americans, its reluctance to insist that hospitals have enough surge capacity to treat people who would be infected in a bioterror attack, and the lack of a national plan to coordinate federal, state and local efforts following a bioterror strike, the document asserts. **Ultimately, the commission chairman and vice chairman say, the "lack of preparedness" and "consistent lack of action" reflect "a failure of the U.S. government to grasp the threat of biological weapons."** Unlike its effort to prevent a nuclear attack, the Obama administration has shown "no equal sense of urgency" about preventing or responding to germ warfare that might cause comparable death and suffering, the commission concludes. **The report assigns 17 grades that it says highlight the issues of greatest priority in protecting Americans from WMD. The commission gave the administration a "D+" for its efforts to tighten oversight of high-containment labs in which experiments involving the deadliest pathogens are conducted.** There were still far too many Federal, state, and local agencies regulating germs in sometimes conflicting ways, it states. The commission also gave Congress a failing grade for failing to consolidate the estimated 82 to 108 committees and subcommittees that oversee some part of the Department of Homeland Security. **"Virtually no progress has been made since consolidation was first recommended by the 9/11 Commission in 2004," the report asserts.** The Obama administration disputed the findings of the report Tuesday, arguing that the president has accomplished a "great deal" in his first year in office. **White House spokesman Nick Shapiro cited a recently signed executive order establishing "federal capability to rapidly provide medical countermeasures to supplement state and local response in the event of a large-scale biological attack."** He said Obama would launch a new initiative aimed at addressing potential "public health threats" during his State of the Union address Wednesday. The Graham/Talent WMD Commission, as it is known, is a legacy of the 9/11 Commission, which recommended its creation to examine WMD proliferation threats in its own report. **In December, 2008, the WMD commission concluded in its final report that American national security faced ever growing threats from unconventional weapons, and from biological weapons in particular. Its report, "World at Risk," unanimously concluded that bioterrorism was the most likely WMD threat the nation confronted given the exponential growth of biological technology and the stated desire of Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups to acquire such weapons.** It called upon the administration to take 13 steps to reduce America's vulnerability to such an attack. The new report card assesses the progress that the Obama administration has made in implementing its recommendations. **The report is not uniformly negative. It gives the Administration high marks -- an "A" -- for the reviews it has conducted into how best to store and secure dangerous pathogens, and two "A-minus" grades for appointing a WMD coordinator and restructuring how the White House oversees homeland security issues.** But it warns that such steps are not commensurate with the threat the nation faces from terrorist groups searching for unconventional weapons in asymmetrical warfare. Robert Kadlec, President Bush's former special adviser on bio-defense policy, declined to comment on the commission's failing grade in the area in which he worked, saying there was still "ample opportunity to provide more focus and resources" for bio-preparedness in the administration's remaining three years. **"This is a hard problem which deserves high priority," he said. Two defenders of the administration's policies, both of whom asked not to be identified by name because they were speaking without authorization, said that the Obama White House gave bio-defense and countering nuclear**



proliferation high priority. One official said that Obama's second presidential security directive -- the first being the reorganization of the White House national security apparatus -- mapped out a national strategy to defend the nation against biological attacks. He also predicted that the administration would seek increases in its new budget for bio-defense and global surveillance programs. Having been extended for one more year of work in 2009, the 9-member WMD Commission is disbanding after issuing this final report card. **But staff members said that its chairman and vice-chairman intend to form a non-profit organization to continue pressing the government to do more to counter WMD threats** (Miller, 2010).

**Date:** January 30, 2010

**Source:** The Dallas Morning News, Todd J. Gillman

**Title/Headline:** *Mysterious Bush-Bush-Obama Meeting at the Oval Office this Morning*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama hosted President George H.W. Bush (Former Head of the CIA) and his son, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. Two weeks ago, Jeb's brother, former President George W. Bush, was at the White House talking about Haiti relief with Obama and ex-President Bill Clinton. **The White House described it as a social call, but feel free to speculate.** Jeb Bush's presence was unexpected -- the White House hadn't said anything about him being invited. It's all very... bipartisan. The Bushes were at the White House for just over a half-hour, emerging in a driving snow that over the next few hours will blanket the capital with several inches of fluff. **"Good meeting, good meeting," the elder Bush, 85** and walking with a cane, said in response to a question called out by a reporter. Bush the elder hosted Obama at Texas A&M a few months back, at an event celebrating community service/volunteerism and marking the 20th anniversary of his **Points of Light project** (Gillman, 2010).

**Only 8 days prior to the 2010 Super Bowl, a strange and mysterious meeting occurred at the Oval office. What exactly the Bush & Co. said to Obama is purely speculative, but it most likely had to do with the cancelation of the nuclear Super Bowl attack.**

**Date:** January 31, 2010

**Source:** Raw Story, Stephen C. Webster

**Title/Headline:** *After Pledging To 'Reverse' Their Spread, Obama Increases Nuclear Weapons Budget*

**Abstract:** "I have embraced the vision of John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan through a strategy that reverses the spread of [nuclear] weapons, and seeks a world without them," President Barack Obama claimed during his first State of the Union speech. "To reduce our stockpiles and launchers, while ensuring our deterrent, the United States and Russia are completing negotiations on the farthest-reaching arms control treaty in nearly two decades." Yet, **in the budget the Obama White House will send to Congress on Monday, the administration proposes a 10 percent spending increase on the nation's nuclear weapons budget, bringing the total to roughly \$7 billion**, according to McClatchy Newspapers. In a Friday op-ed published by *The Wall Street Journal*, Vice President Joseph Biden claimed that the increase is due in large part to the decay in nuclear stockpiles over the last decade, due mainly to neglect by the Bush administration. **"For as long as nuclear weapons are required to defend our country and our allies, we will maintain a safe, secure and effective nuclear arsenal,"** he wrote. **"The budget we will submit to Congress on Monday both reverses this decline and enables us to implement the president's nuclear-security agenda. These goals are intertwined."** The increased funding would also be used to modernize old facilities and retain the necessary staff to track nonproliferation issues and ensure weapons reduction agreements are upheld, McClatchy added. **"Our budget request is just one of several closely related and equally important initiatives giving life to the president's Prague agenda,"** Biden explained. "Others include completing the New START agreement with Russia, releasing the Nuclear Posture Review on March 1, holding the Nuclear Security Summit in April, and pursuing ratification and entry into force of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty." "Fascinating point: it took a Democratic president and a Democratic Congress to modernize the stockpile," The Atlantic's Marc Ambinder noted. **"The Bush administration's efforts in this regard failed. It remains to be seen how and whether the administration ties this achievement into a larger narrative about nonproliferation and national security"** (Webster, 2010).

**Date:** February 3, 2010

**Source:** Bloomberg News, Justin Blum

**Title/Headline:** *Democrats Vulnerable on Terrorism, Republicans Say*

**Abstract:** **Republicans say they see weakness in President Barack Obama's approach to fighting terrorism -- and a winning issue for themselves in the November congressional elections. While Republicans have criticized Obama's national-security policies since he took office, the intensity has picked up in recent weeks.** They have focused on the administration's handling of the attempted Christmas bombing of a Northwest Airlines flight and the government's plans to try terrorism suspects in civilian courts. **The top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Jeff Sessions of Alabama, issued at least 15 statements assailing Obama's policies for combating terrorism.** Representative Lamar Smith of Texas, the top Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, said in an interview. Americans **"will vote for people who are strong on protecting American lives."** Obama administration officials in recent days have sought to blunt the Republicans' attacks by appearing on television talk shows and briefing reporters. **U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder sent letters to lawmakers today defending the administration's handling of the attempted Christmas day bombing.** Obama devoted part of his Jan. 27 State of the Union speech to showing he is focused on terrorist threats. "Let's put aside the schoolyard taunts about who's tough," Obama said. **The administration has been "filling unacceptable gaps" uncovered by the failed Christmas attack with better airline security,** he said, adding that hundreds of Al Qaeda fighters have been killed or captured in the last year. **Former Vice President Dick Cheney has repeatedly faulted Obama's plans to close the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, prison for suspected terrorists and his rejection of waterboarding, or simulated drowning,** in interrogations Republicans said the Massachusetts vote, along with a nationwide poll by National Public Radio, indicate the issue is resonating. Respondents were almost evenly split on the question of whether **Obama's policies**



**have made the U.S. less safe.** The poll of 800 likely voters conducted Jan. 20-23 had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.46 percentage points. "It's a good potential issue to use in our fall campaigns," said Newhouse. **Republicans have focused on the administration's handling of Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, accused of carrying explosives on the Dec. 25 Detroit-bound flight.** Sessions and 21 other Republican senators sent a letter to Obama saying Abdulmutallab shouldn't be tried in civilian court. They criticized authorities for reading him his rights and pursuing a criminal case, saying it may have "resulted in a missed opportunity to collect timely intelligence." **Obama said there was a "systemic failure" that allowed a suspect linked to an Al Qaeda group to board the plane.** Still, the administration said there's no indication any additional information would have been extracted in the military-justice system. **The administration has a "blind spot when it comes to prosecuting" the war on terror,** said Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Senate Republican leader, at a speech in Washington today. **The attempted plane bombing was "the most egregious example, but it was no isolated case."** Ken Gude, associate director of the international rights and responsibility program at the Center for American Progress, cited a fundraising letter sent by Representative Pete Hoekstra of Michigan, the top Republican on the intelligence committee. **It described the Obama administration as "weak-kneed liberals who have recently tried to bring Guantanamo Bay terrorists right here to Michigan!"** The administration needs to do more to sell its record to the public, Gude said (Blum, 2010).

**Date:** February 7, 2010

**Source:** Reuters

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Anti-Terror Adviser Lashes Out At Lawmakers*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama's top counterterrorism adviser lashed out at U.S. lawmakers, accusing them of using national security issues as a "political football" for their own gains. Republicans have accused the Obama administration of making mistakes in the handling of the arrest of Nigerian Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 23, who is accused of trying to blow up a Detroit-bound plan on Christmas Day. **"Quite frankly I'm tiring of politicians using national security issues such as terrorism as political football.** They're going out there, they're unknowing of the facts, and they're making charges and allegations that are not anchored in reality," John Brennan told NBC's "Meet the Press." **By charging Abdulmutallab in a criminal court and giving him legal rights, Republicans have argued that it prevented the intelligence community from obtaining information from him on al Qaeda and possible future U.S. terrorist attacks.** Brennan revealed that he briefed Republican lawmakers, including Senator Christopher Bond, the top Republican on the Senate intelligence committee, soon after the arrest on the handling of the suspect and they did not raise any concerns. "They were told about the fact of that cooperation as well as some information he was sharing," Brennan said. **"None of those individuals raised any concerns with me at that point. They didn't say, is he going into military custody? Is he going to be Mirandized?"** In a statement, Bond said if Brennan had told him of plans to read the suspect his legal rights, commonly called Miranda rights in the United States, he would have told him it was a mistake. **"The truth is that the administration did not even consult our intelligence chiefs ... so it's absurd to try to blame congressional leaders for this dangerous decision that gave terrorists a five-week head-start to cover their tracks,"** Bond said. Brennan said he would not compromise investigations by revealing sensitive intelligence information. **"There have been instances where information is shared with the Hill and we see it in the paper the next day,"** Brennan said, adding that FBI officials had appropriately handled the arrest. **"Those counterterrorism professionals deserve the support of our Congress and, rather than second-guessing what they are doing on the ground,"** he said. The office of House Republican Leader John Boehner said in a statement that Brennan made a short phone call to the lawmaker on Christmas Day but did not say the suspect would be read his Miranda rights. **"The courtesy call certainly does not remotely qualify as a 'briefing,'"** Boehner's office said, adding that Brennan gave "no substantive information" on the arrest (Reuters, 2010).

**Date:** February 7, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Palin: US Needs Commander, Not Professor*

**Abstract:** Former Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin has sharply criticized US President Barack Obama over his national security policies. Speaking at a national convention of the "Tea Party" movement Saturday night, Palin slammed the first African American president of the US for his handling of the so-called war on terror. **She said that the Obama administration does not seem to understand the war on terror in the way it handled the recent attempt to bomb an airliner on Christmas Day.** Targeting the Democratic president, Palin boasted that it is time America had a commander in chief, not a professor at a lectern. Observers have described Palin as political novice who is gravely illiterate in international politics but very good at reading pre-rehearsed speeches, filled with negative rhetoric, aimed at mocking the political opposition. On economic recession, the Republican John McCain's running mate in the 2008 presidential election described Obama's proposed 2011 budget as 'immoral' for increasing the national debt, reiterating that the nation is drowning in debt. The convention in Nashville brought together hundreds of activists from the Tea Party group, which hopes to make a splash in the 2010 congressional elections and beyond. All 435 seats of the House of Representatives and more than a third of the 100 Senate seats are up for grabs next November. Democrats currently hold the majority in both houses. The movement takes its name from the historic protest against British taxation, the Boston Tea Party, one of the triggers of the American Revolution against the British colonial rule. **"This is the movement and America is ready for another revolution and you are a part of this,"** boasted Palin. McCain and Palin lost heavily to Obama in the 2008 presidential election, leaving the Grand Old Party floundering and leaderless. Palin was blamed by many Republicans for the landslide defeat of the Republican ticket due to her ignorance of international and current affairs. Amid speculations that Palin might make a bid for presidency in 2012, she brushed aside her own political ambitions saying that everyone had a role to play. **"You don't need a proclaimed leader as if we are all a bunch of sheep and looking for a leader to progress this movement,"** she said. Recent reports indicate that Palin received advice from her husband, a fisherman, in governing the State of Alaska (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** February 11, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Joestradamus: Biden Predicts Large-Scale Terror Attack On U.S. 'Unlikely'*

**Abstract:** Vice President Joe Biden made his latest eyebrow-furrowing prediction declaring confidently that another Sept. 11-size terror attack is "unlikely" in the U.S., despite signs that Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups are actively planning more attacks. Top intelligence officials told congressional lawmakers early this month that the terror network can be expected to try another attack in the next three to six months. But Biden, interviewed on CNN, downplayed the risk. **"Look, let me put it this way. The idea of there being a massive attack in the United States like 9/11 is unlikely, in my view,"** the vice president said. "What's happening, particularly with Al Qaeda and the Arabian Peninsula, they have decided to move in the direction of much more small-bore but devastatingly frightening attacks," he said on Wednesday. **"The concern relates to somebody like a shoe bomber or the underpants bomber, the Christmas attack or someone just strapping a backpack on them with explosives that are indigenous"** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** February 14, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, This Week, Jonathan Karl

**Title/Headline:** *Cheney: Al Qaida Wants Nukes, Obama Doesn't Take It Seriously. Boogah Boogah!*

**Abstract:** On This Week with Jonathan Karl, Darth Cheney lays the groundwork for a full-bore Republican attack on the Obama administration in the event of another terrorist attack.

**Jonathan Karl:** Another thing from the vice president, he also addressed the possibility of another 9/11-style attack. (Video Clip Starts)

**Joe Biden:** The idea of there being a massive attack in the United States like 9/11 is unlikely, in my view. But if you see what's happening, particularly with Al Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, **they have decided to move in a direction of much more small-bore, but devastatingly frightening attacks.** (Video Clip Ends)

**Jonathan Karl:** Is he right?

**Dick Cheney:** I don't think so. And I would point to a study that was released just within the last week or two up at the Kennedy School at Harvard by a gentleman -- Mowatt-Larssen's his name, I believe. He was CIA for 23 years, director of intelligence at the Energy Department for a long time, that looks at this whole question of weapons of mass destruction and Al Qaida and comes to the conclusion that **there's a very high threat that Al Qaida is trying very hard to acquire a weapon of mass destruction and, if they're successful in acquiring it, that they will use it.** I think he's right. I think, in fact, the situation with respect to Al Qaida to say that, you know, that was a big attack we had on 9/11, but it's not likely again, I just think that's dead wrong. I think the biggest strategic threat the United States faces today is **the possibility of another 9/11 with a nuclear weapon or a biological agent of some kind, and I think Al Qaida is out there even as we meet trying to figure out how to do that.**

**Jonathan Karl:** And do you think that the Obama administration is taking enough serious steps to prevent that?

**Dick Cheney:** **I think they need to do everything they can to prevent it.** And if the mindset is it's not likely, then it's difficult to mobilize the resources and get people to give it the kind of priority that it deserves (Madrak, 2010).

**Date:** February 14, 2010

**Source:** CBS News, Face The Nation

**Title/Headline:** *Dueling VPs: Biden, Cheney Parry On Terror*

**Abstract:** Vice President Dick Cheney's comments contending that President Barack Obama is "trying to pretend" that the U.S. is not at war with terrorists. Cheney stated that, "To say that, you know, that was a big attack we had on 9/11, but it's not likely again, I just think that's dead wrong. **I think the biggest strategic threat the United States faces today is the possibility of another 9/11 with a nuclear weapon or a biological agent of some kind, and I think Al Qaeda is out there even as we meet trying to figure out how to do that.**" Cheney said the administration needs to do everything possible to prevent that, "And if the mindset is 'It's not likely,' then it's difficult to mobilize the resources and get people to give it the kind of priority that it deserves." These comments came in response to Vice President Joe Biden's statement that **"The threat of al Qaeda acquiring control of a nuclear weapon is legitimate but unlikely."** Biden went on to state, "The reason why I do not think it's likely, is because of all the resources we have put on this, considerably more than the last administration did, to see to it that it will not happen. **We agree, the worst nightmare is the possession of nuclear weapons or a radiological weapon by Al Qaeda,**" Biden added that, "The reason it's unlikely is because we have been relentless, absolutely relentless in isolating al Qaeda. I don't know what Dick doesn't understand. **The worry is legitimate. The reason why I do not think it's likely is because of all the resources we have put on this, considerably more than the last administration did, to see to it that it will not happen"** (CBS News, 2010).

**Date:** April 2, 2010

**Source:** Global Research, Wei Guoan

**Title/Headline:** *The Dangers Of Nuclear War: U.S.-Russian Nuke Deal No Cure For Real Threat*

**Abstract:** After nearly a year's negotiations, the U.S. and Russian governments finally reached an agreement on further reduction and limitation of nuclear weapon arms. The agreement will be signed on April 8, limiting the total number of warheads to less than 1,550. Overall, it is good for world peace and stability as well as the prevention of nuclear proliferation, but we shouldn't be over-optimistic about the treaty. The motivations behind the treaty are clear. Russia is opposed to the U.S. missile defense system and its deployment in Eastern Europe. The U.S. continues to expand the scope of the missile defense system, which constitutes a real threat to Russia in Eastern Europe. With 95 percent of the world's total nuclear warheads, the U.S. and Russia are the world's two largest nuclear powers. Russia has more than 14,000 missiles and the U.S. has more than 9,000. This remains one of the few areas where the former U.S.'s national strength is as great as ever, so the U.S. is active in working toward compromise in this field. Yet the treaty has its problems. In the existing agreements, the number of nuclear warheads was limited to between 1,500 and 2,200. This new agreement itself has no new breakthroughs and has not met the expectations of the international community. Half a year ago, the limit of 1,500 was proposed, but in the end, it became 1,550, no big breakthrough at all. **The most fundamental problem is that the provisions do not eliminate nuclear weapons but instead change their level of readiness. Nuclear weapons have three states of readiness: fully equipped and ready to be fired, readied but with the head and body separated, and finally, in storage conditions with the warhead removed.** This treaty reduces the number of fully equipped nuclear weapons to less than 1,550, but the excess missiles will not be destroyed, only moved to a different state of readiness. **They could be activated and re-weaponized in only a short span of time.** Despite the agreement, the U.S. also continues to work on developing new nuclear weapons itself. While some are being moved from the frontlines, lighter, more accurate weapons are being developed, as well as so-called bunker-busters designed to penetrate deeply into the Earth. **The U.S.-Russian agreement only limits bilateral development, but the real concern is the spread of nuclear weapons worldwide.** The U.S. is planning to hold a nuclear safety summit on April 13 where the core issue is the nuclear non-proliferation. **Once nuclear technology spreads, and especially if terrorist organizations get their hands on nuclear materials, the consequences are unpredictable, and it is in every country's interests to prevent this.** U.S. standards on nuclear proliferation are also inconsistent. **It gives tacit approval to Israel's nuclear weapons program, and makes no effort to discourage Japan from stockpiling raw materials that could, in theory, produce thousands of nuclear weapons.** In contrast, the U.S. has been particularly sensitive to Iran and North Korea. Iran has not tested nuclear weapons, but claims to developing civilian nuclear facilities. However, the U.S. has been strongly working for sanctions against it as a consequence and even considering military actions. Out of political considerations, the U.S. has adopted two completely different standards on the use of nuclear technology by various nations. **To make a convincing case for non-proliferation, the U.S. should apply the same standards to every country** (Guoan, 2010).



**Date:** April 6, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Robert Burns, Anne Flaherty

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Calls Nuke Terrorism The Top Threat To US*

**Abstract:** Rewriting America's nuclear strategy, the White House announced a fundamental shift that calls the spread of atomic weapons to rogue states or terrorists a worse threat than the nuclear Armageddon feared during the Cold War. The Obama administration is suddenly moving on multiple fronts with a goal of limiting the threat of a catastrophic international conflict, although it's not yet clear how far and how fast the rest of the world is ready to follow. In releasing the results of an in-depth nuclear strategy review, **President Barack Obama said his administration would narrow the circumstances in which the U.S. might launch a nuclear strike, that it would forgo the development of new nuclear warheads and would seek even deeper reductions in American and Russian arsenals.** His defense secretary, Robert Gates, said the focus would now be on terror groups such as al-Qaida as well as North Korea's nuclear buildup and Iran's nuclear ambitions. **"For the first time, preventing nuclear proliferation and nuclear terrorism is now at the top of America's nuclear agenda,"** Obama said, distancing his administration from the decades-long U.S. focus on arms competition with Russia and on the threat posed by nuclear missiles on hair-trigger alert. **"The greatest threat to U.S. and global security is no longer a nuclear exchange between nations, but nuclear terrorism by violent extremists and nuclear proliferation to an increasing number of states,"** he said, spelling out the core theme of the new strategy. Obama's announcement set the stage for his trip to Prague Thursday to sign a new arms reduction agreement with Russia. **And it precedes a gathering in Washington next Monday of government leaders from more than 40 countries to discuss improving safeguards against terrorists acquiring nuclear bombs.** In May, the White House will once again help lead the call for disarmament at the United Nations in New York during an international conference on strengthening the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Congressional Democrats hailed Tuesday's announcement, but some Republicans said it could weaken the nation's defense. Rep. Buck McKeon of California, the top Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, said the policy change could carry "clear consequences" for security and he was troubled by **"some of the language and perceived signals imbedded" in the policy.** Two leading Senate voices on nuclear strategy, Arizona Republicans John McCain and Jon Kyl, criticized the Obama policy's restrictions on using nuclear arms to retaliate against a chemical or biological attack. **"The Obama Administration must clarify that we will take no option off the table to deter attacks against the American people and our allies,"** the senators said in a joint statement. From the start of his term in office, Obama has put halting the spread of atomic arms near the top of

his defense priorities. But during his first year he failed to achieve a significant breakthrough on arguably the two biggest threats: Iran and North Korea. Obama's current push for arms control initiatives is designed to strengthen international support for strengthened nonproliferation efforts. **"Given al-Qaida's continued quest for nuclear weapons, Iran's ongoing nuclear efforts and North Korea's proliferation, this focus is appropriate and, indeed, an essential change from previous" policy, Gates said. In presenting the results of the administration's policy review, Gates said a central aim was to reduce the role of nuclear weapons in U.S. defense strategy. That will include removing some of the intentional ambiguity about the circumstances under which the U.S. would launch a nuclear strike,** Gates told reporters at the Pentagon. "If a non-nuclear weapons state is in compliance with the Non-Proliferation Treaty and its obligations, the U.S. pledges not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against it," Gates said. **If, however, such a state were to use chemical or biological weapons against the U.S. or its allies, "it would face the prospect of a devastating conventional," or non-nuclear, military response. That is not a major departure from the policy of past administrations, but it is slightly more forthright about which potential aggressors might fear a nuclear strike, and which might not. "This is not a breakthrough; it's a common-sense refinement"** of U.S. policy, said Daryl Kimball, president of the Arms Control Association. Gates said Iran and North Korea in particular should view the new U.S. policy as a strong message about their behavior. **"If you're not going to play by the rules, if you're going to be a proliferator, then all options are on the table in terms of how we deal with you,"** he said. The major review of nuclear policy was the first since 2001 and only the third since the end of the Cold War. The version produced in December 2001 came just three months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. **With the threat of terrorism in mind, Gates said the U.S. is not closing the door to the nuclear option. "Given the catastrophic potential of biological weapons and the rapid pace of biotechnology development, the United States reserves the right to make any adjustment to this policy that may be warranted by the evolution and proliferation of biological weapons,"** the defense chief said. Some private nuclear weapons experts said Obama should have gone further to reduce reliance on U.S. nuclear weapons as a deterrent. **"There's no real indication of the deep shifts in thinking necessary to begin giving up the nuclear fix,"** said Paul Ingram, executive director of the British American Security Information Council. U.S. allies, however, welcomed the outcome. **"The right signal at the right time,"** said Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini. Sharon Squassoni, a nonproliferation expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the administration's overall approach to nuclear policy, as spelled out by Obama and Gates, is clearer than those of previous administrations. **The reworked policy, she said, is a "significant but not radical departure"** (Burns & Flaherty, 2010).

**Date:** April 11, 2010

**Source:** USA Today

**Title/Headline:** *Obama: Nuclear Terrorism Is 'The Single Biggest Threat' To U.S.*

**Abstract:** President Obama issued a grim warning Sunday about the threat of nuclear terrorism, as he kicked off three days of summitry by holding a string of meetings with five world leaders. **"If there was ever a detonation in New York City, or London, or Johannesburg, the ramifications economically, politically and from a security perspective would be devastating,"** Obama said before meeting with South African President Jacob Zuma. Obama's meetings with Zuma and four other leaders came on the eve of the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, D.C. **The prospect of nuclear terrorism is "the single biggest threat to U.S. security, both short-term, medium-term and long-term,"** Obama said. **"This is something that could change the security landscape of this country and around the world for years to come." Al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations are seeking a nuclear device, Obama said, "a weapon of mass destruction that they have no compunction at using."** Terrorism is the focus of the Nuclear Security Summit, which features leaders from nearly 50 nations. Obama is seeking global cooperation on isolating non-secure nuclear materials that could be used to make a weapon. **His five meetings Sunday included one with India Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. They discussed the civil nuclear energy agreement India signed with the United States in 2006, as well as the nuclear weapons program of India's neighbor and rival, Pakistan -- another country on Obama's agenda for today.** Obama also met with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan, which is one of the world's largest producers of uranium; enriched uranium can be used to make nuclear weapons. In addition to Zuma of South Africa, the president also met with Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani of Pakistan; and acting President Goodluck Jonathan of Nigeria. All the meetings were at Blair House, the guest residence across the street from the White House. Before Singh left India, he said: **"I expect the summit to focus on nuclear terrorism and proliferation of sensitive nuclear materials and technologies. ... India has a well-developed indigenous nuclear energy program, which dates back six decades. We have an impeccable record of security, safety and non-proliferation which reflects our conduct as a responsible nuclear power."** Meanwhile, President Nazarbayev said before leaving Kazakhstan: "I have come to share with President Obama and other heads of state the bold plan Kazakhstan implemented to reduce and prevent the threat of nuclear terrorism through nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation, and peaceful civilian power use. It has worked well for Kazakhstan and it can work for the rest of the world." **South Africa is another example of a country that has given up the ability to make nuclear weapons. Before the meeting with Zuma, Obama said he hopes South Africa can "guide other countries down a similar direction of non-proliferation"** (USA Today, 2010).

**Date:** April 12, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Huma Khan

**Title/Headline:** *Is Obama's Nuclear Security Summit More Than A Symbolic Gesture?*

**Abstract:** World leaders from 47 nations convene this week in Washington, D.C., for the Nuclear Security Summit, a gathering that the Obama administration hopes will raise awareness about the threats of nuclear arms getting into the hands of terrorists or "rogue" nations. But even as the nuclear agenda takes center stage, many experts doubt whether the nuclear summit is all that it's hyped up to be, and whether it will yield any concrete results. **President Obama said Sunday the goal of the nuclear summit is to discuss the terrorist threat and getting countries to lock down their nuclear weapons in a specific time frame.** The Obama administration itself has pledged to try to "secure all vulnerable materials" within four years and is hoping the summit will spark a case for preventive action among others. **"If there was ever a detonation in New York City or London or Johannesburg, the ramifications economically, politically, and from a security perspective would be devastating,"** Obama said on the eve of the summit. **"And we know that organizations like al**



**Qaeda are in the process of trying to secure a nuclear weapon -- a weapon of mass destruction that they have no compunction of using."** Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said last week that the nuclear summit would be the largest of its kind hosted by a U.S. president since the U.N. conference in 1945. But even as Obama brings the issue of nuclear security and disarmament into the spotlight -- first with the release of the new U.S. nuclear policy, and then the U.S.-Russia arms reduction agreement -- he faces significant challenges from two fronts. Internationally, U.S. allies such as India, Pakistan and Israel have been resistant to signing the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, citing national security concerns. The view in many countries is that this week's treaty signing aside, if the United States and Russia -- which together account for 95 percent of the world's nuclear arsenal and material -- cannot cut their nuclear stockpile, why should they be forced to? "No one is willing to step up and say, 'Yea, I'm part of the problem here,'" said former national security official Ivan Oelrich, now vice president of the Strategic Security Program at the Federation of American Scientists. **The "U.S. and Russia have to lead the way in major reductions." Participant countries will also likely be looking to the United States for accountability.** Henry Sokolsi, executive director of the Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, argues that if the United States is going to try to persuade other countries, it needs to shift its own policy at home too. **"I just think it's disrespectful to these countries," he said. "Each country has its own problems. If we're not helping them on that, how can we expect them to not rely on them [nuclear weapons] to feel secure? We rely on them. Why should they be any different?"** Domestically, the partisan rift on Capitol Hill means possibly a tough fight ahead for Obama's nuclear agenda. **Critics of the new nuclear policy released last week complain that it gives a free pass to countries such as Iran and North Korea, and Republican senators are already taking aim at the U.S.-Russia arms treaty that was signed last week, saying it hurts U.S. security interests.** The general consensus is that the treaty will eventually be ratified by the end of the year, but the issue is likely to be the subject of a heated political debate for much longer. "He has a political opposition that's willing to use these reasonable but actually quite modest steps forward as political ammunition, and they widely misconstrue them to make cheap political shots," Sokolsi said. "If your political opposition is willing to exploit that, it's a tough battle to fight." Even before the summit got off the ground, tensions were evident. On Thursday, Israel said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would not be attending, reportedly because of suggestions that some attendees would use the summit to criticize its nuclear program. The fact that one of the United States' closest allies will not be in attendance is likely to put pressure on the United States. **"In practical terms, it may not have a lot of significance," said Christopher Ford, director for the Center for Technology and Global Security at the Hudson Institute, and a former special representative for nuclear nonproliferation in the Bush administration. But, "politically, it's not a good thing to call a giant international conference to show world unanimity and have that unanimity be so chopped away before the opening gavel."** Ford said the summit is a good way to bring together different world leaders to discuss a common threat, but what it means to achieve remains blurry. **"It seems to be in a large part a consciousness-raising exercise. Those are not bad, but they are not things that haven't been worked on in the past either," he said. "It strikes me as a lot of effort for a not of lot of payoff. ... People will have to get a whole lot more serious than saying nice things at a summit."** Iran will likely be at the top of the president's agenda during the summit. The country's president, Mahmoud Ahmedinejad, only mocked Obama after the U.S.-Russia treaty, despite warnings of sanctions against it. Just on Friday, Iran unveiled what it called its third generation of centrifuges for nuclear enrichment. **"If Iran decides to acquire and deploy a nuclear weapon then you're likely to see a cascade effect where other countries will think they might have to exercise a nuclear option, including perhaps Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey and others in the region,"** said former ambassador Richard Burt, who was the negotiator for the first Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. **"That would be in my view ... be a show stopper." Others said the summit should avoid focusing solely on Iran but emphasize more how countries can come together to establish global standards. "I don't think this should be turned into an Iran-bashing situation,"** said Oelrich, who believes Iran is a long way from becoming a nuclear power. "One of the things that we'll try to do is ... establish new international norms -- what is acceptable behavior, should nuclear weapons be legitimate instruments of national power." **Obama is bringing up the nuclear agenda at a time when very few Americans tend to think about it as a global threat. Barely half of Americans see nuclear terrorism as a top-level threat and most doubt a two-day summit of world leaders in Washington will do much to address it.** Just 12 percent of Americans in a new ABC News/Washington Post poll called the chance that terrorists could obtain nuclear weapons "the single biggest threat the world faces." **"Young people in college were not even born when the Berlin Wall fell, and so they are not really cognizant of the Cold War and what that meant,"** said Valerie Plame, former CIA covert agent best known for being the subject of an identity leak. Plame, who is included in a documentary called "Countdown to Zero" about the dangers of a nuclear world, said her work showed there is a real danger of nuclear weapons falling into the wrong hands. "Now, truly, the genie is out of the bottle and you have the possibility that terrorists ... could be stealing a bomb or buying a bomb," she said. **"The nexus of terrorism and nuclear weapons, it's absolutely terrifying." But not everyone is convinced nuclear terrorism is as important a threat. "Though the president keeps saying the most severe threat is nuclear terrorism, with all due respect it is not the most imminent threat,"** Sokolski said. "There is no specific intelligence that someone is going to steal a nuclear weapon. There is a general concern and anxiety about this, and probably it's warranted, but as to what you can do about it it's not clear" (Khan, 2010).

**Date:** April 12, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headlines:** *Gibbs: Obama Sees Loose Nuke Material As No. 1 Security Threat*

**Abstract:** President Obama sees the possibility of nuclear material falling into the hands of terrorists as the "number one security threat" in the world, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Monday, at the start of the nuclear security summit in Washington. The president, who is trying to enlist the help of dozens of countries in reducing that threat, capped off a day of one-on-one meetings with Chinese President Hu Jintao Monday afternoon. That followed a meeting with Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, after which the White House announced Ukraine had committed to purging its highly enriched uranium stockpile by 2012. But officials stressed that the immediate purpose of the summit is not so much to disarm states as to keep nuclear material as far away as possible from terrorist groups. **"The threat of nuclear terrorism is real. It is serious. It is growing, and it constitutes one of the greatest threats to our national security and, indeed, to global security,"** Obama's top counterterrorism adviser John Brennan said. **"The ability to obtain a nuclear weapon and to use it is the ultimate and most prized goal of terrorist groups."** The danger posed by loose nuclear material is the theme of the dinner formally kicking off the summit Monday night. **While the historic two-day gathering of leaders from 47**



countries is not expected to result in any major strategy shifts, officials said it serves to get world leaders on the same page about tackling this threat. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said securing loose material and halting the spread of nuclear weapons is "an area that people talk about a lot but frankly there hasn't been the kind of concerted international attention." The design of the summit, one of the largest international gatherings ever held on U.S. soil, still leaves Obama's hands tied in some big areas. Iran and North Korea -- the two countries whose rogue nuclear programs have been front-and-center in the global debate -- were not invited, though their nuclear programs are expected to be part of the discussion. **And India and Pakistan -- countries whose competition for nuclear material could develop into a Cold War-style weapons buildup -- are not expected to get heavy scrutiny. Pakistan is of particular concern, given its volatile location and the thriving presence of both Al Qaeda and the Taliban within its borders.** Lawrence Korb, assistant secretary of defense during the Reagan administration, said world leaders are going to need to deal with the dynamic between those two countries. He said Pakistan will continue to build up its nuclear stockpile as long as it harbors concerns about India's development. **"Even if you succeed here in this conference, if you don't deal with the situation between India and Pakistan, it can cause you a lot of problems," Korb told Fox News. He said an agreement signed under the second Bush administration that allows the U.S. to share nuclear technology with India only agitated the problem. "This is something that has to be on the agenda," he said, "because Pakistan will never stop as long as they think India is trying to get ahead of them. ... because while we worry about terrorism, they worry about India."** Ilan Berman, vice president of the American Foreign Policy Council, said pushing issues like Pakistan's and Iran's nuclear programs to the side could "undermine" the meeting. **"If Iran does (acquire nuclear-weapons capability) ... it really throws a monkey wrench into the entire purpose of this summit, which is to make sure that nuclear material is less available rather than more available to terrorists,"** he said. But the Obama administration, in the lead-up to the summit, has placed more emphasis on the danger posed by rogue terror groups than the danger posed by rogue states (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** April 13, 2010

**Source:** Fox News,

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Presses Nations To Lock Down Nuclear Material, Tries To Make Headway On Iran*

**Abstract:** President Obama pressed world leaders Tuesday to double down on efforts to secure loose nuclear material, saying that in a "cruel irony" the risk of nuclear attack has only increased since the end of the Cold War because terror groups are bent on scrounging up leftover material to fashion a weapon. His remarks at the opening session of the nuclear security summit in Washington, D.C., came as he tried to make headway in addressing the nuclear program of one of the key nations not in attendance -- Iran. **The Obama administration is putting more emphasis at the summit on the threat posed by terrorist groups than that posed by individual states' nuclear programs -- though the president on Tuesday addressed the concern that "dozens of nations" have nuclear material that could be sold or stolen, and used by groups like Al Qaeda. "In short, it is increasingly clear that the danger of nuclear terrorism is one of the greatest threats to global security -- to our collective security,"** Obama said. He also announced that South Korea would host the next nuclear summit in two years. **U.N. Ambassador Mohammad Khazee on Monday declared Obama's new nuclear policy, which excludes Iran from a U.S. pledge not to use nuclear weapons against countries that do not have them, an act of "state terrorism" because it threatens nations with weapons of mass destruction.** Meanwhile, the Ukrainians, who gave a major boost to arms control in 1994 when they agreed to surrender the nuclear weapons they inherited in the collapse of the Soviet Union, agreed to get rid of their weapons-grade fuel by 2012. Some details are yet to be worked out, including how and where to dispose of the nuclear fuel, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said. The material could be sent to the U.S. or Russia, but he declined to specify the amount, other than to say it was enough to make several nuclear weapons. The focus of the summit is tons of plutonium and highly enriched uranium are believed to be insufficiently protected from international criminal gangs and terrorist organizations. **A new report from a Harvard nonproliferation expert, for example, finds that Pakistan's small but growing stockpile faces "immense" threats and is the world's least secure from theft or attack. However, Pakistani Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani said his country's nuclear weapons are well-guarded. The officials at the summit are expected to sign a joint declaration to guide future work toward locking away and cleansing the globe of materials still too easily accessible to terrorists** (Fox News, 2010).

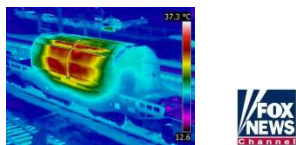
**Date:** April 13, 2010

**Source:** L.A. Times, Christi Parsons

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Gives Dire Warning At Start Of Nuclear Summit*

**Abstract:** Reporting from Washington — Calling for a "new mindset" among world leaders, President Obama on Tuesday opened the working session of his international nuclear summit with dire warnings about terrorist efforts to get their hands on nuclear weapons. **Networks such as Al Qaeda have tried to acquire the material for a nuclear weapon, the president told the assembly, predicting that if they were to succeed, "they would surely use it. "Were they to do so, it would be a catastrophe for the world, causing extraordinary loss of life and striking a major blow at global peace and stability,"** Obama said. **"It is increasingly clear that the danger of nuclear terrorism is one of the greatest threats to global security, to our collective security."** It was a dark reminder the president's team has been sounding all week in public remarks, as well as in one-on-one conversations between Obama and other leaders during the last three days. Obama opened with it Tuesday as the plenary session with leaders of 46 other nations and international agencies came to order for the president's summit in Washington. **At the top of the agenda is how to lock down nuclear material and arms to make sure terrorists can't threaten the world community or individual nations with an atomic attack.** The White House is hoping that Obama will be able to announce specific steps toward the goal of nuclear security by the time of an afternoon news conference expected after the summit concludes. **Already, the leaders of Chile, Ukraine and Canada have promised to reduce their stockpiles of enriched uranium that can be used in the manufacture of nuclear weapons.** Summit organizers at the White House also hope to release a communique after the end of the meeting. **One of the working provisions of the agreement would set a goal of securing loose materials around the world within the next four years.** Unclear at the start of business Tuesday morning is whether the leaders will move closer to supporting imposition of sanctions against Iran, an effort which Obama and Western allies are leading in hopes of curbing

that nation's nuclear program. Two decades after the end of the Cold War, Obama said, the "cruel irony of history" is that the risk of nuclear attack has gone up even as the risk of nuclear confrontation between nations has decreased. "Nuclear materials that could be sold or stolen and fashioned into a nuclear weapon exist in dozens of nations," Obama said. "Just the smallest amount of plutonium -- about the size of an apple -- could kill and injure hundreds of thousands of innocent people." World leaders must do more than talk, he said -- they must act to promote security. "It requires a new mindset," Obama said, "that we summon the will, as nations, as partners, to do what this moment in history demands" (Parsons, 2010).



**Date:** April 13, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Judson Berger

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. A Popular Destination For The World's Unwanted Nuclear Supply*

**Abstract:** Give me your tired, your poor, your fissile material yearning to be downgraded. The United States rapidly is becoming the hottest destination for unwanted nuclear fuel, as the Obama administration steps up efforts to relieve other countries of their weapons-grade nuclear supplies. President Obama is pressing other nations to give up the material in an effort to keep it as far away from terror groups as possible. That was the No. 1 goal of this week's nuclear security summit in Washington. More often than not, any country that agrees to give up years' worth of enriched uranium is sending the radioactive material to the United States. **The nuclear material is typically kept at one of two facilities: the Savannah River Site near Aiken, S.C., or the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn.** This raises concerns about cost, since the U.S. devotes millions of dollars to converting the material. And it could raise questions about security, too. U.S. officials insist the supply is safer in the United States than anywhere else in the world, and they say the U.S. is best-equipped to handle it. **"We certainly have the most secure facilities in the world and we have the technological ability to actually do the removals,"** said a National Nuclear Security Administration official. Three more countries announced transfer agreements at the D.C. summit -- Canada and Mexico both agreed to ship back highly enriched uranium that was originally from the United States, and Ukraine agreed to purge its weapons-grade nuclear supply by 2012. White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Monday that it's not been determined where Ukraine's material will go, but he made the case for the United States to house it. **"I think the American people feel wholly more confident that the material of which not a huge amount can destroy an entire city ... that that material is under safe lock and key and guard in this country, rather than potentially floating around somewhere else,"** Gibbs said. If Ukraine sends its nuclear material here, it will continue a new phase in the United States' role in storing the world's nuclear supply. **For years, the United States has taken back from other countries highly enriched uranium that originated in the U.S.** According to the National Nuclear Security Administration, well over one ton of the stuff has been returned from more than 30 countries. But early last year, the NNSA allowed taking nuclear fuel that did not originate in the United States. The first country to fall under this new policy was Chile, which just finished shipping its highly enriched uranium to America ahead of the D.C. summit. **That material originated in France and Great Britain, not the United States.** "That's the first of its kind," the NNSA official said. **The trend will continue if the United States takes Ukraine's nuclear material, which originated in Russia.** Under typical agreements with other countries, the United States takes their highly enriched uranium in exchange for low-enriched uranium that can be used for peaceful purposes. **The United States then takes the highly enriched uranium and downgrades it for future use, storing it at the sites in Tennessee and South Carolina, which the NNSA official said are "highly guarded."** That supply, after being blended with other materials making it unsuitable for a weapon, can later be used as fuel at commercial power plants. Chilean President Sebastian Pinera, in an interview with Fox News, said Monday that his country shipped out the fuel "in order to keep it safe." **"Both the U.S. and Chile are very much concerned about the danger with any kind of nuclear weapons falling in the wrong hands,"** Pinera said. Justin Logan, a foreign policy analyst with the Cato Institute, agreed that the United States has the capacity and the secure facilities to store the material safely. But he said the U.S. has become somewhat of a victim of the urgency it has placed on the problem, assuming the bulk of the costs associated with converting the material. **"The default position is, if this is the high priority for you, you get to bear a large chunk of the costs,"** Logan said. **"I certainly think it would be better if the costs were defrayed more equitably."** Obama has requested \$559 million, or a 68 percent increase, for next year's budget for the Global Threat Reduction Initiative -- the NNSA arm tasked with handling the high-risk nuclear material around the world. Logan said the risk of nuclear terrorism is not as high as some make it out to be. But he said even a "marginal decrease" in risk may be worth the price of sending the material to the United States for storage and processing. **So far, the NNSA has completely "cleaned out" weapons-grade nuclear material from 18 countries, including Chile** (Berger, 2010).

**This article begs the question: Why now? Should a nuclear detonation occur at the Super Bowl in Arlington (Dallas), Texas, it is highly likely that the individuals and organizations designated to clean up the nuclear radiation will also be disposing of nuclear waste from other countries, thus passing the bill to the American taxpayer.**

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**Source:** Army Times, Associated Press, Steven R. Hurst

**Title/Headline:** *Risk Of Nuclear Attack Has Risen, Obama Says.*

**Abstract:** President Obama kicked off the 47-country Nuclear Security Summit on Tuesday, declaring the risk of nuclear attack — not by an enemy nation, but from terrorists — was on the rise despite the end of the Cold War. In excerpts of his opening address

to the first full day of the summit, Obama described the new nuclear reality as a “cruel irony of history.” He called the conference with the goal of locking down all nuclear materials worldwide in four years. “The risk of a nuclear attack has gone up,” Obama said, as terrorist organizations like al-Qaida try to get their hands on nuclear materials (Army Times, 2010).

**Date:** April 13, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Anne Gearan

**Title/Headline:** *FACT CHECK: Obama Skips Fine Print In Nuke Speech (No Longer Available)*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama laid out a nightmare scenario on Tuesday -- a terrorist with atomic bomb materials no bigger than an apple who could launch an attack killing hundreds of thousands of people. In doing so, Obama skimmed on details that make that kind of attack a more remote danger than he implied in his brief opening remarks to more than 40 world leaders, even as he got the broad picture right. **The gathering, called by Obama, was intended to focus global attention on the problem of nuclear materials that could fall into the wrong hands.** Here's a look at the facts behind Obama's outline of the threat from nuclear terrorism: **OBAMA:** Said in comparing today's threat to that during the Cold War: “The risk of a nuclear confrontation between nations has gone down, but the risk of nuclear attack has gone up.” **THE FACTS:** Yes, the bleak Cold War vision of mutual annihilation is all but gone now, and in its place is a new kind of risk. **But linking the two, as he did, implies that the outcome from both scenarios is comparable.** He is correct that the numerical risk of an attack is higher now simply because there is so much material stockpiled and so many ways it could be misused. **Yet the consequences are more limited now than from a nuclear exchange between superpowers with thousands of warheads each. The more likely scenario now is a limited attack confined to one city rather than global nuclear winter.** **OBAMA:** Said nuclear materials that could be stolen or sold for use as a weapon exist in dozens of nations. **THE FACTS:** Correct. Arms control experts count roughly 40 nations with either weapons stocks or other nuclear facilities or material that could be misused. In most cases, however, the material or facilities are under what those nations claim is sufficient control. **OBAMA:** “Just the smallest amount of plutonium -- about the size of an apple -- could kill and injure hundreds of thousands of innocent people.” **THE FACTS:** The apple might be a nice visual, but perhaps a little misleading. Brookings Institution arms control expert Steven Pifer, largely agreeing with Obama, has one quibble: He says such a package would be closer to the size of a grapefruit. **More broadly, it is true that highly trained scientists and engineers with specialized equipment could fashion a small bomb that, as Obama said, could kill hundreds of thousands. But the facilities and technique needed to do so are presumed to be beyond the current reach of most terrorist groups or militant movements.** The scenario of a miniature but extraordinarily lethal bomb is hardly impossible, nonproliferation experts say, but probably represents less of a risk than a terrorist group getting hold of 50-80 pounds of enriched uranium and fashioning a crude device that would be larger and harder to conceal. Such a crude device might, however, be just as deadly. **OBAMA:** “Terrorist networks such as al-Qaida have tried to acquire the material for a nuclear weapon, and if they ever succeeded, they would surely use it.” **THE FACTS:** Al-Qaida's desire for at least crude nuclear capability is taken as a given, although Obama and other U.S. officials have not spelled out exactly how the terrorist network has pursued atomic weapons so far (Gearan, 2010).

**Date:** April 14, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Obama: ‘Real Progress’ At Nuclear Summit*

**Abstract:** President Obama said Tuesday that the 47-nation nuclear security summit he convened raised global awareness of the threat of nuclear terrorism and yielded commitments to better secure nuclear arsenals and materials. However, Obama was unable to declare a breakthrough with China and Russia on imposing tougher sanctions against Iran over its nuclear ambitions. He acknowledged that the final communique unanimously adopted by the summit participants was non-binding but said the steps announced this week showed that nations were seriously committed to the issue of keeping nuclear materials out of the hands of terrorists “who would surely use them.” “We’ve made real progress in building a safer world,” Obama said. **During the summit, the United States and Russia signed an update to a 2000 agreement intended to eliminate weapons-grade plutonium from their military programs. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the agreement commits each country to “irreversibly and transparently” dispose of at least 34 metric tons of weapons-grade plutonium, enough for 17,000 nuclear weapons.** In addition, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev confirmed plans to close a plutonium production reactor in the Siberian city of Zheleznogorsk, the White House said. **Obama called it an “important step forward.”** Earlier, the United States, Canada and Mexico agreed to work to convert the fuel at Mexico's nuclear research reactor to a lower grade of uranium unsuitable for nuclear weapons, the White House announced (CNN, 2010).



The Washington Times

**Date:** April 14, 2010

**Source:** Washington Times, Bill Gertz, Eli Lake

**Title/Headline:** *Critics: Obama Admin Hying Terrorist Nuclear Risk*

**Abstract:** The Obama administration is warning that the danger of a terrorist attack with nuclear weapons is increasing, but U.S. officials say the claim is not based on new intelligence and questioned whether the threat is being overstated. President Obama said in a speech before the 47-nation Nuclear Security Summit, that “the risk of a nuclear confrontation between nations has gone down, but the risk of nuclear attack has gone up.” The two-day meeting concluded with an agreement by participants to take steps to prevent non-state actors like al Qaeda from obtaining nuclear weapons, either through theft of existing weapons or through making their own

with pilfered nuclear material. **The joint statement called nuclear terrorism one of the most challenging threats to international security and called for tougher security to prevent terrorists, criminals and others from acquiring nuclear goods.** But Henry Sokolski, a member of the congressional Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism, said that **there is no specific intelligence on ongoing terrorist procurement of nuclear material.** "We were given briefings and when we tried to find specific intelligence on the threat of any known terrorist efforts to get a bomb, the answer was we did not have any." Mr. Obama told reporters that there was a range of views on the danger but that all the conferees **"agreed on the urgency and seriousness of the threat."** Mr. Sokolski said the idea that "we know that this is eminent has got to be somehow informed conjecture and apprehension, [but] it is not driven by any specific intelligence per se." **"We have reasons to believe this and to be worried, but we don't have specific intelligence about terrorist efforts to get the bomb,"** he said. "So we have to do general efforts to guard against his possibility, like securing the material everywhere." A senior U.S. intelligence official also dismissed the administration's assertion that the threat of nuclear terrorism is growing. **"The threat has been there,"** the official said. **"But there is no new intelligence."** **The official said the administration appears to be inflating the danger in ways similar to what critics of the Bush administration charged with regard to Iraq:** hyping intelligence to support its policies. The official said one likely motivation for the administration's new emphasis on preventing nuclear terrorism is to further the president's goal of eliminating nuclear weapons. **While the U.S. nuclear arsenal would be useful in retaliating against a sovereign state, it would be less so against a terrorist group.** But if the latter is the world's major nuclear threat, the official explained, then the U.S. giving up its weapons seems less risky. The new focus on nuclear terrorism emerged recently in the Nuclear Posture Review report made public last week that **identified nuclear terrorism as "today's most immediate and extreme danger."** By contrast, the latest CIA report to Congress on arms proliferation suggested that the threat from nuclear terrorism had diminished. **It stated that several terrorist groups, including al Qaeda, "probably remain interested" in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear arms** "but not necessarily in all four of those capabilities." Additionally, the report, made public last month, said terrorists "aim to use these agents against Western targets, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan." The military's blueprint for future conflicts, **"Joint Operating Environment 2010,"** stated that terrorists obtaining nuclear weapons or other mass-destruction arms is a "possibility" and said a major worry is that extremists could seize power in Pakistan and gain access to its nuclear arsenal. **The Joint Forces Command report warned that devastating biological weapons attacks by nations or terrorist groups could produce "terror on the scale of a nuclear attack."** John Brennan, the White House's chief counterterrorism adviser, told reporters Monday that the threat of nuclear terrorism "is real, it is serious, it is growing, and it constitutes one of the greatest threats to our national security and, indeed, to global security." A National Security Council spokesman declined to provide further information on Mr. Brennan's or the president's statement that the nuclear terrorist threat is growing. Mr. Brennan said **al Qaeda has sought a nuclear weapon for the past 15 years and that its efforts continue today. Al Qaeda is seeking "highly enriched uranium or separated plutonium" for a weapon that would give the Islamist group "the ability not only to threaten our security and world order in an unprecedented manner, but also to kill and injure many thousands of innocent men, women and children, which is al Qaeda's sole agenda,"** Mr. Brennan said. **Al Qaeda's efforts to obtain nuclear weapons in the past have included reports that the group tried to purchase a stolen weapon in the former Soviet Union, and that it has worked with Pakistani nuclear scientists.** Former CIA Director George J. Tenet disclosed in his recent memoir that a Pakistani nongovernmental organization, **Umma Tameer-e-Nau,** was used as cover for a covert program to send Pakistani nuclear scientists to work with al Qaeda's nuclear weapons team when it was granted safe haven in Afghanistan before 2001 (Gertz & Lake, 2010).

**Date:** April 17, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Iran Calls U.S. Nukes Tool of Terror, Intimidation*

**Abstract:** Iran's supreme leader told a nuclear disarmament conference in Tehran that the United States' atomic weapons are a tool of terror and intimidation. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said America deceptively calls for non-proliferation while holding on to its own weapons and failing to confront Israel, which is widely believed to have nuclear bombs. **"The deceptive policy by the sole nuclear offender, which falsely claims to be advocating the non-proliferation of nuclear arms while doing nothing substantive for this cause, will never succeed,"** Khamenei said. **If the U.S. meant what it said about stopping the spread of nuclear weapons, Israel would not have been able to "turn the occupied land of Palestine into an arsenal with huge stockpiles of nuclear weapons,"** he said. **Iran was angered by Obama's announcement this month of a new U.S. nuclear policy in which he pledged America would not use atomic weapons against nations that do not have them.** "The insistence of these governments on holding and increasing the destructive powers of these weapons ... serves as a tool of collective intimidation and terror," Khamenei said of the U.S. and other nuclear-armed nations (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** May 1, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Wall Street Journal

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Revises Tack On Mideast Arms*

**Abstract:** The U.S. is negotiating with Egypt a proposal to make the Middle East a region free of nuclear weapons. U.S. officials familiar with the move call it an important step in assuring countries that **Washington—criticized by some for its silence about Israel's undeclared nuclear arsenal—will equitably address weapons proliferation across the region.** Washington also reassured Israel it won't foist a nuclear-free zone on the region until all parties agree to it and significant progress has been made on Mideast peace (Fox News, 2010).



Date: May 6, 2010

Source: New York Times, James R. Woolsey

Title/Headlines: *Too Much Mr. Nice Guy On Nuclear Disarmament*

**Abstract:** There are three ways in which I believe recent decisions by the Obama administration are, unintentionally, actually fostering the proliferation of nuclear weapons rather than constraining them. When judging the various policies President Obama has put forth in recent weeks to move toward zero nuclear weapons, we should bear in mind the old dictum of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. — to really understand the law, “look at it as a bad man, who cares only for the material consequences which such knowledge enables him to predict.” First, the president and others have proposed to enhance nonproliferation by sequestering nuclear material into one international depository. The idea is that those who need enriched uranium for peaceful means can obtain it from this facility as needed if they promise not to continue down the path of making weapons-grade material. More advanced reactor design may someday lower the proliferation risk. But this is also in the future. We should not look at how the current nonproliferation regime would work through the eyes of, say, the Irish. We should look at it through the eyes of the governing powers in Iran and North Korea or like regimes who are inclined to secretly pursue weapons-grade material. In the world we live in, they are entirely capable of working hard to exploit the current regime or a future one in pursuit of nuclear weapons. The Non-Proliferation Treaty as it currently exists grew out of President Eisenhower’s “Atoms for Peace” program in the 1950s. It actually encourages countries that obtain nuclear reactors to produce electricity to also enrich uranium. The problem is that if a country enriches uranium up to 3 percent, which is suitable to generate electricity, it has done nearly three-quarters of the work needed to move along the road to 90 percent enrichment, which is what is required to make a bomb. Once a country reaches that higher level of enrichment, the weapons are the relatively easy part. A simple “shotgun” device like the bomb the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima is unfortunately, quite easy to design and construct. (That is why the 2007 National Intelligence Estimate that said Iran had halted its effort to build a nuclear weapon was deceptive. It gave the impression that the Iranians had halted what was most important to get to the nuclear bomb threshold — enriching uranium. But they were doing that in spades. They had possibly merely halted weapons design work.) Either by withdrawing from the NPT — and thus avoiding monitoring — or by secretly placing their facility in a mountain, Iran or like-minded regimes elsewhere can process enough low-enriched uranium up to the 90 percent enrichment level it needs for a weapon. The first Iranian bomb doesn’t have to be that sophisticated. Something that goes boom and sends a mushroom cloud up in the northern Iranian desert — even if it would not fit into the nose cone of a Scud — would still make Iran a nuclear power. That would change the world. Like Iran, other countries — including Venezuela and Saudi Arabia — say they want “peaceful” nuclear power for electricity. Given their vast oil resources, that is patent nonsense. They want a reactor in order to get on the road to highly enriched uranium and bomb material. If we persist in sponsoring nuclear energy exports from the United States as well as other countries so that nations can have the technology for today’s light-water reactors — which gets them into the fuel cycle — we will become the Johnny Appleseed of nuclear weapons. If the United States is helping spread light-water reactors and thus enriched uranium around the world in the name of peaceful atomic energy, it is creating a huge and dangerous problem. Second, President Obama’s “Nuclear Posture Review,” which seeks to limit the circumstances in which the United States might use nuclear weapons, embodies hesitancy with respect to deterrence. Some of the allies who once could rely on the United States to protect them from attack through “extended deterrence” may now doubt whether the U.S. nuclear umbrella still covers them. If, under Obama’s new policy, an ally is attacked by biological weapons, the United States is going to have to do a study to first see if whoever attacked is observing the NPT or not, since we will not now hit back with nukes if the attackers belong to the NPT and are not in violation of it. The idea is that if the United States just continually takes steps in good faith to clarify and reduce the circumstances in which we would use nuclear weapons to protect our allies, then the world may progress toward being nuclear-free. However, the incentives could work just the opposite way. Some friends and allies who felt protected under America’s nuclear umbrella are now going to start planning alternatives “just in case. Right after the North Korean nuclear test, a Japanese official was asked if that test meant Japan would move to nuclear weapons. They do, after all, have tons of plutonium available from their nuclear energy program. “No,” he said, “we have the mutual security treaty with the United States and we trust the Americans.... But,” he added, “if we decided to have a nuclear weapon it would take less than 200 days to produce it.” Third, as a result of President Obama’s new policies, it won’t be just our worried allies who might move toward obtaining their own nuclear weapons, but our enemies as well. The United States has gone from something like 8,000 deployed weapons a decade ago to around 2,000 now. We are at present engaged in reducing another few hundred. I haven’t heard anybody in Syria or Burma saying, “Hey, that means we will never need nuclear weapons.” There’s one thing Osama bin Laden has said that is true: When people look at a strong horse and a weak horse, they like the strong horse better. From the standpoint of a Syria, Iran or North Korea, the fact that the United States is holding out the dream of zero nuclear weapons and forswearing modernization even as they progress toward their own weapons makes the U.S. look more like the weak horse. For these reasons, I’m afraid that enemies of the United States, some of whom have relations with terrorist groups, will be more, not less, inclined to move toward obtaining nuclear weapons. In my judgment, we are not being smart about proliferation by moving in the direction President Obama has taken. Proliferation is going to be more, not less, of a problem (Woolsey, 2010).





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**Source:** New York Times, Peter Baker

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Expands Modernization Of Nuclear Weapons*

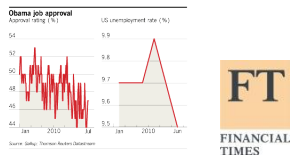
**Abstract:** President Obama promised to spend \$80 billion over 10 years to maintain and modernize the nation's nuclear arsenal. The plan expands a previous proposal by Mr. Obama to upgrade nuclear infrastructure and was sent to the Senate along with the treaty and accompanying protocol and annexes (Baker, 2010).

**Date:** June 19, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Brian Ross

**Title/Headline:** *Radical Cleric On CIA Hit List Taunts U.S. Military And Obama: On the Run in Yemen, Anwar Al-Awlaki Says "Ominous Clouds Gathering"*

**Abstract:** The radical Muslim cleric Anwar Al-Awlaki, whose killing has been approved by President Barack Obama, today taunted the American President and the United States military in an audio address posted online. "Imperial hubris is leading America to its fate: a war of attrition, a continuous hemorrhage that would end with the fall and splintering of the United States of America," said Awlaki. The site for the audio message features a picture of him juxtaposed with those Major Nidal Hassan, accused of the Ft. Hood shootings, and Omar Farouq Abdulmutallab, charged with the attempted bombing of an American jetliner on Christmas Day, 2009. A U.S. counter-terrorism official said there's no reason to believe the voice on the tape isn't Awlaki, and said the message contained "well-worn themes of hatred, violence and attempts at fear mongering. It's not just extremist bravado, it's trash." The American born and educated cleric also called on Muslims in the U.S. to do as he did in waging jihad against the U.S. "I could not reconcile between living in the US and being a Muslim, and I eventually came to the conclusion that jihad against America is binding upon myself, just as it is binding on every other able Muslim," said Awlaki in the message, speaking in English. Awlaki has been on the run since late last year when he was linked with both Major Hassan and Abdulmutallab. U.S. officials have told ABC News and other news agencies that the President approved efforts to target Awlaki with a missile strike in Yemen, where he is believed to be hiding (Ross, 2010).



**Date:** July 13, 2010

**Source:** Financial Times, Edward Luce

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Faces Growing Credibility Crisis*

**Abstract:** Robert Gibbs, Barack Obama's chief spokesman, got into hot water this week for daring to speak the truth – that the Democrats could lose control of the House of Representatives in November. But it could be even worse than that. Contrary to pretty much every projection until now, Democratic control of the Senate is also starting to come into question. **While Mr. Obama's approval ratings have continued to fall, and now hover at dangerously close to 40 per cent** according an ABC-Washington Post poll the fate of his former colleagues in the Senate looks even worse. "If you ask me where the silver lining is for President Obama, I have to say I cannot see one," says Bill Galston, a former Clinton official, who has been predicting for months the Democrats could lose the House. "Just as BP's failure to cap the well has been so damaging, Obama's failure to cap unemployment will be his undoing. There is nothing he can do to affect the jobless rate before November." Astonishingly, 55 per cent of citizens think Mr Obama is a "socialist" against only 39 per cent who do not share that diagnosis. The same poll shows 48 per cent support for Republicans against just 42 per cent for Democrats. The numbers are eerily similar to 2006, except that it was George W. Bush's Republicans who were on the receiving end four years ago. "The bottom line here is that Americans don't believe in President Obama's leadership," says Rob Shapiro, another former Clinton official and a supporter of Mr Obama. "He has to find some way between now and November of demonstrating that he is a leader who can command confidence and, short of a 9/11 event or an Oklahoma City bombing, I can't think of how he could do that." "I never thought I would say this, but even I'm unsure what President Obama really believes," says the adviser. "Instead of outsourcing decisions to Congress, he should spell out his bottom line. That is what leaders are for" (Luce, 2010).

**Date:** July 14, 2010

**Source:** The Independent, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Wants 40% Reduction In Nuclear Arsenal*

**Abstract:** A US government document revealed that the Obama administration is planning to cut the US nuclear stockpile by up to 40% by 2021. The Department of Energy document provides details of the reductions that President Barack Obama called for on a path to

eliminating nuclear weapons. **The reductions continue a trajectory of cuts that already reduced US stockpiles by about 75% since 1989. In May the administration said it had 5,113 nuclear warheads in its stockpile. The new document said the administration would like to reduce that number to a range of 3,000 to 3,500.** The document was presented to Congress in May and posted yesterday on the websites of the Federation of American Scientists and the Union of Concerned Scientists (The Independent, 2010).



**Date:** August 2, 2010

**Source:** UPI

**Title/Headline:** *Report: U.S. Needs Nuclear 'Forensics'*

**Abstract:** The United States is losing the nuclear forensics skills that could help identify the source of a nuclear weapon used in a terrorist attack, a report says. The highly specialized detective work, called nuclear attribution, studies clues from fallout and radioactive debris to discover the identity of the attacker and the source or manufacturer of the weapon, a National Research Council study published last week said. Arguing that nuclear terrorism is a serious, long-term threat to the United States, federal officials have sought to improve such analytic skills in recent years. **The NRC report, requested by the Department of Homeland Security, the Defense Department and the National Nuclear Security Administration, found U.S. forensic abilities "fragile, under resourced and, in some respects, deteriorating."** "Without strong leadership, careful planning and additional funds, these capabilities will decline," the report warned. Most of those capabilities are in the laboratories that maintain the nation's nuclear arsenal that had their heyday during the cold war but are now struggling to attract personnel, get funding for projects and establish new identities, the report said (UPI, 2010).

**Conveniently, right before the planned nuclear terror attack at the Super Bowl, the U.S. no money for nuclear forensic scientists. This is perfect, for the U.S: can attack Pakistan without knowing 100% that the nuke came from there!**

**Date:** August 10, 2010

**Source:** Intifada, Global Research, Michel Chossudovsky

**Title/Headline:** *Is The US Administration Planning A Nuclear Holocaust?*

**Abstract:** The US and its allies are preparing to launch a nuclear war directed against Iran with devastating consequences. This military adventure in the real sense of the word threatens the future of humanity. While one can conceptualize the loss of life and destruction resulting from present-day wars including Iraq and Afghanistan, it is impossible to fully comprehend the devastation which might result from a Third World War, using "new technologies" and advanced weapons, until it occurs and becomes a reality. The international community has endorsed nuclear war in the name of World Peace. "Making the World safer" is the justification for launching a military operation which could potentially result in a nuclear holocaust. But nuclear holocausts are not front page news! In the words of Mordechai Vanunu, **The Israeli government is preparing to use nuclear weapons in its next war with the Islamic world. Here where I live, people often talk of the Holocaust. But each and every nuclear bomb is a Holocaust in itself. It can kill, devastate cities, destroy entire peoples. Realities are turned upside down. In a twisted logic, a "humanitarian war" using tactical nuclear weapons, which according to "expert scientific opinion" are "harmless to the surrounding civilian population" is upheld as a means to protecting Israel and the Western World from a nuclear attack.** America's mini-nukes with an explosive capacity of up to six times a Hiroshima bomb are upheld by authoritative scientific opinion as a humanitarian bomb, whereas Iran's nonexistent nuclear weapons are branded as an indisputable threat to global security. **When a US sponsored nuclear war become an "instrument of peace", condoned and accepted by the World's institutions and the highest authority, including the United Nations, there is no turning back: human society has indelibly been precipitated headlong onto the path of self-destruction.** The following article first published in February 2006 under the title *Is the Bush Administration Planning a Nuclear Holocaust? Will the US launch "Mini-nukes" against Iran in Retaliation for Tehran's "Non-compliance"?* documents in detail America's doctrine of preemptive nuclear war, including war plans directed against Iran. **What is important to underscore is that five years ago, these war preparations were already in an advanced stage of readiness. The operational procedures for launching a nuclear war under the umbrella of US Strategic Command are examined.** We are at a dangerous crossroads: The rules and guidelines governing the use nuclear weapons have been "liberalized" (i.e. "deregulated" in relation to those prevailing during the Cold War era).

#### **The New Doctrine States:**

*Command, Control, and Coordination (CCC) regarding the use of nuclear weapons should be "flexible", allowing geographic combat commanders to decide if and when to use of nuclear weapons: "Geographic combat commanders would be in charge of Theater Nuclear Operations (TNO), with a mandate not only to implement but also to formulate command decisions pertaining to nuclear weapons." (Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations Doctrine )*

**We have reached a critical turning point in our history. It is absolutely essential that people accross the land, nationally and internationally, understand the gravity of the present situation and act forcefully against their governments to reverse the tide of war (Chossudovsky, 2010).**

**Date:** September 22, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *United States Could 'Absorb' Another Terror Attack, Obama Says in Woodward Book*

**Abstract:** President Obama, after being warned repeatedly by his advisers about the threat of another terror attack on U.S. soil, said in an interview two months ago that the United States could "absorb" another strike. The comment was included in the new book by journalist Bob Woodward, "Obama's Wars," excerpts of which were reported by The Washington Post and The New York Times. The book depicts the contentious debate the Obama administration endured to craft a new strategy in Afghanistan. According to the Post, Obama spent the bulk of the exhaustive sessions pressing for an exit strategy and resisting efforts to prolong and escalate the war. Despite warnings of another attack, he suggested the United States could weather a new strike. **"We can absorb a terrorist attack. We'll do everything we can to prevent it, but even a 9/11, even the biggest attack ever . . . we absorbed it and we are stronger," Obama reportedly said.** According to the book, Obama said, "I have two years with the public on this" and pressed advisers for ways to avoid a big escalation in the Afghanistan war. The comment on absorbing an attack drew tough criticism Wednesday from Liz Cheney, daughter of former Vice President Cheney and chairwoman of Keep America Safe. **"This comment suggests an alarming fatalism on the part of President Obama and his administration,"** she said in a statement. **"Once again the president seems either unwilling or unable to do what it takes to keep this nation safe. The president owes the American people an explanation"** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** September 22, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Paul Joseph Watson, Alex Jones

**Title/Headline:** *Will Obama Force America To "Absorb A Terror Attack" To Save His Presidency?*

**Abstract:** President Obama's ominous claim that America can "absorb" a terror attack will have many fearing that staging some kind of false flag event will be the only way the government can overturn the massive resistance to big government that has grown exponentially since Obama took office. During an interview with journalist Bob Woodward, **the president said, "We can absorb a terrorist attack. We'll do everything we can to prevent it, but even a 9/11, even the biggest attack ever...we absorbed it and we are stronger"** (Watson & Jones, 2010).

**Date:** September 23, 2010

**Source:** Jones Report, Aaron Dykes

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Admin Predicts Small Scale Terror...In Time For Elections, Again?*

**Abstract:** "Terrorism" concerns necessarily hinge on fear, and it is now completely predictable that an otherwise unpopular Obama Administration would roll out the threat of terror to bolster support for the 2010 elections. The Washington Post reports that the *"Risk of small-scale attacks by al-Qaeda and its allies is rising, officials say"* in concert with comments from Obama about absorbing a terror attack, and hyperbolic comments by Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano before Congress that al Qaeda is recruiting for homeland attacks.

*The Washington Post: Al-Qaeda and its allies are likely to attempt small-scale, less sophisticated terrorist attacks in the United States, senior Obama administration officials said Wednesday, noting that it's extremely difficult to detect such threats in advance. "Unlike large-scale, coordinated, catastrophic attacks, executing smaller-scale attacks requires less planning and fewer pre-operational steps," said Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, testifying before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "Accordingly, there are fewer opportunities to detect such an attack before it occurs."*

The main thrust of these timely "warnings" is to scare the public, not to share intelligence analysis. It is clear from the context that there is no basis for expecting an attack-- the 'evidence' cited by Napolitano & co. includes reference to the attempted "underwear bombing" on a flight to Detroit-- proven to be a falsehood, as eyewitnesses on the plane contradict the official account. Homeland Security also cites the 'failed' Times Square car bombing-- an incident that didn't include any real explosives or any connection to terrorism or al Qaeda at all. Napolitano further links this terror threat with the alleged "rise" of domestic extremism, which has never been qualified or demonstrated, but only hyped via the MIAC and Homeland Security reports issued by DHS earlier in the Obama Administration. Those reports merely speculate that incidents will likely occur based on blanket-mass profiling-- a mirror of the Administration's current attempt to spark worry and fear. It is the same move the Bush Administration admittedly used for political expediency post-9/11. Recall that so-called Bin Laden tapes would consistently emerge just prior to key elections or that the terror alert levels would be elevated to re-enforce the fear in the populace for purely political purposes. CIA officials have now admitted to faking Bin Laden videos. Is it any wonder Obama would now discuss absorbing a terror attack in the U.S. or that Homeland Security head Janet Napolitano would revive the script of homeland terror threats and the pre-programmed idea of small-scale al Qaeda attacks? **Is it a coincidence that Obama advisor Robert Shapiro suggested this summer that only a large-scale terror attack could counter President Obama's "credibility crisis": "He has to find some way between now and November of demonstrating that he is a leader who can command confidence and, short of a 9/11 event or an Oklahoma City bombing, I can't think of how he could do that."** 9/11 was obviously a ace-card in the Bush Administration's public relations deck; the Oklahoma City Bombing bolstered Bill Clinton's image for a second term. Would the Obama Administration use an attack any differently? Who orchestrates these talking points and baseless forecasts of terror? Why is Republican Sen. Lindsay Graham simultaneously also cynically stating that another terror attack is imminent? **Political expediency, not the omnipresence of al Qaeda, is the only logical answer. If the administration has verifiable intel, it should prevent the attacks, not try to score political points** (Dykes, 2010).

**Date:** October 4, 2010

**Source:** Inforwars, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *October Surprise: Terror Hysteria Recycled In Election Ploy*

**Abstract:** The establishment media is giving full court press to announcements from US and European authorities that airport lobbies are being targeted for terror attacks in a recycled version of the laughable 2007 incident in which two mental deficient set fire to a jeep outside Glasgow airport, a non-event that authorities hyped beyond all recognition amidst a similar wave of hysteria to that which we're witnessing now. The October surprise has arrived, and it's a contrived and cynical ploy to frighten Americans into putting their trust back in the government by waving the familiar boogeyman of the outside threat. **"Among the possible targets in the suspected European terror plot are pre-security areas in at least five major European airports, a law enforcement official told ABC News. Authorities believe terror teams are preparing to mount a commando like attack featuring small units and small firearms modeled after the Mumbai attack two years ago."** Constant references to the Mumbai attack, transport hubs, airport lobbies and other "soft target" chatter provide a reasonably clear indication as to who is really behind the ceaseless intensity of terror fearmongering we've been subjected to over the last week. Since it ultimately emerged that the mastermind behind the Mumbai massacre was CIA agent David Headley, warnings from the same intelligence agencies about similar attacks being planned should be treated as a direct threat. **Throughout the 60's, 70's and 80's, the Central Intelligence Agency played a key role in Operation Gladio, a program of false flag terror attacks on soft targets that were designed to demonize political opposition and "force the public to turn to the state to ask for greater security," according to the testimony of Gladio agent Vincenzo Vinciguerra. In 2000, an Italian Senate investigation found that the 1980 Bologna train bombing, which killed 85 people, was carried out by "men inside Italian state institutions and ... men linked to the structures of United States intelligence."** In attempting to "force the public to turn to the state to ask for greater security," the establishment hopes to derail the momentum of Tea Party candidates like Rand Paul and Sharron Angle, whose entire campaigns are built on the premise of turning away from the state and giving power back to the individual. Manipulating voters by threatening terror worked for the Republicans in 2004, but the Democrats might have to go a step further if they hope to use it as a deciding factor in 2010. The threat of airport lobbies being targeted is another giveaway. **The last time this occurred was in summer 2007, when two amateur mental deficient, described as "Krazy Klown jihadis" by bomb experts, set fire to some petrol outside Glasgow airport in a pathetic attempt to stage a terror attack. Although people like former Scotland Yard detective John O'Connor described the botched attacks as "hopeless," "incompetent" "almost laughable," and amounting to nothing more than a bonfire, while others labeled the incident "slapstick idiocy," the corporate media reacted in exactly the same way they're behaving now, by ludicrously overhyping the incident as some kind of deadly Al-Qaeda wave of terror. Never forget that the media and the government have been totally discredited over and over again by their complicity in issuing phony terror alerts designed to manipulate elections and frighten the public into slavish acquiescence. Just as former Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge admitted that DHS would issue fake terror alerts shortly before elections in a bid to influence the outcome during the Bush era, the Obama administration is mimicking the same tactic.** The reality is that accident causing deer, peanut allergies and swimming pools are all more likely to seal your fate than a terrorist attack. As Ohio State University's John Mueller concludes in a report entitled A False Sense Of Insecurity, **"For all the attention it evokes, terrorism actually causes rather little damage and the likelihood that any individual will become a victim in most places is microscopic."** But the sensationalist media, the power hungry government and the salivating "experts" who head up profitable anti-terror companies all need to feed the beast and they'll exploit every morsel on offer. **Terrorism can only be effective if the relatively minor acts of violence that are perpetrated are given false prominence and artificially inflated to the point where the dread of what's coming next fundamentally alters the way we go about our lives, travel, commerce, and the way we treat others, until we ultimately acquiesce to the terrorist's goal – relinquishing our freedoms and living in fear.** Since that is the very definition of terrorism, recent events only confirm that the terrorists have already won and that their victory was secured with the enthusiastic support of the government and the media. **"Authorities have detected a dramatic increase in online chatter among jihadist websites the last week, in what experts believe could be other terrorists banning together in anticipation of terror attack plans in Europe and hoping to engage themselves in prospective plots,"** reports ABC News. Don't be fooled, the government has blatantly seized upon some keyboard-warrior bluff spouted by Muslims on Internet forums and used it as a propaganda tool to try and frighten people into voting the establishment back into power, be they Democrats or Republicans. **Following the FBI raids on anti-war activists last week, it's clear that the Obama administration now considers its political adversaries as both those on the left who have abandoned their support for Obama over his continuation of Bush's wars, and those on the right who have sworn to resist the seemingly ceaseless march of statism.** This probably equates to about 70 or 80 per cent of politically active Americans who are now labeled "domestic terrorists" by their own government. Recall that the Department of Defense now considers any form of protest as "low level terrorism". As we have seen from the MIAC report, the spying case in Pennsylvania, and a host of others in recent years, the federal government defines "terrorist propaganda" as any material critical of the state. Conservatives who have dismissed government-sponsored terror as an invention of the loony conspiracy fringe better brush up on the history of Northwoods, Operation Gladio, 9/11, and the Oklahoma City Bombing, because the Obama administration is by all means ruthless enough to stage a false flag attack and use it to demolish the reputation of the Tea Party, just as Bill Clinton exploited the FBI-directed OKC bombing to go after talk radio and the patriot movement in the 90's. Indeed, it was only two months ago that former Clinton advisor Robert Shapiro wrote in the Financial Times that the only thing that could save Obama's tenuous grip on power was a terror attack on the scale of Oklahoma City or 9/11. While the terror alerts about amateur jihadis in caves planning to bomb airport lobbies may be contrived, don't be fooled into thinking that people like Rahm Emanuel, the knife-wielding son of a former Irgun terrorist who bombed hotels, won't be prepared to resort to desperate measures in a bid to neutralize the snowballing success of an anti-establishment political climate which threatens to seriously impinge upon the power monopoly of the Washington elite, the Israeli lobby, and the rest of the new world order kingpins who are sitting ever more uncomfortably in their ivory towers as the election gets closer and closer (Watson, 2010).



**Date:** October 7, 2010

**Source:** Guardian, Simon Tisdall, Richard Norton-Taylor

**Title/Headline:** *Barack Obama Accused Of Exaggerating Terror Threat For Political Gain*

**Abstract:** A US terror alert issued this week about al-Qaida plots to attack targets in western Europe was politically motivated and not based on credible new information, senior Pakistani diplomats and European intelligence officials have told the Guardian. The non-specific US warning, which despite its vagueness led Britain, France and other countries to raise their overseas terror alert levels, was an attempt to justify a recent escalation in US drone and helicopter attacks inside Pakistan that have "set the country on fire", said Wajid Shamsul Hasan, the high commissioner to Britain. **Hasan, a veteran diplomat who is close to Pakistan's president, suggested the Obama administration was playing politics with the terror threat before next month's midterm congressional elections, in which the Republicans are expected to make big gains.** He also claimed President Obama was reacting to pressure to demonstrate that his Afghan war strategy and this year's troop surge, which are unpopular with the American public, were necessary. **"I will not deny the fact that there may be internal political dynamics, including the forthcoming midterm American elections. If the Americans have definite information about terrorists and al-Qaida people, we should be provided [with] that and we could go after them ourselves,"** Hasan said. "Such reports are a mixture of frustrations, ineptitude and lack of appreciation of ground realities. **Any attempt to infringe the sovereignty of Pakistan would not bring about stability in Afghanistan, which is presumably the primary objective of the American and Nato forces.**" Dismissing claims of a developed, co-ordinated plot aimed at Britain, France and Germany, European intelligence officials also pointed the finger at the US, and specifically at the White House. **"To stitch together [the terror plot claims] in a seamless narrative is nonsensical,"** said one well-placed official. While Abdul Jabbar, a Briton, and others killed by an American drone strike on 8 September in North Waziristan, in Pakistan's tribal areas, were heard discussing co-ordinated plots, including possible "commando-style" attacks on prominent buildings and tourist sites in European capitals, security and intelligence officials said the plots were nowhere near fruition. The officials did not deny the men, and other foreign-born jihadi recruits who travel to the tribal areas for indoctrination and training, represented a potentially serious threat. **"You have discussions about all sorts of things – that does not necessarily mean there is anything concrete. It is not easy to set up groups,"** said one counter-terrorism official. By making it clear that the US drone strikes were pre-emptive, and were not in any way combating an imminent threat, European officials raised fresh questions – this time directly involving a British national – about the legality of the attacks, which could be viewed as assassinations. They said Washington was the "driver" behind claims about a series of "commando-style" plots and that the CIA – perhaps because it was worried about provoking unwelcome attention to its drone strikes – was also extremely annoyed by the publicity given to them. **The plot claims, which western intelligence agencies were aware of for months, were leaked last week to the American media. They were followed by a spate of what security and intelligence officials said were exaggerated claims in the British media, a US state department warning to American citizens to be vigilant when visiting Britain, France, and Germany, a "tit for tat" warning by France to its citizens visiting the UK, and alerts issued by the Swedish and Japanese governments.** Thomas de Maizière, Germany's interior minister, publicly expressed his scepticism about the US terror warning, saying he saw no sign of an imminent attack on Germany. **He described the danger to Germany as "hypothetical". The sharp rise in US unmanned drone attacks in Pakistan's tribal areas, coupled with several cross-border raids by American helicopter gunships that culminated in the killing of two Frontier Corps soldiers last week, was destabilising Pakistan,** Hasan said. **"Why are they putting so much pressure on us? It is a threat to the democratic system ... But people in Pakistan feel Washington does not care."** American actions were "obviously" linked to Obama's decision to set a timetable for leaving Afghanistan. **The US leader had "jumped the gun" and now "the Americans are in a hurry". He said fears were growing in Pakistan that the US was planning a bombing campaign using fixed-wing aircraft as well as drones in North Waziristan.** Hasan said Washington politicians failed to understand how much the US needed Pakistan in the "war on terror". Nor did they realise that public anger over repeated US infringements of Pakistani sovereignty could boil over into attacks on American personnel and interests that the government might not be able to control. **"The government does not want to go down this road,"** he said. **"But people feel abused. If they [the Americans] kill someone again, they will react. There is a figure that there are 3,000 American personnel in Pakistan. They would be very easy targets."** Hasan said American personnel stationed at the Pakistani air force base at Jacobabad, on the border between Sindh and Baluchistan provinces, could be vulnerable if the situation deteriorated further. The US requested the use of Jacobabad, and other bases at Dalbandin and Pasni, after the 9/11 attacks, and has maintained a military presence there ever since. Another Pakistani diplomat said Jacobabad was the main centre of operations for CIA and US army drones, which are ultimately controlled from America. **"They have hangars there. That's where they fly from and that's where they return."** The drone operations began in June 2004 with the tacit, reluctant agreement and involvement of the Pakistani authorities but were now in effect running beyond Pakistan's control, the diplomat suggested. **"We have always denied it in the past. But everybody knows this is happening. We need to wake up,"** the official said. A US official said: **"Our allies have been briefed on the nature of the threat and the intelligence that led to the travel alert and everyone understands this cannot be taken lightly. "To try to ascribe any political motivation is misguided and irresponsible"** (Tisdall, & Norton-Taylor, 2010).



**Date:** October 20, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Catherine Herridge

**Title/Headline:** *EXCLUSIVE: Al Qaeda Leader Dined At The Pentagon Just Months After 9/11*

**Abstract:** Anwar Al-Awlaki may be the first American on the CIA's kill or capture list, but he was also a lunch guest of military



brass at the Pentagon within months of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, Fox News has learned. Documents exclusively obtained by Fox News, including an FBI interview conducted after the Fort Hood shooting in November 2009, state that Awlaki was taken to the Pentagon as part of the military's outreach to the Muslim community in the immediate aftermath of the attacks. The incident was flagged by a current Defense Department employee who came forward and told investigators she helped arrange the meeting after she saw Awlaki speak in Alexandria, Va. The employee "attended this talk and while she arrived late she recalls being impressed by this imam. He condemned Al Qaeda and the terrorist attacks. During his talk he was 'harassed' by members of the audience and suffered it well," reads one document. According to the documents, obtained as part of an ongoing investigation by the specials unit "Fox News Reporting," there was a push within the Defense Department to reach out to the Muslim community. "At that period in time, the secretary of the Army (redacted) was eager to have a presentation from a moderate Muslim." In addition, Awlaki "was considered to be an 'up and coming' member of the Islamic community. After her vetting, Aulaqi (Awlaki) was invited to and attended a luncheon at the Pentagon in the secretary of the Army's Office of Government Counsel." Awlaki, a Yemeni-American who was born in Las Cruces, N.M., was interviewed at least four times by the FBI in the first week after the attacks because of his ties to the three hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi, Khalid al-Mihdhar and Hani Hanjour. The three hijackers were all onboard Flight 77 that slammed into the Pentagon. Awlaki is now believed to be hiding in Yemen after he was linked to the alleged Ft. Hood shooter Major Nidal Malik Hasan, who e-mailed Awlaki prior to the attack. Sources told Fox News that Awlaki, who is a former Muslim chaplain at George Washington University, met with the Christmas Day bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab in Yemen and was the middle-man between the young Nigerian and the bombmaker. Awlaki was also said to inspire would-be Times Square bomber Faisal Shahzad. Apparently, none of the FBI's information about Awlaki was shared with the Pentagon. Former Army Secretary Tommy White, who led the Army in 2001, said he doesn't have any recollection of the luncheon or any contact with Awlaki. "If this was a luncheon at the Office of Government Counsel, I would not necessarily be there," he said. The Pentagon has offered no explanation of how a man, now on the CIA kills or capture list, ended up at a special lunch for Muslim outreach. After repeated requests for comment on the vetting process beginning on October 13th, an Army spokesman insisted Wednesday that the lunch was not an Army event. "The Army has found no evidence that the Army either sponsored or participated in the event described in this report," spokesman Thomas Collins said. Collins also noted that the FBI document referred to the "Office of Government Counsel" but should read "Office of General Counsel." Collins said he believed the event was sponsored by the office of the Secretary of Defense. A spokeswoman there said she would look into it and get back to Fox News. A former high-ranking FBI agent told Fox News that at the time Awlaki went to lunch at the Pentagon, there was tremendous "arrogance" about the vetting process at the Pentagon. "They vetted people politically and showed indifference toward security and intelligence advice of others," the former agent said (Herridge, 2010).

**Obviously, the war on terror is a fraud. Bin Laden and now Awlaki have been linked to the CIA.**



**Date:** October 21, 2010

**Source:** Fox News,

**Title/Headline:** Report: Clinton Lost Nuclear 'Biscuit'

**Abstract:** Retired Army Gen. Hugh Shelton wrote in his memoirs that former President Clinton misplaced the nuclear launch card for a couple months, reportedly not the first time a president has dropped the ball for the nuclear "football." "At one point during the Clinton administration, the codes were actually missing. That's a big deal, a gargantuan deal," the former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman wrote in his new book, "Without Hesitation: The Odyssey of an American Warrior." ABC News recounted the incident with Clinton on Wednesday night, but the revelation is not new. Lt. Col. Robert Patterson, who was responsible for carrying around the "football" -- or the briefcase that serves a mobile strategic defense system, made a similar accusation seven years ago in his book "Dereliction of Duty." At the time, Patterson described how Clinton misplaced the card for months, confessing the loss after being asked to provide the card so it could be replaced with an updated code. ABC noted that a similar claim was made about former President Jimmy Carter, who was said to have left the card with the launch codes in a suit sent to the dry cleaner (Fox News, 2010).

**It appears that Carter and Clinton, both Democrats, are being demonized in the press in an attempt to make Democrats look weak when it comes to nuclear issues and national defense, thus paving the way for Obama to not look out of place when a nuclear attack happens on his watch**



**Date:** October 27, 2010

**Source:** Justin Fishel

**Title/Headline:** *Officials Insist Nukes Lost On Weekend Could Have Been Used If Needed*

**Abstract:** The U.S. military temporarily lost contact with 50 nuclear armed missiles over the weekend, but Defense Department officials insist that the missiles could have been launched at any time if needed. A military official from Global Strike Command said Wednesday that early on Saturday morning five ground control centers at Warren Air Force Base, each of which has launch control for the same 50 nuclear armed intercontinental ballistic missiles, experienced a communication glitch that caused them all to lose contact with the 50 nukes for about 45 minutes. The Air Force could have, if needed, launched any of these 50 missiles using a separate air platform, which this official could not discuss in detail because of its classified status. The United States Air Force has a total of 450 active ICBMs in the country. **Four of the control centers came back on line within an hour, but one of them is still off-line while experts attempt to diagnose the technical breakdown. Officials are confident this was not a result of human error.** This official said there are even more redundancies beyond the air platform, which are also classified in nature. **"At no time was the wartime readiness compromised,"** this official said. Military leadership, including Secretary of the Air Force Mike Donly, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mike Mullen and Defense Secretary Robert Gates were briefed on the issue over the weekend. **The White House declined to comment when the President Obama might have learned of the communication breakdown** (Fishel, 2010).

**Date:** October 30, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Iran: US Allots \$100bn To Nukes*

**Abstract:** Iran has criticized the United States for allocating \$100 billion to proliferation of its nuclear weapons, saying it contradicts Washington's claim of supporting a nuke-free world. Iran's Ambassador to the United Nations Mohammad Khazaei condemned the US nuclear double standards, saying Washington advocates a nuclear-free world on the one hand, while it continues to develop and modernize its nuclear arsenal on the other. **"The US plan to develop and modernize nuclear weapons ... to which a budget of more than one hundred billion dollars is allocated, is in direct contradiction to the White House slogans on a nuke-free world,"** Khazaei told the UN General Assembly's Disarmament Committee. The Iranian envoy also referred to the US nuclear bombardment of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, saying the existence of thousands of nuclear warheads in the arsenals of nuclear countries continues to cast a "shadow of fear" over the world. In April 2010, the New START was signed by the US and Russia. Under the new treaty, each side within seven years would be barred from deploying more than 1,550 strategic warheads or 700 launchers but neither side would have to eliminate large numbers of weapons to meet the new limits. Arms control advocates say the treaty does not go far enough in reducing the dangerous weapons on both sides. **The Pentagon's move to spend millions to rejuvenate its nuclear warheads is runs counter to the White House's "nuclear free world" motto** (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** November 16, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Julian Borger

**Title/Headline:** *Barack Obama's Hopes For A Nuclear-Free World Fading Fast*

**Abstract:** Barack Obama's hopes of reshaping US foreign policy stand on the brink of failure tonight, after two of his most cherished initiatives — nuclear disarmament and better relations with Moscow — were dealt serious setbacks. According to a leaked Nato document seen by the Guardian, a move to withdraw US tactical nuclear weapons from Europe has been omitted from the alliance's draft strategic doctrine, due to be adopted by a summit this weekend in Lisbon. Meanwhile in Washington, a Republican leader in the Senate signalled that the nuclear arms control treaty Obama signed in April with Russian president Dmitry Medvedev is unlikely be ratified this year. Most observers say that if the treaty — known as New Start — is delayed until next year, it will be as good as dead, as the Democratic majority in the Senate will be even thinner by then, following the party's losses in the midterm elections. **Together the setbacks mark a new low point for Obama's ambitions, set out in a landmark 2009 speech in Prague, to set the world on a path to abolition of nuclear weapons. They also rob the president of the main concrete achievement so far in his bid to "reset" US-Russian relations.** In the absence of progress in the Middle East or Iranian compromise over its nuclear ambitions, the developments threaten to eclipse Obama's legacy in foreign policy. "All this stuff was integrated — the nuclear package and the Russian relationship," said Steven Clemons, policy analyst at the New America Foundation. **"In terms of the long-term international significance it's the most important thing Obama has done, and it has just come apart."** In the latest draft of Nato's "new strategic concept", seen by the Guardian, nuclear weapons remain at the core of Nato doctrine, and an attempt to withdraw an estimated 200 American B-61 nuclear bombs from Europe, a legacy of the cold war, is not mentioned. Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium — who all have B-61 bombs on their soil — had pushed to have the tactical weapons removed, with the encouragement of supporters of disarmament in the Obama camp including the US ambassador to Nato, Ivo Daalder. However, in a victory for France, which led a rearguard action against diluting nuclear deterrence in Nato doctrine, the draft strategic concept states that the weapons would only be removed as a trade-off with Moscow. **"In any future reductions, our aim should be to seek Russian agreement to increase transparency on its nuclear weapons in Europe and relocate these weapons away from the territory of Nato members," the draft states. "Any further steps must take into account the disparity with the greater Russian stockpile of short-range nuclear weapons."** Advocates of disarmament still hope the door to withdrawal could be left open in another strategic review, possibly next year. But Daryl Kimball, the head of the

Arms Control Association, said the Lisbon document represented a lost opportunity for the alliance. "Nato does not need these weapons against any of the 21st century threats we face," Kimball said. **"The weapons raise the risk of nuclear terrorism, and their presence makes it harder to convince Russia to cut its own tactical arsenal."** US and Russian negotiators had been expected to discuss tactical weapons in the next round of arms control talks, but those talks will almost certainly not take place if the New Start treaty is shelved. **The White House had hoped the Senate would ratify the treaty in its lame-duck session currently underway, before newly-elected Republican senators take their seats in January. However, the administration still needed some Republican support to get the 67 votes required for ratification. In a last-ditch move last week, it offered to spend an extra \$4 bn (£2.5 bn) on modernisation of the existing nuclear arsenal — an effort to placate the Republican whip, Jon Kyl. However, Senator Kyl issued a statement tonight saying he still did not think the treaty could be passed in the lame-duck session,** "given the combination of other work Congress must do and the complex and unresolved issues related to Start and modernisation." **Some Democrats were still hoping tonight the statement could be a bluff aimed at extracting yet more funding for America's nuclear labs. Others, however, saw it as a slammed door, and a reflection of Republican determination to make Obama a one-term president and erase his legacy.** Paul Ingram, head of the British American Security Information Council (Basic), said Obama's radical vision of "a world without nuclear weapons" laid out in his Prague speech was now fading. **"I wouldn't say it was dead. It's in emergency resuscitation," Ingram said. "If there is hope no, it's not coming from Washington. The leadership of this is not going to come from Washington" (Borger, 2010).**

**Date:** November 21, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, [Julian Borger](#)

**Title/Headline:** *Nato's Tactical Nuclear Weapons: The New Doctrine*

**Abstract:** Arms controls advocates and nuclear weapons experts are divided over whether Nato's new strategic concept represents a step towards disarmament. There is a debate underway among nuclear folk over whether Nato's new strategic concept, adopted in Lisbon, is a glass half-full or half-empty from the point of view of disarmament. Front and centre are up to 200 American B-61 bombs stored in six bases in five European countries. The tactical weapons have long served a symbolic rather than a military purpose in the post-Cold War world, and three of their host nations - Germany, Netherlands and Belgium - have been pushing for their removal as an expression of Barack Obama's self-declared mission to pursue gradual but determined disarmament. **Nobody expected the new strategic concept to sweep them away, but many arms control advocates anticipated that it might at least open the door a crack for their future departure. So did it?** In the "no" corner are the Arms Control Association and the British American Security Information Council (Basic) who have issued a joint statement describing the new doctrine as a "conservative, backward-looking" document and "a missed opportunity". Two nuclear policy experts have since weighed in, suggesting that the doctrine is not nearly as bad for disarmament as it could have been, and that it does leave room for further steps. **Hans Kristensen at the Federation of American Scientists calls it "one step forward and a half step back", while Martin Butcher at the Nato Monitor, argues that "overall this could have been much less , positive". Who's right? It depends how you parse the language. More importantly, perhaps, it depends what happens in the bigger picture.** If the New Start treaty dies in the Senate, it is hard to see where the momentum for reducing Nato and Russian tactical weapons is going to come from any time soon. That may have to await terminal obsolescence over the next decade or so (Borger, 2010).

**Date:** December 23, 2010

**Source:** Daily Kos, Jed Lewison

**Title/Headline:** *Rove Accidentally Predicts Obama Reelection*

**Abstract:**

**Van Susteren:** Secretary of State Hillary Clinton says that she's going to stay through I think this administration which is another two years and then leave. Um, she said she's not going to run for President, she's out. What are your thoughts? You think we'll see her as a contender, and will she finish the last two years of this administration?

**Rove:** Oh, I think she definitely will finish the last two years. I don't think she's going to run in 2012. That's even duplicitous for a Clinton. I'm not certain that I agree, that I accept what she said about she's not going to be a candidate in 2016. I think she will.

**Van Susteren:** I meant '16, I meant '16.

**Rove:** Yeah, I suspect she will be a candidate. **She's going to think about being a candidate in 2016. And we'll know by about 2014. If she leaves the administration in 2014 or 2015 in order to give herself a chance to write a book about her experiences and reconnect with the grassroots then she might entertain it.** She'll be younger in 2016 than John McCain was when he ran and she will, I suspect, be a big presence on the Democrat (sic) scene.

So Rove thinks Barack Obama will be President in 2014 and 2015? Whoooooops. I'm sure that'll disappoint his colleagues at Fox, half of whom seem to be candidates for President themselves (Lewison, 2010).



**Conclusion:** President Obama's job approval rating has fallen to 47 percent in the latest Gallup poll, the lowest ever recorded for any president at this point in his term. With his popularity in the toilet, we can only imagine what his handlers and puppet masters have in store for him. Obama's predecessor, George W. Bush, also had terrible approval rating, but after the terror attacks of September 11th 2001, Bush's approval numbers skyrocketed (Sammon, 2009). It should be noted that **Barack Obama is the New World Order's "Closer"**, and should a nuclear terror attack occur, Obama will have the public support to basically attack, invade, and occupy any nation that fails to comply with the United States and the United Nations demands.

**Should Nuclear Terror come to pass, we should expect nothing short of World War III.**

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Hijack: Top Secret



**Intro:** According to the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI): A terrorist organization can acquire a nuclear explosive only:

- By obtaining an intact nuclear weapon from a national stockpile
- By obtaining fissile material from stocks that were produced in highly advanced industrial facilities and then making the fissile material into a nuclear explosive (NTI, 2010).

The greatest fears of the NTI came true on August 29, 2007, except that it has occurred within the United States, not an Islamic country. The following story has been shelved from the beginning, and wasn't even written about until September 23, 2007. At the time, George W. Bush was in the White House and Dick Cheney was Vice President. Although the Air Force has stated that the thermonuclear weapons have been recovered, the deaths of at least (10) U.S. Air Force servicemen have died in rather mysterious ways. Remember, there are 6 live nuclear warheads missing and it's never been in the news! Ask yourself why?



The  
Washington  
Post

**Date:** September 23, 2007

**Source:** Washington Post, Joby Warrick, Michael Pincus

**Title/Headline:** *Missteps In The Bunker*

**Abstract:** Just after 9 a.m. on Aug. 29, a group of U.S. airmen entered a sod-covered bunker on North Dakota's Minot Air Force Base with orders to collect a set of unarmed cruise missiles bound for a weapons graveyard. They quickly pulled out a dozen cylinders, all of which appeared identical from a cursory glance, and hauled them along Bomber Boulevard to a waiting B-52 bomber. The airmen attached the gray missiles to the plane's wings, six on each side. After eyeballing the missiles on the right side, a flight officer signed a manifest that listed a dozen unarmed AGM-129 missiles. The officer did not notice that the six on the left contained nuclear warheads, each with the destructive power of up to 10 Hiroshima bombs. That detail would escape notice for an astounding 36 hours, during which the missiles were flown across the country to a Louisiana air base that had no idea nuclear warheads were coming. It was the first known flight by a nuclear-armed bomber over U.S. airspace, without special high-level authorization, in nearly 40 years. By 5:12 p.m., the B-52 was fully loaded. The plane then sat on the tarmac overnight without special guards, protected for 15 hours by only the base's exterior chain-link fence and roving security patrols. Air Force rules required members of the jet's flight crew to examine all of the missiles and warheads before the plane took off. But in this instance, just one person examined only the six unarmed missiles and inexplicably skipped the armed missiles on the left, according to officials familiar with the probe. It would be another nine hours -- until 8:30 p.m. -- before a Barksdale ground crew turned up at the parked aircraft to begin removing the missiles. At 8:45, 15 minutes into the task, a separate missile transport crew arrived in trucks. One of these airmen noticed something unusual about the missiles. Within an hour, a skeptical supervisor had examined them and ordered them secured. "It is more significant than people first realized, and the more you look at it, the stranger it is," said Joseph Cirincione, director for nuclear policy at the Center for American Progress think tank and the author of a history of nuclear weapons. "These weapons -- the equivalent of 60 Hiroshimas -- were out of authorized command and control for more than a day." Last year, the Air Force eliminated a separate nuclear-operations directorate known informally as the N Staff, which closely tracked the maintenance and security of nuclear weapons in the United States and other NATO countries. Currently, nuclear and space operations are combined in a single directorate. Air Force officials say the change was part of a service-wide reorganization and did not reflect diminished importance of nuclear operations. Linton F. Brooks, who resigned in January as director of the National Nuclear Security Administration. Brooks, who oversaw billions of dollars in U.S. spending to help Russia secure its nuclear stockpile, said the mishandling of U.S. warheads indicates that "something went seriously wrong." A former Air Force senior master sergeant wrote separately that "mistakes were made at the lowest level of supervision and this snowballed into the one of the biggest mistakes in USAF history. I am still scratching my head wondering how this could [have] happened" (Warrick & Pincus, 2007).

**Date:** October 19, 2007

**Source:** Daily Mail

**Title/Headline:** *Air Chiefs Face Court After ARMED Nuclear Missiles Were Flown Across U.S.*

**Abstract:** At least five U.S. Air Force commanders are facing criminal charges for allowing armed nuclear cruise missiles to be flown across America. The officers, one a colonel, have been relieved of their command following an investigation into what has been



described as the worst breach of weapons security for 40 years. The alert on August 29 involved a B-52 Stratofortress bomber being flown 1,500 miles from North Dakota to Louisiana with six armed nuclear warheads in launch position below its wings. Each one had ten times the destructive force of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima (Daily Mail, 2007).

**Dave Lindorff of the Baltimore Chronicle published the following story regarding the so called "loose nukes" and the subsequent death of six of the individuals involved. Why this has not made national headlines is quite disturbing, and may play into a nuclear terror attack should one happen. When this event occurred Bush and Cheney were still in the White House, and this was during a time when similarly like today, the current administration was beating the wars drums against Iran. We do not know if these missing nuclear weapons were ever fully recovered, and we probably will never know due to the death of these men.**

**Date:** October 29, 2007

**Source:** Global Research, *Mahdi Darius Nazemroaya*

**Title/Headline:** *In Tribute: 9 Minot And Barksdale AFB Airmen, 2007*

**Abstract:** According to a wide range of reports, several nuclear bombs were "lost" for 36 hours after taking off August 29/30, 2007 on a "cross-country journey" across the U.S., from U.S.A.F Base Minot in North Dakota to U.S.A.F. Base Barksdale in Louisiana. Reportedly, in total there were six W80-1 nuclear warheads armed on AGM-129 Advanced Cruise Missiles (ACMs) that were "lost." The story was first reported by the Military Times, after military servicemen leaked the story. **It is also worth noting that on August 27, 2007, just days before the "lost" nukes incident, three B-52 Bombers were performing special missions under the direct authorization of General Moseley, the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force.** The exercise was reported as being an aerial information and image gathering mission. The base at Minot is also home of the 91st Space Wings, a unit under the command of Air Force Space Command (AFSPC). According to official reports, the **U.S. Air Force pilots did not know that they were carrying weapons of mass destruction (WMDs).** Once in Louisiana, they also left the nuclear weapons unsecured on the runway for several hours. U.S. Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, and Requirements, Major-General **Richard Y. Newton III commented on the incident, saying there was an "unprecedented" series of procedural errors, which revealed "an erosion of adherence to weapons-handling standards".** These statements are misleading. The lax security was not the result of procedural negligence within the U.S. Air Force, but rather the consequence of a deliberate tampering of these procedures. **If a soldier, marine, airman, or sailor were even to be issued a rifle and rifle magazine - weaponry of a far lesser significance, danger, and cost - there is a strict signing and accountability process that involves a chain of command and paperwork.** This is part of the set of military checks and balances used by all the services within the U.S. Armed Forces. Military servicemen qualified to speak on the subject will confirm that there is a stringent nuclear weapons handling procedure. **There is a rigorous, almost inflexible, chain of command in regards to the handling of nuclear weapons and not just any soldier, sailor, airman, or marine is allowed to handle nuclear weapons. Only servicemen specialized in specific handling and loading procedures, are perm certified to handle, access and load nuclear warheads.** Every service personnel that moves or even touches these weapons must sign a tracking paper and has total accountability for their movement. There is good reason for the paperwork behind moving these weapons. **The military officers that order the movement of nuclear weapons, including base commanders, must also fill out paper forms. In other words, unauthorized removal of nuclear weapons would be virtually impossible to accomplish unless the chain of command were bypassed, involving, in this case, the deliberate tampering of the paperwork and tracking procedures.** The strategic bombers that carried the nuclear weapons also could not fly with their loaded nuclear weaponry without the authorization of senior military officials and the base commander. **The go-ahead authorization of senior military officials must be transmitted to the servicemen that upload the nuclear weapons. Without this authorization no flights can take place.** In the case of the missing nukes, orders were given and flight permission was granted. Once again, any competent and eligible U.S. Air Force member can certify that this is the standard procedure.

**There are two important questions to be answered in relation to the "lost" nukes incident:**

- 1) Who gave the order to arm the W80-1 thermonuclear warheads on the AGM-129 Advanced Cruise Missiles (ACMs)?
- 2) At what level in the military hierarchy did this order originate? How was the order transmitted down the command chain?
- 3) If this was not a procedural error, what was the underlying military-political objective sought by those who gave the orders?

**The Impossibility of "Losing" Nuclear Weapons:** As Robert Stormer, a former U.S. lieutenant-commander in the U.S. Navy, has commented: "Press reports initially cited the Air Force mistake of flying nuclear weapons over the United States in violation of Air Force standing orders and international treaties, while completely missing the more important major issues, such as how six nuclear cruise missiles got loose to begin with." Stormer also makes a key point, which is not exactly a secret: "There is a strict chain of custody for all such weapons. Nuclear weapons handling is spelled out in great detail in Air Force regulations, to the credit of that service. Every person who orders the movement of these weapons, handles them, breaks seals or moves any nuclear weapon must sign off for tracking purposes. Two armed munitions specialists are required to work as a team with all nuclear weapons. All individuals working with nuclear weapons must meet very strict security standards and be tested for loyalty - this is known as a '[Nuclear Weapons] Personnel Reliability Program [DoDD 5210 42]'. They work in restricted areas within eyeshot of one another and are reviewed constantly." Stormer unwraps the whole Pentagon cover-up by pointing out some logical facts and military procedures. First he reveals that: "All security forces assigned [to handle and protect nuclear weapons] are authorized to use deadly force to protect the weapons from any threat [including would-be thieves]." He then points out a physical reality that can not be shrugged aside: "Nor does anyone quickly move a 1-ton cruise missile - or forget about six of them, as reported by some news outlets, especially cruise missiles loaded with high explosives." He further explains another physical and procedural reality about nuclear weapons assembly: "The United States also does not transport nuclear weapons meant for elimination attached to their launch vehicles under the wings of a combat aircraft. The procedure is to separate the warhead from the missile, encase the warhead and transport it by

military cargo aircraft to a repository - not an operational bomber base that just happens to be the staging area for Middle Eastern operations."

**This last point raises the question of what were the nuclear weapons meant for? In this context, Stomrer puts forth the following list of important questions to which he demands an answer:**

- 1) Why, and for what ostensible purpose, were these nuclear weapons taken to Barksdale?
- 2) How long was it before the error was discovered?
- 3) How many mistakes and errors were made, and how many needed to be made, for this to happen?
- 4) How many and which security protocols were overlooked?
- 5) How many and which safety procedures were bypassed or ignored?
- 6) How many other nuclear command and control non-observations of procedure have there been?
- 7) What is Congress going to do to better oversee U.S. nuclear command and control?
- 8) How does this incident relate to concern for reliability of control over nuclear weapons and nuclear materials in Russia, Pakistan and elsewhere?
- 9) Does the Bush administration, as some news reports suggest, have plans to attack Iran with nuclear weapons?

**It is a matter of perception, whether it is "clear" or "unclear", as to why the nuclear warheads had not been removed beforehand from the missiles. For those who have been observing these series of "unclear" events it is becoming "clear" that a criminal government is at the helm of the United States.** There was no way that the six nuclear missiles could have been "mistakenly" loaded, especially when their separate warheads had to be affixed to the missiles by individuals specialized in such a momentous task. **It is also being claimed that military teams in both U.S.A.F. Base Minot and U.S.A.F. Base Barksdale made major "procedural errors".** What are the probabilities of this occurring simultaneously in two locations? It is also worth noting that original reports from military sources talked about only five of the six nuclear warheads from Minot being accounted for in Barksdale. Nuclear warheads are also kept in specialized storage areas or bunkers. Moreover, nuclear weapons are not being decommissioned at Barksdale.

**The Role of the Nuclear Weapons Surety Program: What happened to Electronic Monitoring?:** The Nuclear Weapons Surety Program is a joint program between the U.S. Department of Defence and the U.S. Department of Energy. The National Security Agency (NSA) is also involved as well as other U.S. federal government agencies. The Nuclear Weapons System Safety Program is part of this program, which involves a monitoring and safeguards regime for the U.S. nuclear arsenal. The Nuclear Weapons Security Standard falls under the Nuclear Weapons Surety Program and is in place to disallow any "unauthorized access to nuclear weapons; prevent damage or sabotage to nuclear weapons; prevent loss of custody; and prevent, to the maximum extent possible, radiological contamination caused by unauthorized acts." **Under this or these safeguards system there also exists a rigorous control of use scheme, which is tied to the military chain of command and the White House.**

**'Command and Control' (C2) and 'Use Control':** 'Use control' is a set of security measures designed to prevent unauthorized access to nuclear weapons. These measures involve weapons design features, operational procedures, security, and system safety rules. 'Command and Control' or 'C2' involves the Office of the President of the United States of America. C2 is an established line of command, which is tied to the White House. **Without it, nuclear weapons cannot be deployed or armed as they were in U.S.A.F. Base Minot. It is these two control elements that establish the basis of authorization through which "absolute control of nuclear weapons" is maintained "at all times."** In addition to the checks and balances in place in regards to handling nuclear weapons, the Defence Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and its partners manually and electronically inspect and monitor all U.S. nuclear weapons through the Nuclear Weapon Status Information Systems.

**More Unanswered Questions: What Happened to the Computerized Tracking System?:** The Nuclear Management Information Systems "interface with each other and provide [the U.S. Department of Defence] with the ability to track the location of nuclear weapons and components from cradle-to-grave [meaning from when they are made to when they are decommissioned]." The Military Times also makes an omission that exposes the official narrative as false and indicates that the event was not just a mistake: "The Defense Department uses a computerized tracking program to keep tabs on each one of its nuclear warheads, said Hans Kristensen, director of the Nuclear Information Project at the Federation of American Scientists. **For the six warheads to make it onto the B-52, each one would have had to be signed out of its storage bunker and transported to the bomber.**" **This is where the chain of command in regards to military officers falls into play. If any of the stocked inventories of nuclear weapons are moved to an authorized location they will be noticed and tracked by the DTRA and will require the relevant authorization.** There is also a code system involved that is tied to the chain of command. The fact that the incident only apparently became known to the U.S. Air Force when military personnel reported it, suggests that either the nuclear weapons were ordered to be moved or that the electronic tracking devices had been removed or tampered with. This scenario would need the involvement of individuals with expertise in military electronics or for those responsible for the monitoring of nuclear weapons to look the other way or both.

**Mysterious Deaths in the United States Air Force: Whitewash and Cover-up:** Several military personnel died under mysterious circumstances shortly before and after the incident. There are now questions regarding the fate of these individuals in the U.S. Air Force who could have had relationships in one way or another to the incident or possibly have been directly involved. It is also necessary to state that there is no proof that these deaths are linked to the August flight from Minot to Barksdale in question. Citizens for Legitimate Government has pointed towards the involvement of the U.S. Air Force in a cover-up and has linked several deaths of U.S. servicemen to the incident. Lori Price has also stated for Citizens for a Legitimate Government that **"you need about fourteen signatures to get an**

### **armed nuke on a B-52."**

Based on several news sources, including the U.S. military, we provide below a detailed review of these mysterious and untimely deaths of U.S. servicemen.



**Todd Blue**

**Airman 1st Class Todd Blue went on leave days after the nuclear weapons were "lost." Blue died under questionable timing while on leave, visiting his family in Wytheville, Virginia at the age of 20 on September 10, 2007.** He was a response force member assigned to the 5th Security Forces Squadron. What does this mean? **Airman Todd Blue occupied a key position in weapons systems security at Minot.** At Minot U.S.A.F. Base the 5th Security Forces Squadron to which he belonged was responsible for base entry requirements and a particular section, the Weapons System Security section, was responsible for preventing the unauthorized removal of military property. The latter is responsible for security of all priority resources, meaning the security of nuclear weapons. In other words not only did the 5th Security Forces Squadron keep eyes on what entered and left Minot, but they kept an eye on and monitored the nuclear weapons.



**Captain John Frueh**

**U.S. Air Force Captain John Frueh is another serviceman who could have been indirectly connected to the "lost" nuclear weapons.** He was reported as being last seen with a GPS device, camera, and camcorder being carried with him in a backpack. Local police in Oregon and the F.B.I. seemed to be looking for him for days. His family also felt that something bad had happened to him. **On September 8, 2007 Captain Frueh was found dead in Washington State, near his abandoned rental car, after the Portland Police Department contacted the Skamania County Sheriff's Officer.** The last time he spoke with his family was August 30, 2007. He had arrived from Florida to attend a wedding that he never showed up at. The Oregonian reported that "Authorities in Portland found no activity on his credit or bank cards since [Frueh] was last seen (...) [and that] the last call from his cell phone was made at 12:28 p.m. [August 30, 2007] from Mill Plain Boulevard and Interstate 205 in Vancouver [Washington State]." His background was in meteorology and the study of the atmosphere and weather. He was also reported to be a U.S. Air Force pararescue officer. He was also a major-select candidate, which means he was selected for a promotion as a U.S. Air Force major, but was not officially promoted. U.S.A.F. Special Operations Command has its headquarters in Hurlburt Field, Florida and is one of nine major Air Force commands. It is also the U.S. Air Force's component of U.S. Special Operations Command, a unified command located at MacDill Air Force Base, which is also in Florida. The force provides special operations forces for worldwide deployment and assignment to regional unified commands, such as CENTCOM. Its missions include conduct of global special operations. These operations - and this is where careful attention should be paid - range from "precision application of firepower, such as nuclear weapons," to infiltration, exfiltration (the removal of "devices," supplies, spies, special agents, or units from enemy territory), re-supply and refuelling of special operational elements. In Captain Frueh's case his death is questionable too. The U.S. Air Force would not let a missing persons' investigation go forward by the police without conducting its own investigation. Usually the different service branches of the U.S. military would investigate for missing servicemen, to see if these individuals are Absent Without Authorized Leave (AWAL) or have deserted, before an individual's case is handed over to the police. **Senior Airman Clint Huff: Another military weatherman, along with his wife, also died after August 30, 2007., Huff, who belonged to the 26th Operational Weather Squadron and his wife Linda Huff died in a motorcycle accident on September 15, 2007.** The husband and wife fatality happened on Shreveport-Blanchard Highway, near U.S.A.F. Base Barksdale, when according to the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Officer a Pontiac Aztec, a medium-sized SUV, initiated a left turn at the same time that the couple attempted to pass on a no passing zone and collided.



**Weston Kissel**

**First-Lieutenant Weston Kissel: A B-52H Stratofortress Bomber pilot, also died in a reported Tennessee motorcycle accident.** This was while he was on leave in, less than two months from the nuclear B-52 flights, on July 17, 2007. His death came after another single-vehicle accident by another Minot serviceman, Senior Airman Adam Barrs.



**Adam Barrs**

Senior Airman Barrs died as a passenger in a vehicle being driven by Airman 1st Class Stephen Garrett, also from Minot. Garrett, also belongs to the 5th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. **The death of Barrs was reported as being part of a single-vehicle car accident. Associated Press reports state that "[Minot] Base officials say 20-year-old Barrs was a passenger in a vehicle that failed to negotiate a curve, hit an approach, hit a tree and started on fire late Tuesday [July 3, 2007] night." Barrs was pronounced dead on the scene of the accident, while Garrett was taken the hospital with no updates released by the U.S. Air Force.** Adam Barrs also belonged to the 5th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, where he was responsible for the maintenance and securing of the electronic communicational and navigation mission systems aboard the B-52H Stratofortresses on base. The 5th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is also one of the units that are responsible for loading and unloading weaponry onto the B-52H Stratofortresses. The deaths of Kissel and Barrs could be dismissed as irrelevant because they occurred prior to the incident. **However, Barrs and Kissel could have been in one way or another connected to the advanced planning of the special operation, prior to the incident (special operations are not planned in a few days and may take months and even longer). There is, of course, no proof and only an independent investigation will be able to reveal whether these deaths are connected to the incident.** If there was an internal and secretive operation bypassing most military personnel, a few men in key positions would have to have been involved over a period of time prior to the August 29/30, 2007 flight. **Senior Airman Barrs, due to his expertise in communication and navigational systems, could potentially have been involved in the preparations that would have allowed the nuclear weapons to escape detection by military surveillance and be ready for takeoff.**

**Reprimands, Replacements and Reassignments in the U.S.A.F. Chain of Command:** Senior officers, including three colonels and a lieutenant-colonel, are among seventy personnel that will reportedly be disciplined for negligence and for allowing a B-52H Stratofortress Bomber to fly across the U.S. carrying six nuclear-armed cruise missiles that should never have been loaded under its wings. **According to the Military Times, George W. Bush Jr. had been swiftly informed.** This is a lockstep procedure. This illustrates the importance tied to the authorization needed for handling nuclear weapons. This is part of a two-way process in regards to authorization from the White House. The commander of the 5th Munitions Squadron and the commander of the 5th Bomb Wing, Colonel Bruce Emig, have been replaced along with a series of other senior officers. This implies that the U.S. Air Force chain of command is directly involved in this event. None of these senior officers have been authorized to speak or make statements, according to U.S. military sources. Will any of these officers receive lucrative departure packages? Have they been reassigned? More generally, the nature of the reprimands directed against senior officers involved has not been fully disclosed. The "memory" of the incident is being erased through a reorganization of the ranks and a purge at U.S.A.F. Base Minot. **The streamlining of the chain of command as well as the mysterious deaths of personnel who could have been involved in the incident, raise a series of far-reaching questions.** There are several important issues regarding the senior officers' chain of command at Minot, which will be addressed in this article. Once again, the most important questions in regards to the missing nukes are: **Who gave the orders and authorization for the operation and what were the underlying objectives of loading armed nuclear missiles?**

*Other Mysterious Deaths: Was the Missing Nukes Incident connected to US War Plans directed against Iran?:*



**Charles D. Riechers**

**A U.S. Air Force official, Charles D. Riechers, has been found dead on October 14, 2007. Riechers was a retired Air Force officer and master navigator specializing in electronic warfare.** He was a member of the Senior Executive Service of the U.S. Air Force, and was the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition and Management. A description of his duties includes "providing sound expert advice and guidance on acquisition and procurement policies, as well as formulating, reviewing and, as assigned, execution of plans, programs and policies relating to organization, function, operation and improvement of the Air Force's acquisition system." He apparently killed himself by running his car's engine inside his suburban garage in Virginia. The death of Charles D. Riechers has been casually linked by The Washington Post to his involvement in fraudulent activities and embezzlement. The Washington Post reported that the Air Force had asked defense contractor, Commonwealth Research Institute (C.R.I.), to give him a job with no known duties while he waited for official clearance for his promoted rank in the Pentagon. **Riechers is quoted as saying: "I really didn't do anything for C.R.I.," and "I [still] got a paycheck from them."** The question, of course, was whether the contractor might expect favours in return upon his assignment to the Pentagon last January. A mysterious suicide letter expressing shame was subsequently reported; the letter was reportedly from a man who had already admitted without shame that he was receiving money for doing nothing. This was known to the U.S. Senate, which had approved his promotion. In a report featured by Pravda, Russian **Intelligence analysts have said that the reported suicide of Charles D. Riechers was a cover-up and that he was murdered because of his involvement in the controversial flight of nuclear weapons over the continental United States. Pravda reports that "Russian Intelligence Analysts are reporting today that American War Leaders have 'suicided' [sic] one of their Top US Air Force Officials Charles D. Riechers as the rift growing between the U.S. War Leaders and their Top Military Officers over a nuclear attack on Iran appears to be nearing open warfare."** According to the Pravda report, the incident was linked to an operation to smuggle nuclear



weapons away from the U.S. military in connection to launching a war against Iran. The Commonwealth Research Institute (CRI), a registered non-profit organization is a subsidiary of Concurrent Technologies, which is registered with the IRS as a tax-exempt charity, which is run by Daniel Richard DeVos. DeVos is also an associate of John P. Murtha, who was investigated by the F.B.I. for his Saudi links. Certainly the ties of the Commonwealth Research Institute (CRI), a non-profit organization working for the Pentagon, are questionable and the organization could be a front for internal operations that bypass most military personnel. **The case appears to be part of an internal operation that was being kept a secret from most of the U.S. military, but what for?**



**General Russell Elliot Dougherty**

**More than a month before the death of Riechers, General Russell Elliot Dougherty a retired flag officer, was also reported to have died on September 7, 2007** at his home in Falcon Landing military retirement community in Potomac Falls located in Arlington, Virginia. **He once was one of the most senior individuals responsible for the nuclear arsenal of the U.S. military and also the former commander of Strategic Air Command (SAC) and director of the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, which identified nuclear targets worldwide amongst its responsibilities.** At Minot next to his obituary was a military information notice on suicide, telling servicepersons what the signs of suicide are. Russell Dougherty in the course of his military career in the U.S. Air Force had dealt with the issues pertaining to Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD), full spectrum dominance, how to defeat the enemy and avoid a nuclear war, other uses for nuclear weaponry, Nuclear Primacy for the U.S., and tackling the effects of the wind and weather - due to their unpredictable natures - on the use of nuclear weapons. The fact that the nuclear warheads were attached to the nuclear cruise missiles could mean that someone wanted to take the weapons in one step or to use them right away.

**Timely Appointments at U.S.A.F. Base Minot:** Several of the commanding officers at Minot were freshly appointed in June, 2007. This may have been part of standard procedures, but the timing should not be ignored.

**Colonel Robert D. Critchlow:** Was transferred, just before the incident, from the Pentagon to Minot and appointed commanding officer for the 91st Operations Group, a missileer unit and the operational backbone of the 91st Space Wing. In Washington, D.C. he was involved in research for the Congressional Research Services and later posted into Air Force Nuclear Response and Homeland Defence **Colonel Myron L. Freeman:** Was transferred from Japan to Minot in June, 2007. Colonel Freeman was appointed as the commander of the 91st Security Forces Group, which is responsible for securing Minot's nuclear arsenal.

**Colonel Gregory S. Tims:** Was also appointed as deputy commander or vice-commander of the 91st Space Wing in June, 2007. However, Colonel Tims was transferred to Minot from California almost a year before.

**Chief Master Sergeant Mark R. Clark:** One of the most senior non-commissioned officers (NCOs) or non-commissioned members (NCMs), Clark was also transferred to U.S.A.F. Base Minot from Nebraska in July, 2007.

**Colonel Roosevelt Allen:** Was also transferred to Minot from Washington, D.C. to become commander of the 5th Medical Group.

**Colonel Bruce Emig:** The now-former commander of the 5th Bomb Wing, was also transferred to Minot from U.S.A.F. Base Ellsworth in South Dakota in June, 2007. Colonel Emig was also the base commander of Minot.

**Colonel Cynthia M. Lundell:** The now-former group commander for the 5th Maintenance Group, the unit responsible for loading and unloading weaponry onto the B-52H Stratofortresses was also freshly transferred from a NATO post in Western Europe in June, 2007. Were these appointments temporary? Were any of these appointments related to the six "lost" nuclear missiles



**George W. Bush**

**Prior to the Missing Nukes Incident, Minot Airmen Meet with the President and the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff.** On June 15, 2007, George W. Bush Jr. met senior officers from U.S.A.F. Base Minot at U.S.A.F. Base McConnell in Wichita, Kansas during a visit to Boeing's Integrated Defense Systems facility. Amongst them was Major Daniel Giacomazza of the 5th Operational Support Squadron. Senator Patrick Roberts of Kansas was also present. "While he chaired the Senate Intelligence Committee from 2002 to 2007, [Senator] Roberts stonewalled attempts to investigate everything from the manipulation of intelligence in the rush to war in Iraq, President Bush's warrantless wiretaps, and even allegations of the use of torture by the CIA," according to Associated Press (AP) reports. The same report also indicates that the U.S. President was in Wichita for a political fundraiser, and stopped at a new Boys and Girls Club of America to defray the costs of getting to Wichita via Air Force One for Senator Roberts' campaign. Military sources have reported that a B-52H



Stratofortress was flown to Wichita so that Boeing's engineers could take a look in order to make adjustments to the war planes for a new military program. Nothing has been reported about any private meetings between President Bush Jr. or any of his presidential staff and the personnel from Minot. However, reports have been made of meetings between military families and the U.S. President in his office on Air Force One. General Moseley, the Air Force Chief of Staff, had previously visited Minot on March 14-15, 2007, a month before Minot airmen went to Wichita. If a secret mission was being prepared, these events could have played a role in the recruiting phases for an important internal special operation. Following their recruitment, Minot servicemen could have symbolically met General Moseley or White House officials to understand that the mission was being sanctioned by the highest ranks and offices in the United States.

**Orders had to Come from the Top: Treason of the Highest Order:** Orders had to come from higher up. The operation would not have been possible without the involvement of more than one individual in the highest ranks of the U.S. Air Force command structure and the Pentagon. The only way to bypass these separate chains of command is "to be above them" (from higher up), as well as have the possibility of directly overseeing their implementation. These orders would then have been communicated to lower levels in the US Air Force command chain in different locations, to allow for a so-called "oversight" to proceed. The alternative to this is "an alternative chain of command," although this also needs someone in the highest ranks of office to organize and oversee. The post given to Riechers was politically motivated, given his track record in the U.S. Air Force. Riechers had been in a position of responsibility in the U.S. Air Force special operational support activities; something he had in common with Russell Dougherty, the former SAC commander. He would have been one of the best suited individuals for making arrangements in the case of an alternative command structure for a secretive nuclear operation. Moreover, he already had a record of corrupt behaviour through his involvement with the Commonwealth Research Institute. The possible involvement of U.S. Air Force weathermen and special operatives raises many questions as to what exactly was the objective of making the nuclear weapons disappear.

**The Investigation:** The U.S. Air Force has publicly stated that it has made a "mistake," which is very unusual and almost unprecedented for a military organization that tries to continually assure the American public of their safety. The fact that seventy or more military personnel have been punished in the case of the "lost" nuclear weapons does not mean, however, that the senior commanding officers responsible for having carried out the special operation will be identified and punished. Quite the opposite. The investigation could indeed result in a camouflage of the chain of command, where lower-ranking military personnel are accused and court-martialed, with a view to ultimately protecting those in high office who have committed an act of treason. The series of deaths mentioned above, may have no ties whatsoever with the the August flight in question from Minot to Barksdale, but the issues of command, monitoring, and authorization cannot be overlooked or ignored. The American people have before them a case of treason that involves the highest offices of government and most probably the offices of the President and the Vice-President. Once again, the "C2" process involves the Office of the President and Commander-in-Chief. It is an established line of command, without which nuclear weapons could not have been deployed or armed as they were in U.S.A.F. Base Minot. It is this command element that establishes the basis of authorization through which "absolute control of nuclear weapons" is maintained "at all times." With time it is possible that military servicemen and servicewomen may come forward with more information. However, in the meantime, there has been a streamlining of military personnel at U.S.A.F. Minot. Base personnel have become dispersed and reassigned to other locations. If they on the grounds of loyalty to their country, the United States of America, come forward and reveal what has taken place, they are to be saluted with full honour by all ranks. As George Orwell said, "In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act," and indeed these are deceitful times. The fact that U.S. Air Force officers came forward and reported this incident is contrary to U.S. military procedures, regulations, and laws. The U.S. military will never release any information that will risk or damage its reputation. Any information in regards to nuclear weapons can not be released without prior consultations with and authorization by the White House. **The nuclear weapons were armed and moved deliberately. Orders had to have come from the highest echelons of the U.S. government. The question is what exactly were they meant for? Were they part of a war agenda or something else?**

**Bush Threatens Iran with Nuclear Weapons:** What adds intrigue to an understanding of the missing nukes, are the international events and war games taking place just after the "lost" nuclear weapons incident, not to mention the President's ongoing threats to attack Iran with nuclear weapons and Vice President Cheney's repeated warnings that a second large scale terrorist attack on America is under preparation, with the support of Iran. In the U.S., under the Vigilant Shield 2008 war games (initiated in September, 2007) and the TOPOFF anti-terrorism exercises, some form of nuclear terrorist attack on American soil had been envisaged. The roles of Russia and China had also been contemplated. The latter would be "a likely scenario" had the U.S. attacked Iran and as a result Russia and China had decided to intervene. Under Vigilant Shield 2007, held in 2006, the possibility of a nuclear war with Iran's allies, Russia and China, had been contemplated in the war games scenario. The Kremlin has responded by holding its own war games. An unveiled threat to trigger World War Three has been the response of George W. Bush Jr. to Russia's statements warning that a U.S. sponsored war with Iran, could result in an escalating World War III scenario. The six nuclear warheads were not meant for use in theatre operations against Iran. This is obvious because if they were then they would have been deployed via the proper procedural routes without the need to hide anything. Besides, there are already theatre-level nuclear weapons ready and armed in Europe and the Middle East for any possible Middle Eastern mission. There was something more to the incident. It is also worth noting that the Israelis launched an attack on an alleged Syrian nuclear facility that both Tel Aviv and the White House claim was constructed with the assistance of North Korea. This event has been used, through official statements and media disinformation, to draw a Syria-Iran-North Korea nuclear proliferation axis. In regards to the case of the missing nuclear weapons, weathermen and military personnel with an expertise in space and missile components were involved. The incident took place during a time when the U.S. missile shield projects in Eastern Europe and Eastern Asia, directed against Russia and China, were raising international tensions and alarms. On October 23, 2007, President Bush Jr. stated: "The need for missile defence in Europe is real and I believe it's urgent." Nuclear warfare, the militarization of space, and "the missile shield" are interrelated military processes. The overtones of Nuclear Primacy are hanging in the air. One of the goals of the U.S. military has been to effectively shield itself from a potential Russian or potential Russian and Chinese nuclear response to a nuclear "First Strike" from the U.S. military. The militarization of space is also deeply linked to this military project. Like their advanced knowledge about the U.S. missile shield project, Russian and Chinese officials have got wind of these ambitions and are fully aware of what the U.S. intends to do (Nazemroaya, 2007).

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**Source:** Baltimore Chronicle & Sentinel, Dave Lindorff

**Title/Headline:** *The Mystery Of Minot: Loose Nukes And A Cluster Of Dead Airmen Raise Troubling Questions*

**Abstract:** The unauthorized Aug. 29, 2007 cross-country flight of a B-52H Stratofortress armed with six nuclear-tipped AGM-29 Advanced Cruise missiles, which saw these 150-kiloton warheads go missing for 36 hours. So far, the Pentagon, which has launched two separate investigations into the incident, seems to be assuming that it is dealing with the comedy version, saying that some incredible “mistake” led to nuclear weapons being taken inadvertently from a weapons-storage bunker, loaded into launch position on a bomber, and flown from North Dakota to Louisiana. Pentagon investigators have completely ignored a peculiar cluster of six deaths, during the weeks immediately preceding and following the flight, of personnel at the two Air Force bases involved in the incident and Air Force Command Operations headquarters. The problem with this theory is that dummy warheads don’t look the same as the real thing. The real warheads, called W80-1’s, are shiny silver, which is clearly visible through postage-stamp-sized windows on the nosecone covers that protect them on the missiles. In addition, the mounted warheads are encased in a red covering as a second precaution. **Apparently the nukes (which can be set to explode at between 5 kilotons and 150 kilotons) were easily spotted by a Barksdale AFB ground crew when they went out to the plane on the tarmac hours after it landed.** If the Barksdale ground crew, which had no reason to suspect it was looking at nuclear-tipped missiles, easily spotted the “error,” why did everyone at Minot miss it, as claimed? **Clearly, whoever loaded the six nukes on one B-52 wing pod, and whoever mounted that pod on the wing, knew or should have known that they were dealing with nukes—and absconded an order from the highest authority in Washington, loading such nukes on a bomber was against all policy.** The odds of randomly putting six nukes all on one pod, and six dummies on the other, are 1:924. And how curious that the pilot, who is supposed to check all 12 missiles before flying, checked only the pod containing the dummy warheads. Various experts familiar with nuclear-weapons-handling protocols express astonishment at what happened on Aug. 29 and 30. After all, over the course of more than six decades, the protocols for handling nuclear arms have called for at least two people at every step, with paper trails, bar codes, and real-time computer tracking of every warhead in the arsenal. Nothing like this has been known to have happened before. Air Force Gen. Eugene Habiger, who served as US Strategic Command chief from 1996 to 1998, told the Post, **“I have been in the nuclear business since 1966 and am not aware of any incident more disturbing.”** Philip Coyle, a senior advisor at the Center for Defense Information who served as assistant secretary of defense in the Clinton administration, calls the incident “astonishing” and “unbelievable.” **He says, “This wasn’t just a mistake. I’ve counted, and at least 20 things had to have gone wrong for this to have occurred.”** Meanwhile, there are those six deaths. On July 20, 1st Lt. Weston Kissel, a 28-year-old B-52 pilot from Minot, died in a motorcycle accident while on home leave in Tennessee. Another Minot B-52 pilot, 20-year-old Adam Barrs, died on July 5 in Minot when a car he was riding in, driven by another Minot airman, Stephen Garrett, went off the road, hit a tree, and caught fire. Airman Garrett was brought to the hospital in critical condition and has since been charged with negligent homicide. Two more Air Force personnel, Senior Airman Clint Huff, 29, of Barksdale AFB, and his wife Linda died on Sept. 15 in nearby Shreveport, Louisiana, when Huff reportedly attempted to pass a van in a no-passing zone on his motorcycle, and the van made a left-hand turn, striking them. Then there are two reported suicides, which both occurred within days of the flight. One involved Todd Blue, a 20-year-old airman who was in a unit that guarded weapons at Minot. He reportedly shot himself in the head on Sept. 11 while on a visit to his family in Wytheville, Virginia. Local police investigators termed his death a suicide. The second suicide, on Aug. 30, was John Frueh, a Special Forces weather commando at the Air Force’s Special Operations command headquartered at Hurlburt AFB in Florida. Frueh, 33, a married father of two who had just received approval for promotion from captain to major, reportedly flew from Florida to Portland, Oregon, for a friend’s wedding. He never showed up. Instead, he called on Aug. 29, the day the missiles were loaded, from an interstate pull-off just outside Portland to say he was going for a hike in a park nearby. (It is not clear why he was at a highway rest stop as he had no car.) A day later, back in Portland, he rented a car at the airport, again calling his family. After he failed to appear at the wedding, his family filed a missing person’s report with the Portland police. The Sheriff’s Department in remote Skamania County, Washington, found Frueh’s rental car ten days later on the side of a road nearly 120 miles from the airport in a remote area of Badger Peak. **Search dogs found his body in the woods. His death was ruled a suicide, though neither the sheriff’s investigator nor the medical examiner would give details.** What makes this alleged suicide odd, however, is that the sheriff reports that Frueh had with him a knapsack containing a GPS locator and a videocam—odd equipment for someone intent on ending his life. Of course, it could be that all six of these deaths are coincidences—all just accidents and personal tragedies. But when they occur around the time six nuclear-tipped missiles go missing in a bizarre incident, the likes of which the Pentagon hasn’t seen before, one would think investigators would be on those cases like vultures on carrion. In fact, police and medical examiners in the Frueh and Blue cases say no federal investigators, whether from DOD or FBI, have called them. **Worse still, because the B-52 incident got so little media attention—no coverage in most local news—none of those investigating the accidents and suicides even knew about it or about the other deaths.** “It would have been interesting to know all that when I was examining Mr. Blue’s body,” says coroner Mike Stoker, “but no one told me about any of it or asked me about him.” “If we had known that several people had died under questionable circumstances, it might have affected how we’d look at a body,” says Don Phillips, the sheriff’s deputy who investigated the Frueh death. “But nobody from the federal government has ever contacted us about this.” “Certainly, in a case like this, the suicides should be a red flag,” says Hans Kristensen, a nuclear-affairs expert with the Federation of American Scientists. **It’s wild speculation to think that there might be some connection between the deaths and the incident, but it certainly should be investigated”** (Lindorff, 2007).



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**Title/Headline:** *Oh, It Was The John P. Wheeler III Who Was Involved In The Barksdale-Minot Incident Who Was Found In A Landfill!*

**Abstract:** So Wayne Madsen tips me to this tip on John Wheeler III, whose name I didn't recognize: **John Wheeler III, special assistant to Air Force Secretary during the 2007 B-52 nuke incident at Minot, found dead in Delaware landfill. Homicide concluded.** Last seen on Amtrak from DC on Dec. 28. Dealing with neocons can be hazardous to one's health. **Not the first suspicious Air Force death as reported by WMR. A bit more digging, so you have somewhere to start, brings me to Sodahead's rather levelheaded opinion: What the "news" is not telling you is -Wheeler was the assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force in the George W. Bush Administration. It was the Secretary of the Air Force who discovered that Richard Cheney had set up an alternative chain of command to the nuclear weapons wing of the AF.** In the process, six minutemen missiles [sic] armed with nuclear warheads were secretly transported from Minot AFB to Barksdale AFB. **The later is the chief staging base for the Middle East war. The alarm system for the weapons was deactivated for the transport, something that not even the base commander could authorize.** The orders had to have come from above. Many point to Cheney. Before the warheads could be flown via B-52 to the Iraq/Iran theater, the Secretary of the Air Force ordered the stand-down of all B-52 flights. **When he discovered the alternative chain of command to Cheney, he fired all military personnel who were involved. Cheney was said to have been livid. The Secretary ordered an investigation of what the AF press release called an oversight, and 70 enlisted men and 5 officers were removed from the Minot nuclear system. At the same time, people involved began to die mysteriously. Wheeler is only the latest casualty (Faustus, 2011).**

**Conclusion:** Should a nuclear attack occur, it is likely that the nuclear warhead will have originated from the Minot nuclear hijack, as depicted in Chapter 21: *Blackjack*. This theft will likely be the root cause of World War III, and the crime will eventually be blamed on the good people of the United States, which will be subsequently demonized like the German people post World War II.

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror & LIVE TV



**Intro:** Spectacular terrorism demands an audience, and there is no better place for it than LIVE TV. Images of terror must be burned into the minds of the masses in order to have their desired effect, and the more people watching the better. On 9/11, there was an ever growing television audience due to the staggered events of the day (Flight 11, Flight 175, Flight 93, & the Pentagon Attack) that climaxed with the controlled demolition of Building 7. Unlike 9/11, the Super Bowl, the World Cup, and the summer Olympics, already have a massive sitting audience in the millions, if not hundreds of millions.

**This is key, because the 30-60 second lifespan of a nuclear detonation demands that the audience already be present in order to effectively terrorize them. Super Bowl 2011 (XLV) will likely be the most watched television show, ever. Let's make sure the real terrorists never get their diabolical plan off the ground. Be part of history, and do your part to stop this madness.**

**Adding to the hype of the 2011 Super Bowl (XLV) are the following storylines:**

- The reemergence of the Green Bay Packers as an NFL powerhouse
- Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers chance for Super Bowl Trophy # 7
- Due to the impending 2011 NFL Lockout, it may be the last Super Bowl in a few years

Aside from the aforementioned facts about both teams, Green Bay, (Birthplace of Pro Football) and Pittsburgh are two cities rich in American football history and tradition, and the NFL is already calling Super Bowl XLV a clash of title towns. The Packers obviously represent the cornerstone franchise of the NFL with 11 NFL Championships and 3 Super Bowls, while the Steelers symbolically signify the men and woman of Blue Collar America as well as the most dominate NFL team of the modern era. On top of all the history is the fact that Super Bowl 2011 (XLV) will be played in Texas, the mecca of football. Should Dallas, Texas, the Packers and the Steelers get nuked at the Super Bowl, a wave of indignation will sweep America and the drums of war won't even have to be played.

## The Nuclear Bible: Top "Live" Targets Nuke Targets



# 1 Super Bowl



# 2 The Olympics



# 3 The World Cup



# 4 Times Square, New York

**Date:** February 3, 2009

**Source:** NFL, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Thrilling Finish to Super Bowl XLIII Leads to Highest TV Ratings*

**Abstract:** Unlike many other championship sporting events which have declined over time, *Super Bowl* TV ratings have not only held up well, but after a generation of fairly flat results, have begun growing again in the past 4 years (Gorman, 2009). Nielsen Media Research now says that **the February 1, 2009, Super Bowl between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Arizona Cardinals was the most-watched in history. Nielsen said 98.7 million [over 1/3 of the U.S. population] people, on average, were watching Pittsburgh's 27-23 victory Sunday night. That beats the 97.5 million who watched the 2008 game, which held the record for the most popular Super Bowl.** On Monday, Nielsen had reported that this year's game had 95.4 million viewers -- impressive but not a record-setter. Nielsen explained the discrepancy of more than 3 million viewers by saying a more complete check of their records revealed additional viewership on some digital tier networks. The company hadn't been aware that they were showing the game (NFL, 2009).

**Date:** February 8, 2010

**Source:** NFL

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl XLIV Beats 'M-A-S-H' Finale For U.S. Viewership Record*

#### Most-Watched Television Programs In The United States (total viewers)

Game:	Date:	Viewers:
Superbowl XLV	February 6, 2011	?
Superbowl XLIV	February 7, 2010	153.4 Million
Superbowl XLIII	February 1, 2009	151.6 Million
Superbowl XLII	February 3, 2008	148.3 Million
Superbowl XXXVIII	February 1, 2004	144.4 Million
Superbowl XL	February 5, 2006	141.4 Million

**Abstract:** The New Orleans Saints' 31-17 victory over the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV was watched by an average of more than 106 million people, surpassing the 1983 finale of "M-A-S-H" to become the most-watched program in U.S. television history, the Nielsen Co. Compelling story lines involving the city of New Orleans and its ongoing recovery from Hurricane Katrina, as well as Colts quarterback Peyton Manning's attempt at a second Super Bowl ring propelled viewership of Sunday's game in Miami Gardens, Fla. Football ratings have been strong all season. **"It was one of those magical moments that you don't often see in sports,"** said Sean McManus, president of CBS News and Sports. **Nielsen estimated Monday that 106.5 million people watched the Super Bowl on average and 151.6 million tuned in overall.** The "M-A-S-H" record was an average of 105.97 million. There are more American homes with television sets now (114.9 million) than there were in 1983 (83.3 million). An estimated 77 percent of homes with TVs on were watching "M-A-S-H" in 1983, compared with the audience share of 68 percent for the Super Bowl. **Nielsen also measures only the United States, and it's possible that some World Cup soccer games were seen more worldwide. Accurate measurement of television audiences outside the U.S. is spotty at best.** The Mid-Atlantic blizzard also helped CBS. After New Orleans, the highest-rated market was snowbound Washington D.C., Nielsen said. More people watched the game from their homes in that area instead of going to parties or bars, and Nielsen does a much better job counting viewers in homes than outside of them. "Bad weather in the Northeast and good weather in Florida was a good combination for us," McManus said (NFL, 2010).



**Date:** July 11, 2010

**Source:** CNN, Ben Wyatt

**Title/Headline:** *Could 2010 World Cup Final Be The Most Watched Event In History?*

**Abstract:** The World Cup final has always been one of the most watched events on the planet with viewers from New York to Nepal tuning in to see soccer's elite in action. But now football's world governing body FIFA hopes Sunday's final between the Netherlands and Spain will prove to be the most watched event of all-time, after early research suggests the 2010 edition hosted by South Africa has garnered the biggest television audience yet. **"We don't want to speculate in numbers but we're hoping this will be the biggest [event] ever,"** Niclas Ericson, FIFA's director of television, said in a press conference from Soccer City Stadium, the final's venue. **"We think it will be bigger than the 2006 World Cup final which had an audience somewhere in the region of around 700 million,"** he added. **The record to beat is that set by the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games, when in 2008 a global audience of one billion** watched at least some part of the extravaganza unfolding in the Chinese capital. Kevin Alavy, a director of Futures Sport + Entertainment, a global sport research and evaluation consultancy, told CNN that sport had an attraction few other events could match. **"The most watched events in history, by some margin, are the opening ceremony of the Olympics Games and the World Cup final. Historical events, like the inauguration of Barack Obama or the funeral of Princess Diana for example may be important from a cultural and historical perspective, but they simply don't have the same scale of television audiences that mass sport events can generate,"** he said. Alavy added that for any record attempt the Chinese market was now crucial. "Historically the World Cup final always drew more figures than anything else, however, when the Olympics took place in... the most populous nation in the world the viewing figures went through the roof. **"Our research found that there was a global audience of 593 million people who watched the opening ceremony live, while 320 million watched the World Cup final in Germany in 2006,"** Alavy said. However, Ericson said the international reach of the World Cup had grown significantly since 2006. **"I think this is the first time we have managed to place the rights in every single television territory -- right from the small Pacific islands, to small countries in Asia and Africa -- we have covered everywhere. "The kick off time has maximized the viewership in America and in Africa. In market share we have seen big increases in major territories, therefore we feel confident in saying that we'll have much higher figures than those for Germany.** On top of the audience growth in television markets Ericson added there were hundreds of thousands who had watched at public viewing venues or on other platforms that had not been counted, factors that needed to be taken into account (Wyatt, 2010).



**Just on time, NASA will launch the Discovery Space Shuttle as the eye the sky which will ensure that the entire World get a bird's eye view of the nuclear detonation from space.**



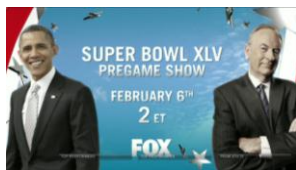
**Date:** December 3, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Denise Chow

**Title/Headline:** *NASA Delays Shuttle Discovery's Final Launch To February*

**Abstract:** NASA has postponed the launch of space shuttle Discovery's final mission to no sooner than early February – the latest in a long string of delays that have kept the spacecraft grounded for over than a month. Discovery is now slated to launch no earlier than Feb. 3, giving NASA engineers more time to complete work to analyze why small cracks developed in the shuttle's huge external fuel tank. The cracks have since been repaired, but NASA wants to be sure that similar issues don't pose future concerns. "The teams have done a very thorough job of looking at the data at hand, but we're coming to a point in the investigation where we have to do something different," NASA's space operations chief Bill Gerstenmaier said in a news briefing today. Shuttle program managers met yesterday (Dec. 2) to evaluate the repairs made to Discovery's 15-story fuel tank following the initial scrubbed launch attempt on Nov. 5. **Discovery is ready to launch in early February, NASA will have from Feb. 3 to Feb. 10 to attempt a liftoff within that window. Engineers at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., have been performing tests and gathering data to try to determine what caused the cracks that were found on the metal ribs of the shuttle's external tank. Yet, even with the extensive amount of available information, the teams have been unable to clearly identify the root cause. "We're at a point where there's no obvious answer as to what occurred, and what that means is that we have to take the next step," said John Shannon, NASA space shuttle program manager. "We have to do that through demonstration. Analysis is not going to get us there. Analysis can only get you so far – it's time to go test."** NASA will now perform a fueling test, in which gauges and other instrumentation are attached to Discovery's external tank as it sits on the launch pad. This will allow technicians to gather precise measurements of the type of stress exerted on certain areas of the tank as it is loaded with cryogenic propellant. Engineering teams will be able to monitor how the repairs stand up to the harsh thermal conditions during tanking, and whether or not similar cracks form in the process. **"Understanding the thermal environment is critical to understanding the stress level in it," Shannon said. "We have to go to that next level and really understand the problem. This will also help determine what our screening criteria [are] to fly the tank confidently."** NASA officials said that the delay until February will not negatively impact space station operations, other shuttle launch opportunities, or the space agency's budget. "We have sufficient margin to go ahead and work all the activities from a budget standpoint," Gerstenmaier said. **"We haven't really pushed or upset anything from an overall budget standpoint." If Discovery launches in early February, the final flight of space shuttle Endeavour – the STS-134 mission – will likely move from its original Feb. 27 date into early April.** Discovery's launch has been delayed since early November due to technical and weather-related issues. **The shuttle's planned 11-day mission will deliver a storage room and Robonaut 2, a humanoid robot, to the International Space Station. Two spacewalks are also planned. The mission will be the 39th and last flight for Discovery. It is one of NASA's two final scheduled shuttle flights before the orbiter fleet is retired in 2011. NASA is hoping to launch an additional shuttle flight around June, but is still awaiting final funding approval from a congressional appropriations committee (Chow, 2010).**

**To get an even greater audience at the Super Bowl, neo-con and Zionist shill Bill O'Reilly will interview U.S. President Barack Obama before the big game. More importantly, it will be what Obama says after the game that will matter. Let's collectively make sure he never gets the chance to grandstand after a nuclear detonation.**



## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Books



**Intro:** The way that fiction/faction represents reality is absolutely stunning, especially regarding books on nuclear terrorism.

### Books On Nuclear Terrorism:

1991: *The Sum Of All Fears*

2001: *Bin Laden: The Man Who Declared War On America*

2002: *The New Face Of Terrorism: Threats From Weapons Of Mass Destruction*

2002: *American Jihad: The Terrorists Living Among*

2003: *Islam: America's Trojan Horse*

2004: *Terror Tracker: An Odyssey Into Pure Fear*

2004: *Nuclear Terror: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe*

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2005: *The Four Faces Of Nuclear Terrorism*

2006: *Dunces Of Doomsday: 10 Blunders That Gave Rise To Radical Islam, Terrorist Regimes, And The Threat Of An American Hiroshima*

2006: *Countering Terrorism And WMD: Creating A Global Counter-Terrorism Network*

2007: *The Day of Islam: The Annihilation of America And The Western World.*

2007: *The Nuclear Jihadist: The True Story Of The Man Who Sold The World's Most Dangerous Secrets...And How We Could Have Stopped Him*

2008: *The Challenge Of Nuclear Terror*

2008: *Will The Terrorists Go Nuclear?*

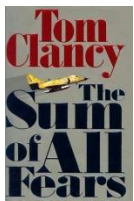
2009: *One Second After*

2009: *The American Hiroshima: Osama's Plan For A Nuclear Attack, And One Man's Attempt To Warn America*

2009: *Atomic Obsession: Nuclear Alarmism From Hiroshima To Al Qaeda*

2010: *The Overton Window*

It all started, fictionally of course, in the *Sum of All Fears*, where the nuke and the Super Bowl were forever intertwined.



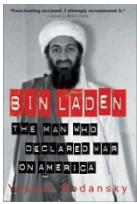
**Title:** *The Sum of All Fears* (Fiction)

**Date:** 1991

**Publisher:** Putnam

**Author:** Tom Clancy

**Abstract:** *The Sum of all Fears* is a geopolitical thriller written by Tom Clancy. The plot describes a group of **Muslim extremists terrorists from Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine that come across a lost nuclear bomb**. They eventually manage to recover it and construct their own version using the plutonium as fissile material with the help of a disenfranchised East German physicist named Manfred Fromm. With Fromm's expertise, the group is able to enhance the weapon and turn it into a thermonuclear device. **The terrorists decide to use the weapon at the Super Bowl in Denver, Colorado**. The terrorists' goal is to start a nuclear war between the U.S. and the Soviet Union (Wikipedia, 2010).



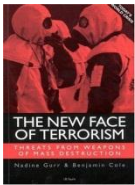
**Title:** *Bin Laden: The Man Who Declared War On America* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** September 24, 2001

**Publisher:** Prima Lifestyles

**Author:** Yossef Bodansky

**Abstract:** The Saudi millionaire militant **Osama Bin Laden** and **Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI)** have struck a deal under which the so-called **Mujaheddin** will carry out **spectacular terrorist strikes** in the heart of India in return for the ISI's support, protection and sponsorship, according to a new book on the world's most-wanted terrorist. The deal, solidified in Spring 1998, **enables the ISI to strike in India while denying any involvement**, says Yossef. The book also makes a stunning allegation: **The ISI, in cahoots with the so-called Mujaheddin, sponsors, supports and trains terrorists throughout the world from centers in Afghanistan and Pakistan for operations in the Middle East, India (not just Kashmir), and increasingly, western Europe** (Bodansky, 2001).



**Title:** *The New Face Of Terrorism: Threats From Weapons Of Mass Destruction* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** June 1, 2002

**Publisher:** I. B. Tauris

**Author:** Nadine Gurr, Benjamin Cole

**Abstract:** This revised edition is a comprehensive account of **the technological and political possibilities and dangers presented by weapons of mass destruction** in the wake of September 11th, 2001. The technical and organizational sophistication of the attacks on September 11th heralds a new era in the age-old war against terrorism. After these attacks, attention became focused on the activities and capacities of Islamic extremist groups, such as Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda organization, but the reality is that terrorist threats could come from almost any quarter (Gurr & Cole, 2002).

**Title:** *American Jihad: The Terrorists Living Among* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** January 29, 2002

**Publisher:** Free Press

**Author:** Steven Emerson

**Abstract:** Emerson shows how the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas has grown an extensive network in the United States, how the group Islamic Jihad set up shop at the University of South Florida, and how an Islamic center in Tucson helped recruit two of Osama bin Laden's top deputies. He also provides circumstantial evidence that bin Laden himself once applied for an American visa--"even the possibility is tantalizing, and chilling," he concludes. He urges Americans to fight back, but worries that time is short. **The United States government is actively monitoring terrorist cells affiliated with Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network in eleven cities, from Florida to Boston to Denver to Houston.** But al Qaeda is hardly our only threat. Hamas, formed in 1987, was run by top Palestinian officials in America from its earliest days, and has tentacles in Texas, California, New Jersey, Virginia, and Illinois (Emerson, 2002).

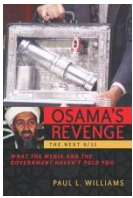
**Title:** *Islam: America's Trojan Horse* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** February, 2003

**Publisher:** Freedom Publications

**Author:** Don Boys

**Abstract:** Dr. Don Boys tells the hard truth about Islaam and how America has been blind sighted by it in many ways. He explains how political correctness in dealing with this Islamic terror issue may very well be America's downfall as they plot their attack from within! Not for the squeamish in heart or closed minded reader (Boys, 2003).



**Title:** *Osama's Revenge: The Next 9/11* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** June 1, 2004

**Publisher:** Prometheus Books

**Author:** Paul L. Williams

**Abstract:** The plot outlined in this lurid exposé is a frightening one: **Osama bin Laden has nuclear weapons—lots of them—and is preparing to use them to create "an American Hiroshima."** Williams, a journalist, former FBI consultant and author of *The Vatican Exposed: Money, Murder and the Mafia*, contends that **bin Laden has purchased of dozens low-yield Russian "suitcase" atomic bombs and gotten his hands on enough weapons-grade uranium to build Hiroshima-sized 10-kiloton devices, and that one nuclear device may already have been smuggled into America.** Contrary to the subtitle, Williams relies heavily on media reports to flesh out the arch-terrorist's nuclear intrigues, **detailing bin Laden's lucrative heroin trafficking operations, his ties to the Chechen mafia and to Pakistani nuclear scientists, and his network of thousands of sleeper agents in the United States.** He criticizes the Clinton and Bush administrations for inept attempts to apprehend bin Laden, but offers little advice on what to do. As if to heighten readers' anxiety, Clark reprints several **al-Qaeda manifestoes calling down destruction on America and includes a lengthy treatise on the devastation an atom bomb would wreak on lower Manhattan.** He doesn't tie up all the loose ends in this hasty treatment; on the question of why, if it has nukes, **al-Qaeda hasn't yet used them, he can only assume that bin Laden is patiently awaiting the perfect moment for a multiple-target strike.** But after 9/11, alarmist scenarios have to be taken seriously, and the disquieting evidence Clark has amassed provides a useful reminder of the gravest threat in the war on terror (Williams, 2004).

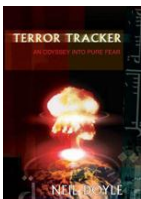
**Title:** *Nuclear Terror: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** August 9, 2004

**Publisher:** Times Books

**Author:** Graham Allison

**Abstract:** A founding dean of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Allison applies a long, distinguished career in government and academia to this sobering—indeed frightening—presentation of U.S. vulnerability to a terrorist nuclear attack. While he begins by asserting such an attack is preventable, the balance of his text is anything but reassuring. **Allison begins by describing the broad spectrum of groups who could intend a nuclear strike against the U.S. They range from an al-Qaeda with its own Manhattan Project to small and determined doomsday cults.** Their tools can include a broad spectrum of weapons, either stolen or homemade from raw materials increasingly available worldwide. Once terrorists acquire a nuclear bomb, Allison argues, its delivery to an American target may be almost impossible to stop under current security measures. The Bush administration, correct in waging war against nuclear terrorism, has not, he says, yet developed a comprehensive counter strategy. **Arguing that the only way to eliminate nuclear terrorism's threat is to lock down the weapons at the source, Allison recommends nothing less than a new international order based on no insecure nuclear material, no new facilities for processing uranium or enriching plutonium and no new nuclear states.** Chemical weapons can kill in the thousands. **Over the same area, a football-sized nuclear packet could kill half a million. With Iran and North Korea joining the fray, Russia's massive supplies, and Pakistan's black market, we're in Big Trouble** (Allison, 2004).



**Title:** *Terror Tracker: An Odyssey Into Pure Fear* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** September 8, 2004

**Publisher:** Mainstream Publishing

**Author:** Neil Doyle

**Abstract:** *Terror Tracker* chronicles the extraordinary experiences of an investigative journalist who set out to penetrate the internal workings of **al-Qaeda and illuminate the murky world of international terrorism.** Neil Doyle's journey began in 1993, with an assignment to report on the first bombing of the World Trade Center in New York. That experience led him to resolve to abandon his job as a news editor in favor of investigating terrorism full-time. Doyle twice managed to locate the exact whereabouts of Osama bin Laden, and despite opposition from figures in the world of espionage, he went on to uncover **al-Qaeda's plans to use chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons against Western targets.** *Terror Tracker* lifts the lid on the unseen battles being waged between al-Qaeda computer hackers and their Western counterparts (Doyle, 2004).

**Title:** *The Four Faces Of Nuclear Terrorism* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** June 14, 2005

**Publisher:** Routledge

**Author:** Charles D. Ferguson, William C. Potter

**Abstract:** Assesses the motivations and capabilities of **terrorist organizations to acquire and use nuclear weapons**, to fabricate and detonate crude nuclear explosives, to strike nuclear power plants and other nuclear facilities, and to build and employ radiological weapons or "dirty bombs" (Ferguson & Potter, 2005).

**Title:** *King Of The Bombs* (Fiction)

**Date:** July 16, 2005

**Publisher:** Author House

**Author:** Sheldon Filger

**Abstract:** *King Of The Bombs* is a chilling novel about nuclear terrorism plotted by Al-Qaeda. **Nuclear terrorism is the greatest threat to the United States since Al-Qaeda launched attacks on September 11, 2001.** Nuclear terrorism poses the greatest threat to human civilization. Surprisingly, the U.S. government does not focus on the threat of nuclear terrorism to the same degree of other national security issues. *King Of The Bombs* is not only a terrifying novel about Al-Qaeda; Osama bin Laden and nuclear terrorism; it presents a chilling warning about the realistic danger of nuclear terrorism in an age of global nuclear proliferation. *King Of The Bombs* reads from today's headlines, with a plot involving Iran's nuclear program. **North Korea and the international nuclear weapons black market converging with Al-Qaeda and its plan to detonate a massive nuclear warhead in a major American city.** What are the odds that nuclear terrorism will occur in our lifetime? A leading expert on the threat of nuclear terrorism has stated that the odds that Al-Qaeda will initiate nuclear terrorism in the United States within the next five years are higher than fifty percent. *King Of The Bombs* is not only a novel about nuclear terrorism; it is also a thriller with a warning about a nightmare that can actually happen, unless public opinion demands from political leadership that **the horror of nuclear terrorism launched by Al-Qaeda with other followers of Osama bin Laden be recognized as the nation's greatest national security threat** (Filger, 2005).

**Title:** *Countdown To Terror: The Top Secret Information That Could Prevent The Next Terrorist Attack On America...And How The CIA Has Ignored It* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** July 25, 2005

**Publisher:** Regnery Publishing, Inc

**Author:** Curt Weldon

**Abstract:** **If someone knew when and where the next major terrorist attack was to be to take place against America, wouldn't the US intelligence community want to know about it?** In *Countdown to Terror*, US Congressman Curt Weldon, proves that "Ali," an informant with access to the minutes of the most secret Iranian councils does have details about many plots against the US. In fact, he has outright predicted - days, weeks, or months in advance - numerous terrorist plots that were actually carried out or thwarted at the last minute. Still, the CIA, the DIA, the NSA, and the FBI in the US have all repeatedly refused to listen to him, even going as far as to threaten him for his communications with Congressman Weldon. **"Ali" now warns of an even greater threat than the 11th of September 2001 - a plot called "The 12th Imam" - which the US intelligence community must act upon, or face catastrophic consequences.**

**From The Inside Flap:** **Could the next September 11 be nuclear?** This is no theory, says Congressman Curt Weldon, in his shocking new book *Countdown to Terror*. **It is a fact as real as the arrest of Muslim terrorists who planned to crash a plane into the Seabrook nuclear power plant in New Hampshire in 2004.** What's even more stunning, Congressman Weldon tried to warn American intelligence about the attack—but no one in America's intelligence community would listen. How did Congressman Weldon know about it? Because of a secret source, an intelligence contact code-named Ali who has been a treasure trove of reliable intelligence—intelligence that, despite Congressman Weldon's strenuous efforts, has been routinely ignored by the CIA and the rest of America's intelligence services. But in *Countdown to Terror*, Congressman Weldon lets you know what the CIA doesn't want to know. You'll learn, straight from Ali's actual reports: · Why Iran will decide the next terror strike on America · How a major planned terror strike was called off because the terrorists thought it would help President Bush politically · Why Iran, not al Qaeda, is the command post of radical Islamic terror · Who is undercutting American efforts to create a peaceful, stable Iraq · Why Iran is like the Soviet Union in the 1980s: extremely dangerous, the iron glove behind all our enemies—yet on the verge of internal collapse · The Iranian nuclear program: red-hot and more advanced than you think Congressman Weldon's sharing of vital intelligence with you, the reading public, is unprecedented. But it is necessary so that the American people can be informed and pressure our government to do what needs to be done to **protect our country, fix our still broken intelligence services, and win the war on terrorism.** *Countdown to Terror* is a frightening book—but it is all true. And if we act now, we can avoid its grimmest scenarios (Weldon, 2005).

**Title:** *The Al Qaeda Connection: International Terrorism, Organized Crime and the Coming Apocalypse* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** September 6, 2005

**Publisher:** Prometheus Books

**Author:** Paul L. Williams

**Abstract:** **Williams explores the shocking dimensions of the international terrorist threat to Americans.** Williams reveals persuasive evidence that al Qaeda has now established connections with the Sicilian Mafia, which is helping to finance terrorism through the sale of Number Four heroin, the present drug of choice in Europe and the United States. In addition, through its ties to the Chechen Mafia, the group responsible for the heinous attack on a Russian school, **al Qaeda has managed to obtain nuclear weapons from poorly secured**



and carelessly guarded storehouses in Russia. Perhaps the most disturbing evidence uncovered by Williams is the relation of al Qaeda to an obscure Salvadoran street gang, which calls itself Mara Salvatrucha and has expanded exponentially. In exchange for big money, this violent group of anarchic thugs has **smuggled weapons of mass destruction and sleeper agents across the Mexican border onto American soil, or what they refer to as the land of the "Great Satan."** No other book deals with the connection between international, extremist Islamic terrorism and organized crime—a connection that has made possible the establishment of a well-financed branch of al Qaeda in Latin America and the creation of terrorist cells in major metropolitan areas throughout the United States. **Williams convincingly demonstrates that by means of this network Bin Laden is now in a position to execute his dream of an American Hiroshima, an apocalyptic act of mass murder within the borders of the United States.** Though vigorously working to prevent such an attack, many military experts and security officials concede the probability of nuclear terrorism in America, perhaps in the immediate future. But the most disturbing news is that high level U.S. officials now believe at least some of those weapons have been smuggled into the U.S. for use in the near future in major cities as part of this "American Hiroshima" plan, according to an upcoming book. According to Williams, former CIA Director **George Tenet informed President Bush one month after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that at least two suitcase nukes had reached al-Qaida operatives in the U.S.** "Each suitcase weighed between 50 and 80 kilograms (approximately 110 to 176 pounds) and contained enough fissionable plutonium and uranium to produce an explosive yield in excess of two kilotons," wrote Williams. "One suitcase bore the serial number 9999 and the Russian manufacturing date of 1988. The design of the weapons, Tenet told the president, is simple. The plutonium and uranium are kept in separate compartments that are linked to a triggering mechanism that can be activated by a clock or a call from the cell phone." According to the author, **the news sent Bush "through the roof," prompting him to order his national security team to give nuclear terrorism priority over every other threat to America.** However, it is worth noting that Bush failed to translate this policy into securing the **U.S.-Mexico border through which the nuclear weapons and al-Qaida operatives are believed to have passed** with the help of the MS-13 smugglers. He did, however, order the building of underground bunkers away from major metropolitan areas for use by federal government managers following an attack. **Bin Laden, according to Williams, has nearly unlimited funds to spend on his nuclear terrorism plan** because he has remained in control of the Afghanistan-produced heroin industry. Poppy production has greatly increased even while U.S. troops are occupying the country, he writes. Al-Qaida has developed close relations with the Albanian Mafia, which assists in the smuggling and sale of heroin throughout Europe and the U.S. Some of that money is used to pay off the notorious MS-13 street gang between \$30,000 and \$50,000 for each sleeper agent smuggled into the U.S. from Mexico. The sleepers are also provided with phony identification, most often bogus matricula consular ID cards indistinguishable from Mexico's official ID, now accepted in the U.S. to open bank accounts and obtain driver's licenses. According to Williams' sources, **thousands of al-Qaida sleeper agents have now been forward deployed into the U.S. to carry out their individual roles in the coming "American Hiroshima" plan.** Bin Laden's goal, according to the book, is to kill at least **4 million Americans, 2 million of whom must be children.** Only then, bin Laden has said, would the crimes committed by America on the Arab and Muslim world be avenged. **There is virtually no doubt among intelligence analysts al-Qaida has obtained fully assembled nuclear weapons, according to Williams.** The only question is how many. Estimates range between a dozen and 70. **The breathtaking news is that an undetermined number of these weapons, including suitcase bombs, mines and crude tactical nuclear weapons, have already been smuggled into the U.S. – at least some across the U.S.-Mexico border.** The future plan, according to captured al-Qaida agents and documents, suggests the attacks will take place simultaneously in major cities throughout the country – including New York, Boston, Washington, Las Vegas, Miami, Chicago and Los Angeles. "Terrorists have carte blanche to carry practically anything they want across our national line at this time," he said. **"As ordinary citizens have warned this government for years, the only surprising part about the new information reported here is that nothing apocalyptic from Mexican-border weapons trafficking has yet happened. Terrorism has reared its ugly head in London again these past few days, and as we know all too well we are not immune in this country.** At this point, the next attempt to attack America at home is just a matter of 'when,' not 'if.' **And our unsecured borders have surely contributed to this threat – yet our government officials continue to fiddle while our nation's margin of security and safety burns away.** The president and Congress had better wake up before they have to answer for another devastating terrorist incursion on our own soil" (Williams, 2005).



**Date:** September 3, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily, Ryan Mauro

**Title/Headline:** *Paul Williams Details 'American Hiroshima'*

**Abstract:** Paul L. Williams is a former consultant to the FBI on organized crime and terrorism. Since then, he has become an award-winning investigative journalist and written several books. In his new book, **"The Al Qaeda Connection," he claims Osama bin Laden has obtained nuclear weapons and smuggled them into the U.S. through Mexico for use in a plot known as "American Hiroshima."**

**Ryan Mauro:** Much has been written about the "American Hiroshima" report. How did you first learn about the plot?

**Paul Williams:** I have a unique background. I hold a Ph.D. in philosophy from Drew University and I am a seasoned and award-winning journalist. **I came upon the story of bin Laden's acquisition of tactical nuclear weapons while working as the editor/publisher of The Metro and a consultant on organized crime for the FBI.** Several members of the Chechen Mafia, who had emigrated to Little Odessa, muscled into the operations of the Bufalino Crime Family in

Northeast Pennsylvania by selling choice No. Four heroin, guns of every description, and stolen high-end cars from New York and New Jersey . **I learned that they came to the U.S. after Makhmud and his associates sold tactical nukes and nuclear materials to Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri.** I began to search for evidence of this sale and came upon stories in The Jerusalem Report and The London Times and Arab stories in Muslim magazines, Al-Watan al-Arabi and al-Majallah **This led me to other sources and reports of further sales of nukes from the former Soviet Union to al-Qaida** not only by the Chechens but also the Russian Mafia and black-marker arms-dealers, including Semion Mogilevic from the Ukraine . Such information can be obtained by any journalist with a telephone, a computer, and a library card. I further learned that the sales to al-Qaida have been verified by a host of intelligence officials and weapons inspectors, including Hans Blix, former director general of the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency. **The sales were even verified by bin Laden and al-Zawahiri in their pronouncements that they have obtained a small arsenal of nuclear weapons from black-market sources.** My research took me farther into dealings between **bin Laden and Dr. A. Q. Khan** and the fact that over 20 nuclear scientists and technicians from Khan's research laboratories in Pakistan worked with al-Qaida on a regular basis to maintain and modify the weapons that had been purchased and to develop other weapons from the highly enriched uranium and plutonium that bin Laden had purchased from Uzbekistan and other countries. **Dr. Mahmood and Dr. Majeed, two of the leading officials at the Khan facility, confessed to CIA and ISI interrogators that they participated in al-Qaida's nuclear projects.** The fact that the Chechens possessed the nukes should be no surprise to any reporter or investigator. In 1995, the Chechens under Com. Shamil Basayev planted a radiological bomb in Izmailovsky Park near Moscow . The bomb was made of cesium-137, and, if detonated, would have killed thousands of Russians. **This incident represented the first case of a nuke to be deployed as a weapon of terror.** Later that same year, Dzhokhar Dudayev, the leader of the Chechen Mafia, offered to sell his collection of nuclear weapons to the United States in exchange for U. S. recognition of Chechnya 's independence. The Clinton Administration declined and so the weapons were sold to al-Qaida. **More importantly, there is empirical proof that al-Qaida possesses nukes.** In 2000, British agents posed as recruits from a London mosque to infiltrate al-Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan . In Herat , they saw nuclear weapons being manufactured. Similarly, **an al-Qaeda operative was arrested at the checkpoint at Ramallah with a weapon strapped to his back. At first, Israeli intelligence thought that the weapon was a radiological bomb but later confirmed, as reported by Richard Sales of UPI and other reputable journalists, that it was a tactical nuke.** There are more examples, including the canister of uranium 238 that U.S. military officials discovered in a lead canister in Kandahar at the outset of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**Ryan Mauro:** How come other terrorism experts, Steven Emerson for example, haven't warned us about the plot? In other words, why does it seem so out of the mainstream?

**Paul Williams:** Few military and intelligence officials question bin Laden's ability to launch his plan for the American Hiroshima. **Gen. Eugene Habiger, former Executive Chief of Strategic Weapons at the Pentagon, said that an event of nuclear mega-terrorism on U. S. soil is "not a matter of if, but when."** During the 2004 presidential debates, President Bush and Sen. Kerry said that nuclear weapons in the hands of terrorists represent the greatest danger facing the American people, while **Vice President Cheney, on the campaign trail, warned that a nuclear attack by al-Qaida appears imminent.** Before leaving office, Attorney General John Ashcroft and Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge both voiced that belief that al-Qaida's plan to nuke cities throughout the country soon might come to fruition. From the private sector, Warren Buffet, who establishes odds against cataclysmic events for major insurance companies, concluded that an imminent nuclear nightmare within the United States is **"virtually a certainty."** From the academic community, Dr. Graham Allison, director of Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, said: **"Is nuclear mega-terrorism inevitable? Harvard professors are known for being subtle or ambiguous, but I'll try to be clear. 'Is the worst yet to come?' My answer: Bet on it. Yes."** Finally, from the mainstream media, Bill Keller, editor of The New York Times, concluded that the only reason for thinking a nuclear attack won't happen is because "it hasn't happened yet," adding that such reasoning represents "terrible logic." And so, Ryan, the message has been delivered but few are listening. Emerson's importance as an analyst pales in comparison to that of Michael Scheuer, of the CIA and author of "Imperial Hubris," who was in charge on "the Alec file," the CIA's file on bin Laden. On Nov. 14, 2004 , Scheuer appeared on "60 Minutes" to alert the American people £ that a nuclear attack by al-Qaida "is pretty close to being inevitable."

**Ryan Mauro:** In your upcoming book, "The Al-Qaeda Connection," you write that former Russian KGB and Spetsnaz operatives maintain bin Laden's nuclear arsenal. When were they hired and how do we know they are capable of such a monumental task?

**Paul Williams:** Bin Laden and al-Zawahiri began recruiting former Spetsnaz technicians circa 1997. By 1999, a host of such technicians (along with nuclear scientists from China ) were working at al-Qaida laboratories in Afghanistan and Pakistan. **By 2000, al-Qaida also secured the help of scientists and technicians from the A. Q. Khan Research Facility in Pakistan , including the assistance of Khan himself. On Sept. 11, 2001, when the attack was taking place in America , bin Laden and company were meeting with Dr. Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmood, former Chairman of Pakistan's Atomic Energy Commission, and Dr. Chaudry Abdul Majid, chief technician for the A. Q. Khan Facility, to discuss the maintenance and deployment of al-Qaida's nuclear arsenal.** When the CIA confiscated records from Ummah Tameer E-Nau ("Islamic Reconstruction"), Dr. Mahmood's bogus charity in Kabul , they **discovered evidence from Mahmood's computer that at least one al-Qaida nuke had been forward deployed to the U.S. from Karachi in a cargo container.** After interrogating Mahmood and Majid, CIA officials discovered that more than a score of scientists and technicians from the A. Q. Khan Facility worked on a daily basis to develop, upgrade, and maintain the al-Qaida nuclear arsenal. **Almost all of these scientists have escaped from Pakistan to avoid arrest.** U.S. officials have been denied permission to interrogate Dr. Khan, even though we know that he provided nuclear technology and designs for atomic bombs not only to Libya , Iran and North Korea, but also Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Sudan, Nigeria, Brazil, Egypt, Malaysia, Indonesia, Algeria, Abu Dhabi and Myanmar. In Myanmar , for example, Dr. Sulieman Asad and Dr. Mohammad Ali Mukhtar are building a 10-megawatt nuclear reactor while still providing help and expertise to the al-Qaida network. It's a hellava situation and the press is not reporting it.

**Ryan Mauro:** Do you have any information on what the U.S. and its friends are doing to try to stop the plot?

**Paul Williams:** **On Oct. 11, 2001 , George Tenet, former CIA director, met with President Bush to inform him that at least two tactical nukes have reached al-Qaida operatives in the U.S. This news was substantiated by Pakistan 's ISI, the CIA and the FBI.** In accordance with this discovery, the Bush administration deployed hundreds of new and sophisticated Gamma Ray Neutron Flux Detector sensors to U.S. borders, overseas facilities and "choke points" around Washington, D.C. The administration further assigned Delta Force, the elite special operations detachment unit of the U.S. Army, the task of killing or disabling any or all suspects. Such measures have proved to be ineffective. Richard L. Wagner, senior staff member at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, testified before the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on the Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack that the currently installed radiation detection systems are highly limited in their capabilities and, in general, insufficient to the task. To add to the problem of insecurity, the borders remain almost completely porous and less than 10 percent of the freight that arrives at major ports (including New York/New Jersey) is inspected.

**Ryan Mauro:** Where is the WMD arsenal now that Afghanistan is occupied?

**Paul Williams:** **The nuclear weapons were not contained solely in Afghanistan. Al-Qaida laboratories were established in the Balkans, Sudan, Pakistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and even places like Myanmar.** A number of these weapons have been forward deployed to Mexico and the U.S. My educated guess would be that arsenals have been established in several of the following countries: Pakistan, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, Algeria, Indonesia, Malaysia, Abu Dubai, Iran, Syria and Lebanon . The last three in light of the al-Qaida truce and bonding with Hezbollah. Myanmar looms large since very sinister events are taking place there. These events, including the construction of large reactors, have been made possible by fugitive scientists and technicians from the Khan Research Facility. **But don't lose sight of the fact that nukes have been forward deployed to al-Qaida cells in Canada, Mexico and the U.S.**

**Ryan Mauro:** Why haven't the weapons been used already? One can't help but think that the best time to use the weapons would have been during the invasions of Afghanistan or Iraq .

**Paul Williams:** The worst time for al-Qaida to use its nuclear weapons would have been during the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq when the U.S. remained on high alert. A defining characteristic of bin Laden is patience. His favorite Islamic verse is as follows: "I will be patient until Patience is outworn by patience." He started plotting the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania when he was in the Sudan in 1993; the attack of the USS Cole was more than two years in the making and eight years passed between the first attack on the World Trade Center and the second. **The planned American Hiroshima is enormous in scope. It requires not only development and (in some cases) rebuilding of the weapons along with codification for detonation but also forward deployment, site preparation and precise strategic coordination with scattered cells.** Bin Laden will not allow the attack to take place unless there is certainty of success. His entire resources (including the gains from the poppy fields) have been spent on this operation. After scrutinizing the situation and analyzing the data, Bill Keller, editor of The New York Times, said that the "best reason" for thinking that the nuclear attack by al-Qaida will NOT happen is because "it hasn't happened yet," adding this conclusion represents "terrible logic." I agree with him.

**Ryan Mauro:** Is there any indication of when Bin Laden intends to use the arsenal?

**Paul Williams:** Bin Laden can't sit on these weapons for years. They require constant maintenance. At any given time, a tactical nuke exudes a temperature in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit. This means that they are prone to oxidation and rust. Moreover, the triggers that emit large quantities of neutrons at high speeds decay rapidly and have short half-lives – most would become useless without maintenance in less than four months. The nuclear cores also are subject to decay and over the course of several years would fall below the critical mass threshold. Though the shells that encase the cores are the most durable parts of the weapons, they, too, are subject to contamination. The tritium used to compensate for the required amount of conventional explosives to compress the fissile core within the compact devices is less of an issue since it has a half-life of 12.3 years. **Taking all things into consideration, the attack should occur within the very near future. The bombs which bin Laden began building in 1992 are for the American Hiroshima.**

**Ryan Mauro:** Given the heat and radiation given off by the nuke, couldn't it be detected?

**Paul Williams:** Richard L. Wagner, senior staff member at the Los Alamos National Laboratory and one of the founders of the Department of Energy's Nuclear Emergency Search Team, recently told Congress that major breakthroughs in the ability of the U.S. government to locate rogue nukes may be *five* years away. Wagner, a Ph.D. whose specialty is radiation detection, testified that better technology and more radiation detection devices are needed to stop the nuclear terrorist threat. **"Currently installed radiation detection systems, or systems which could be procured in quantity in the next year or two, are quite limited in their capabilities and, in general, are insufficient for the task,"** he testified. "Substantial research and development is needed to improve detection capabilities." **A nuclear gun bomb that could be fired from a 155 millimeter recoilless rifle could be packed in the small container, stuffed into the truck of a car or van and transported into any major metropolitan city within the U.S. without detection.** That's the fact of the matter. Other weapons could be transported by private plane to any major airport. Less than 25 percent of the freight on private planes is inspected let alone subjected to radiation detection. To complicate matters, the ports of entry (such as the airports) are now controlled by the Albanian Mafia. The Albanians have taken over the operations of the Italian-American crime families and have become, according to the FBI, the leading criminal organization in the U.S. The Albanians, as you know, are Muslims with ties to radical Islam and, through the KLO, al-Qaida.

**Ryan Mauro:** I have trouble believing that teams required to maintain a nuclear weapon wouldn't be detected here in the U.S.

**Paul Williams:** There isn't just one team but, at least, seven. They are working within mosques and Islamic centers. In the U.S., a federal judge will not provide any FBI or law enforcement agent with a warrant to search a mosque of an Islam center for *any* reason since such places are listed as "houses of worship."

**Ryan Mauro:** Seven teams?

**Paul Williams:** At least seven teams, according to information obtained from Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and other al-Qaida operatives, in at least seven metropolitan areas. **These areas have been identified as New York, Miami, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Chicago and Washington, D.C. The attack will occur simultaneously at the seven sites.**

**Ryan Mauro:** How do you know you can trust what Khalid Sheikh Mohammad said? In the past, he's given us bogus information, some of which led to orange alerts. Some say he and other al-Qaida operatives are waging a disinformation campaign meant to dull our senses.

**Paul Williams:** No, you can't trust Khalid Sheikh Mohammad, but you can trust the information that was obtained from his laptop when he was arrested on March 1, 2003.

**Ryan Mauro:** Will Bin Laden use them on the American homeland or also forces overseas and countries that have joined the war on terrorism?

**Paul Williams:** They are not for use in the United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Iraq or Afghanistan . **The declaration of war was issued against the United States and al-Qaida insists that over 4 million Americans must die for the sake of parity.** They are intent upon realizing this objective and the doomsday clock by all reckoning is very near midnight (Mauro, 2005).

**Title:** *Nuclear Terrorism After 9/11(Adelphi Series)* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** March 16, 2006

**Publisher:** Routledge

**Author:** Robin M. Frost

**Abstract:** The very mention of nuclear terrorism is enough to rouse strong reactions, and understandably so, because it combines the most terrifying weapons and the most threatening of people in a single phrase. The possibility that terrorists could obtain and use nuclear weapons deserves careful analysis, but discussion has all too often been contaminated with exaggeration, even hysteria. For example, it has been claimed that nuclear terrorism poses an "existential threat" to the United States. This *Adelphi Paper* develops a more measured analysis of the risk of terrorists detonating a true fission device. The problem is attacked from two perspectives: the considerable, possibly

insurmountable, technical challenges involved in obtaining a functional nuclear weapon, whether 'home-made' or begged, borrowed or stolen from a state arsenal; and the question of the strategic, political and psychological motivations to 'go nuclear'. **The conclusions are that nuclear terrorism is a less significant threat than is commonly believed, and that, among terrorists, Muslim extremists are not the most likely to use nuclear weapons** (Frost, 2006).

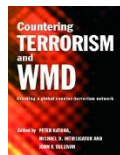
**Title:** *Dunces of Doomsday* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** April 6, 2006

**Publisher:** WND Books

**Author:** Paul L. Williams

**Abstract:** Williams identifies the enemy as Islam, a religion boasting 1.4 billion adherents, with an army of "untold millions" that has "threatened Western civilization for fourteen hundred years." **Islam has "amassed nuclear weapons" and seeks parity with the death of four million Americans — "two million of whom must be children."** Islam, Williams notes, has defeated the Soviet Union in Afghanistan and the United States in Somalia and Lebanon (Williams, 2006).



**Title:** *Countering Terrorism And WMD: Creating A Global Counter-Terrorism Network* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** October 30, 2006

**Publisher:** Routledge

**Author:** Peter Katona, John P. Sullivan, Michael D. Intriligator

**Abstract:** This volume shows us that in order to deal with today's **Fourth Generation asymmetric warfare by terrorist groups using conventional arms and weapons of mass destruction, we need a new 'global networked' approach.** The contributors examine the various attempts that have been made to counter the latest wave of terrorism, including the US strikes against Afghanistan and Iraq, President George W. Bush's declaration of a 'war against terrorism', the creation of the US Department of Homeland Security, and the 9/11 Commission. Drawing from our experience with 'Terrorism Early Warning' and the co-production of counter-terrorism intelligence, this book explains the need for such a network and shows how it could be formed. It compiles the opinions of experts from clinical medicine, public policy, law enforcement and the military. These expert contributors identify the nature of a global counter-terrorism network, show how it could be created, and provide clear guidelines for gauging its future effectiveness (Katona, Sullivan, & Intriligator, 2006)

**Title:** *The Day Of Islam: The Annihilation Of America And The Western World* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** May 22, 2007

**Publisher:** Prometheus Books

**Author:** Paul L. Williams

**Abstract:** Williams reveals the underlying narrative of news updates on terrorist activity, tying isolated acts to bin Laden's overall strategy to carry out an "American Hiroshima." Among profiles of purported Al Qaeda supporters (including Venezuela's Hugo Chavez and Brazil's Lula de Silva), Williams examines interesting items like bin Laden's alleged location (a small village in Pakistan's Northwest Frontier); Al Qaeda's purchase of a nuclear "suitcase bomb," a Soviet leftover; and the role of Pakistan's Interservice Intelligence in the beheading of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl (allegedly investigating nuclear trafficking between Al Qaeda and a Pakistani scientist). Though absorbing, Williams' approach reduces the proponents of Islamic jihad to violent, irrational stereotypes rather than exploring their worldview. A noteworthy guide to the workings of Islamic terrorism, this volume's colorful style obscures its serious intent (Williams, 2007).

**Title:** *Deception: Pakistan, The United States And The Global Nuclear Weapons Conspiracy* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** September 1, 2007

**Publisher:** Atlantic Books

**Author:** Adrian Levy & Catherine Scott-Clark

**Abstract:** "Deception" exposes the terrifying truth about the proliferation of nuclear weapons amongst the rogue states and terrorist organizations which now threaten to destabilize the entire world. This book is essential reading for fans of Seymour Hersh, Richard Preston, Mark Bowden, and Jason Burke. On 15 December 1975, A. Q. Khan - a young Pakistani nuclear scientist working in Holland - stole top secret blueprints for a revolutionary new process to arm a nuclear bomb. **His original intention was to provide for Pakistan a counter to India's ongoing pursuit of an atomic bomb. But over time that ambition mushroomed into a vast nuclear black market sanctioned by Pakistan's military elite - financed by aid money from the United States, Saudi Arabia and Libya, as well as boundless assistance from China.** They secretly sold weapons to Iran, North Korea, and many others - with the clear knowledge of the American government, for whom Pakistan was a crucial buffer against the Soviets and now an ally in the 'war on terror'. **Successful US Administrations conducted a deliberate cover-up: destroying intelligence, lying to Congress and the West about Pakistan's capability, and facilitating the spread of the very weapons we vilify the 'axis of evil' powers for coveting and dread Islamic terrorists obtaining** (Levy & Scott-Clark, 2010).

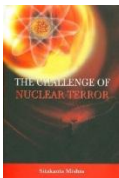


**Title:** *The Nuclear Jihadist* (Non-Fiction)  
**Date:** December 3, 2007  
**Publisher:** Twelve  
**Author:** Douglas Frantz, Catherine Collins

**Abstract:** In tackling the story of Pakistani nuclear scientist A.Q. Khan, Frantz and Collins are entering a crowded field. As Adrian Levy and Catherine Scott-Clark did in *Deception*, this husband-and-wife team divides attention between Khan's influence over **Pakistan's nuclear program and how the American government ignored evidence of his progress because Pakistan served as a convenient ally**. While much of this story is familiar, Frantz and Collins do provide more detail on Khan's background and draw on several different U.S. sources. (They reveal, for example, that the State Department discussed assassinating Khan as far back as 1978.) They also give the Pakistani government more benefit of the doubt than most other commentators: an internal corruption investigation ordered by Pervez Musharraf shortly after he became Pakistan's president is interpreted as suggesting that Khan's dealing with nations like Libya and Iran might not have been sanctioned by his government (Frantz & Collins, 2007).

**Title:** *Will The Terrorists Go Nuclear?* (Non-Fiction)  
**Date:** September 23, 2008  
**Publisher:** Prometheus Books  
**Author:** Brian Michael Jenkins

**Abstract:** A leading expert on terrorism and a senior adviser at the RAND Corporation, Jenkins addresses the contentious issue of nuclear terror in this exhaustive study that seeks to separate what we fear from what we might reasonably expect. The author traces the debate over nuclear terror from the Cold War to its contemporary nexus with al-Qaeda, noting that 9/11 renewed all the old debates and significantly altered our perceptions of what was plausible. Furthermore, the Bush administration's saber-rattling and the relentless media coverage exaggerated the threat and left the nation intentionally terrified. **While acknowledging al-Qaeda's efforts to obtain nuclear weapons, Jenkins points out that the evidence confirms... ambition, not capability or the knowledge to fabricate a nuclear device.** Finally, the author invites the reader to assume the role of president in a frightening scenario that begins with a nuclear blast in Manhattan. Jenkins's ambitious goal seems to be not to downplay the nuclear threat posed by terrorists but to get Americans to address it logically and dispassionately; his thoroughly documented and carefully reasoned study is an important step in that direction (Jenkins, 2008).



**Title:** *The Challenge Of Nuclear Terror* (Non-Fiction)  
**Date:** September 30, 2008  
**Publisher:** Knowledge World International  
**Author:** Sitakanta Mishra

**Abstract:** Explores the nuances of the global discourse in the light of the emergence of non state actors with an expressed interest in WMD terrorism. This book looks into the details of the phenomenon of nuclear terrorism (Mishra, 2008).



**Title:** *One Second After* (Fiction)  
**Date:** March 17, 2009  
**Publisher:** Forge Books  
**Author:** William R. Forstchen

**Abstract:** In this entertaining apocalyptic thriller from Forstchen, **a high-altitude nuclear bomb of uncertain origin explodes, unleashing a deadly electromagnetic pulse that instantly disables almost every electrical device in the U.S. and elsewhere in the world.** Airplanes, most cars, cellphones, refrigerators—all are fried as the country plunges into literal and metaphoric darkness. History professor John Matherson, who lives with his two daughters in a small North Carolina town, soon figures out what has happened. Aided by local officials, Matherson begins to deal with such long-term effects of the disaster as starvation, disease and roving gangs of barbarians. While the material sometimes threatens to veer into jingoism, and heartstrings are tugged a little too vigorously, fans of such classics as *Alas, Babylon* and *On the Beach* will have a good time as Forstchen tackles the obvious and some not-so-obvious questions the apocalypse tends to raises (Forstchen, 2009).

**Title:** *Atomic Obsession: Nuclear Alarmism From Hiroshima To Al Qaeda* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** November 5, 2009

**Publisher:** Oxford University Press

**Author:** John E. Mueller

**Abstract:** The explosion of a single atomic bomb capable of destroying a few city blocks is taken to portend the demise of the entire city, the economy of the country, the country itself, the modern state system, civilization, the planet. Armageddon and apocalypse have continuously been found to be looming just over the horizon. Disaster has also been envisioned as the inexorable result if more countries obtain nuclear weapons. Before China obtained its bomb, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency prophesied that, with that event, **nuclear war would become "almost inevitable."** Moreover, the rate at which new countries would obtain the weapons has almost always been wildly off the mark. It was in 1960, for example, that a presidential candidate insisted that there might be "ten, fifteen, twenty" countries with a nuclear capacity by 1964. In 1964 itself a high level committee asserted that the world was fast approaching a point of no return on this. And for decades, prominent analysts have prophesied that Germany and Japan would necessarily soon get nuclear weapons. Declamations like that very much continue to this day. If Iran or North Korea gets a nuclear weapon, we are repeatedly told, the result will be a proliferation cascade (or epidemic or wave or avalanche), and the result of that would be a nuclear war or, in the words of the esteemed, and imaginative, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, "the beginning of the end of our civilization." There is, a recent think tank report suggests, "something approaching a consensus" among "both in and out of government," that **we are "on the verge of a new nuclear age" where there will be more nuclear weapons states and a much greater chance the weapons will be used.** In result, the continuously discredited "nightmare vision" of the 1960s, in the words of another alarmed analyst, "still holds." Following on this grand legacy of impending doom, there has been a particular fixation since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, on the potential **for a terrorist atomic bomb, and politicians of all stripes preach to an anxious and very numerous choir when they proclaim this to be the single most serious threat to the security of the United States or, for that matter, of the world.** Among those deeply concerned about that possibility is Governor Thomas Kean, chair of the 9/11 Commission, who has confessed that what keeps him up at night is **"the worry of a terrorist with a nuclear device in one of our major cities."** Bill Keller of the *New York Times* has complained about a similar disorder: after finishing a long article about nuclear terrorism for that newspaper's magazine entitled "Nuclear Nightmares," he remained boldly determined not to evacuate Manhattan but, he admitted, "neither am I sleeping quite as soundly." **Like Kean and Keller, FBI Director Robert Mueller reportedly wakes up in the middle of the night worrying about an al-Qaeda nuclear strike.** Indeed the affliction seems general. Defense Secretary Robert Gates maintains that, when asked what keeps them awake at night, *every* senior leader declares it to be **"the thought of a terrorist ending up with a weapon of mass destruction, especially nuclear."** In the case of the FBI Director, there are other worrying symptoms as well: it is carefully reported that there are "dark circles under his eyes" from thinking about the prospect, and when he utters the words, "nuclear device," he "knits his brow and clenches his teeth" even as his left eyebrow lifts "like an arrow poised in midflight." Similarly, **Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, formerly a top investigator at the CIA, ranks himself among the many who consider the atomic terrorist to be an "existential" threat, and he, too, reportedly can't sleep because he is convinced al-Qaeda is "looking for uranium," that it "could build a Hiroshima-size bomb," and that "we'd never see it coming."** The third part of the book examines the atomic terrorist nightmare that has become so pervasive since 9/11, an expression of the atomic obsession that has not only caused widespread sleep disorders, but has inspired protective and policing expenditures that are likely to prove substantially excessive. **Actually, it is not all that clear that any terrorist groups actually really want the weapons or are remotely capable of obtaining them should the desire to do so take hold of them.** The evidence of a desire on al-Qaeda's part to go atomic and of any progress in accomplishing this exceedingly difficult task is remarkably skimpy, if not completely negligible, **while the scariest stuff--a decade's worth of loose-nuke rumor and chatter and hype--seems to have no substance whatever.** Because of a vast array of organizational and technical hurdles, **the likelihood that terrorists will be able to build or acquire an atomic bomb is vanishingly small.** Despite the substantial array of threats regularly issued by al-Qaeda (the only terrorist group that may envision attacks on the United States to be desirable), and despite the even more substantial anguish these threats have inspired in their enemies, the terrorist group's capacity seems to be quite limited. One reason for al-Qaeda's remarkably low activity in the last years is that 9/11 proved to be substantially counterproductive from al-Qaeda's standpoint; indeed, with 9/11 and subsequent terrorist acts, the group seems mainly to have succeeded in uniting the world, including its huge Muslim portion, against its violent global jihad. **Any threat presented by al-Qaeda is likely to fade away in time, unless, of course, the United States overreacts and does something to enhance its numbers, prestige, and determination--something that is, needless to say, entirely possible.** The existential bombast suggesting that the United States will destroy itself in response to an atomic explosion encourages the most diabolical and murderous terrorists to investigate the possibility of accomplishing the task. **In the end, then, it appears that, whatever their impact on activist rhetoric, strategic theorizing, defense budgets, and political posturing, nuclear weapons have had at best a quite limited effect on history,** have been a substantial waste of money and effort, do not seem to have been terribly appealing to most states that do not have them, are out of reach for terrorists, and are unlikely materially to shape much of our future (Mueller, 2010).

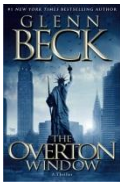
**Title:** *The American Hiroshima: Osama's Plan For A Nuclear Attack, And One Man's Attempt To Warn America* (Non-Fiction)

**Date:** November 24, 2009

**Publisher:** iUniverse

**Author:** Dr. Hugh Court

**Abstract:** Do you really think Osama bin Laden is done with America? Are you ready for the next 9/11? Help stop Osama bin Laden's plan for a devastating nuclear attack on multiple American cities in the very near future. **Two thirds of Americans believe Osama bin Laden will strike America again, and this time it will be nuclear. Guess what? They are right!** Find out how Iran is aiding and abetting Osama's nuclear plan. Learn how you can help stop Osama's horrible attack, or, if we can't stop it, at least learn how to prevent deadly radiation sickness. **The American Hiroshima: Osama bin Laden's Plan for a Nuclear Attack, and One Man's Attempt to Warn America is the most important book on the imminent terrorist threat facing America.** To save your nation, and protect your family, you must read this book today! (Court, 2009).



**Title:** *The Overton Window* (Faction)

**Date:** June 15, 2010

**Publisher:** Threshold Editions

**Author:** Glenn Beck

**Abstract:** A plan to destroy America, a hundred years in the making, is about to be unleashed . . . can it be stopped? There is a powerful technique called the Overton Window that can shape our lives, our laws, and our future. **It works by manipulating public perception so that ideas previously thought of as radical begin to seem acceptable over time.** Move the Window and you change the debate. Change the debate and you change the country. For Noah Gardner, a twentysomething public relations executive, it's safe to say that political theory is the furthest thing from his mind. Smart, single, handsome, and insulated from the world's problems by the wealth and power of his father, Noah is far more concerned about the future of his social life than the future of his country. But all of that changes when Noah meets Molly Ross, a woman who is consumed by the knowledge that the America we know is about to be lost forever. **She and her group of patriots have vowed to remember the past and fight for the future--but Noah, convinced they're just misguided conspiracy-theorists, isn't interested in lending his considerable skills to their cause.** And then the world changes. **An unprecedented [Nuclear] attack on U.S. soil shakes the country to the core and puts into motion a frightening plan, decades in the making, to transform America and demonize all those who stand in the way. Amidst the chaos, many don't know the difference between conspiracy theory and conspiracy fact--or, more important, which side to fight for. But for Noah, the choice is clear: Exposing the plan, and revealing the conspirators behind it, is the only way to save both the woman he loves and the individual freedoms he once took for granted.** After five back-to-back #1 New York Times bestsellers, national radio and Fox News television host Glenn Beck has delivered **a ripped-from-the-headlines thriller that seamlessly weaves together American history, frightening facts about our present condition, and a heart-stopping plot.** The Overton Window will educate, enlighten, and, most important, entertain--with twists and revelations no one will see coming (Beck, 2010).

**Conclusion:** Unless these authors have direct contact with Al Qaeda, it is fascinating how much inside information they have regarding an impending nuclear attack. The "terrorists" are 10,000 miles away, speak an entirely different language, but apparently that does not matter! A more likely scenario is that these authors are being fed inside information from FBI and CIA officials who are privy to the nuclear terror plan.

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Dates, Targets & Scenarios

**Intro:** Once a nuclear detonation occurs, it is highly likely that the U.S. government along with the governments of the World will hype the real or imagined threat of a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or even a 6<sup>th</sup> nuclear attack for political gain. That being said, the 1<sup>st</sup> one will be on “LIVE TV”, due to the 30 to 60 second visual life of the blast. As with Hiroshima and Nagasaki, there will likely be a nuclear detonation on the 6<sup>th</sup> (Super Bowl XLV, February 6, 2011) of the month, with another following on 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 2011, or on March 9, 2011 (Ash Wednesday), or the 9<sup>th</sup> of a month yet to be determined in the capitol of the United States, Washington D.C. This secondary target will enable the formation of the North America Union whose new capitol is Denver, Colorado.

**In order to be considered a major nuclear terror target, a target must contain these 3 main criteria in order to terrorize the intended victims and bring about the desired result for the suspected terrorists.**

- 1) Drastic War-Like Casualties
- 2) A Live Global TV Audience
- 3) A Strategic Location



**A Live Global TV Audience:** In order to terrorize victims most effectively, the actual nuclear detonation must be seen globally by a LIVE TV audience, due to the 30-60 second life-span of the mushroom cloud. The Super Bowl, The Olympics, The World Cup, and the New Year's party in Times Square fit this bill. Please see Chapter 31: *TV & LIVE Terror* for more information.

**Drastic War-Like Casualties:** There must be a high number of civilian and eventual first responder casualties, and must outdo 9/11 in every shape and form. It must be “shock and awe”, and the event must mobilize the American people to anger, rage, hate, and eventually war. It is likely that within 24 hours, the talking heads on TV and radio will blame Al Qaeda and Pakistan, for if there ever was a real investigation, it is highly likely that the atomic signature would indicate that the nuclear material was from one of the hijacked nuclear weapons from Minot Air Force Base. Please read Chapter 25: *Nuclear Hijack: Top Secret*, for more information,



**A Strategic Location:** The event must be in a location that is strategically beneficial to the Globalists such as Texas, Brazil, & London. Ironically, there just happens to be three major sporting events planned for these three locations in the next four years.



**The Republic of Texas:** The State of Texas currently stands in the way of the NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) Superhighway, due to the high number of private land owners unwilling to surrender their land to the treasonous U.S. Federal Government. Should an attack in Texas occur, Mexico and potentially Canada could be involved in some way, thus giving reason to set up North American Union by securing the border of Mexico, Canada, and the United States (See Chapter 21: “Blackjack” for more info). Texas has opposed the NAFTA Super Highway and the North American Union probably more than any other State in the Union and is dead-set on allowing the Globalists to carve up their state. A nuclear terror attack would decimate Texas for hundreds of years and would ultimately pave a way for the North American Union based on the logic of securing Canada, United States and Mexico with an airtight nuclear security perimeter. As noted in the chapters *Terrorism & Texas* and *Terrorism & Mexico*, the ground work to eventually blame the Mexican border is well in political play.



**London, England:** The 2012 Olympics is already receiving much hype about a potential nuclear terrorist attack. London was one of 7 cities nuked in the *Telegraph's* infamous “Blackjack, a simultaneous global nuclear terror. With all Nations of the World present, a live attack during the Opening Ceremonies would make for a terrorists wet dream. (See Chapter 21: “Blackjack” for more information.

**Brazil:** Being the largest Nation in South America and a rising star who will host the World Cup (2014) and the Summer Olympics (2016) during the next four years. A nuclear detonation would be the end of Brazil’s dominance in South America, and would potentially destroy the entire South American economy for decades. Brazil, who recently signed a nuclear agreement with Iran and Turkey, is the largest and most powerful economic force in South America. It is possible that the Globalists see Brazil as a threat and may try to invade South America to “hunt down Al Qaeda”, should a nuclear terror event occur in 2014 and/or 2016.

## **The Nuclear Bible: Top 4 “Live” Nuclear Terror Targets**



**# 1 Super Bowl   # 2 The Olympics   # 3 The World Cup   # 4 Times Square, New York**

**Intro:** Base on ALL the quantitative and qualitative research conducted, a nuclear terror attack is most likely going to happen in the United States during the Super Bowl. While there are many factors to consider when making this hypothesis, but none greater than the 2 following points. The Super Bowl is the most watched live TV event in the United States. The Super Bowl is probably the biggest party day in America. It is likely that potentially half of all Americans adult males will be severely intoxicated by the end of the game. Should a nuclear terror attack transpire, martial law would surely follow and many American People would be helpless against it.

## **The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Target # 1: The NFL Super Bowl**



**NFL (National Football League) Super Bowl Championship**

<b><u>Super Bowl:</u></b>	<b><u>City:</u></b>	<b><u>Stadium:</u></b>	<b><u>Date:</u></b>
<b>Super Bowl XLV</b>	<b>Arlington, TX</b>	<b>Cowboys Stadium</b>	<b>February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>
Super Bowl XLVI	Indianapolis, IN	Lucas Oil Stadium	February 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2012
Super Bowl XLVII	New Orleans, LA	Louisiana Superdome	February, 2013?
Super Bowl XLVIII	East Rutherford, NJ	Meadowlands Stadium	February, 2014?

## **The Nuclear Bible: Super Bowl 6/11 & 26/11 Scenarios**

**Date:** February 6, 2011

**Scenario:** 6/11

**Location:** Arlington (Dallas), Texas, USA

- As with the September 11, 2001 attacks (9/11), should a nuclear attack transpire on February 6, 2011, the establishment and media will most likely name the event 6/11: an upside down 9/11
- This particular date is exactly 786 months ( $7+8+6=21$ ) to the day since Hiroshima, Japan, was nuked at 8:15 (Japanese time) on August 6, 1945, by the United States in WWII. The #21 is often referred to “Blackjack” and is the name of Chapter 21: Blackjack.





**Title:** *The Simpsons: To Surveil With Love*

**Date:** May 2, 2010

**Writer(s):** Michael Nobori

**Distributor(s):** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Television



As with 9/11, there was a Simpsons episode with a chilling message that aired prior to the actual event taking place.



**Scenario:** 26/11

**Date:** February 6, 2011

**Location:** Arlington (Dallas), Texas, USA

Pakistani terrorists/militants attack America this day, the same day numerically (2/6/2011) in retaliation for the Obama administrations favoritism towards India and the call for India to join the UN Security Council.

## **The Nuclear Bible: February 6<sup>th</sup> in History**

**February 6, 1900:** The international arbitration court at The Hague was created when the Netherlands' Senate ratifies an 1899 peace conference decree. **Should an international nuclear terror attack occur, it is highly likely that the International Criminal Court or some International Court will be the venue where alleged perpetrators will be tried, thus ushering in a global justice system.**

**February 6, 1933:** The 20th Amendment to the United States Constitution, establishing the beginning and ending of the terms of the elected federal offices, went into effect. Should a nuclear terror attack occur, it is highly likely that the U.S. Constitution will become null and void and some sort of a fascist dictatorship will emerge in America.



**February 6, 1958:** The Munich air disaster took place on 6 February 1958, when British European Airways Flight 609 crashed on its third attempt to take off from a slush-covered runway at Munich-Riem Airport in Munich, West Germany. On board the plane was the Manchester United football team, nicknamed the "Busby Babes", along with a number of supporters and journalists. 20 of the 44 people on board the aircraft died in the crash. The injured, some of whom had been knocked unconscious, were taken to the Rechts der Isar Hospital in Munich where 3 more died, resulting in a total of 23 fatalities with 21 survivors.

**February 6, 1959:** **1<sup>st</sup> Titan ICBM Missile Fired** At Cape Canaveral, Florida. Should a nuclear terror attack occur it is highly likely that the Obama Administration will launch multiple nuclear ICBM's at Pakistan and potentially other nations that are unwilling to submit to the Globalist's New World Order Agenda.

## The Nuclear Bible: February 7<sup>th</sup> (7/11), “The Day After”



**Scenario:** 7/11

**Date:** February 7, 2011, “The Day After”

**Location:** Arlington (Dallas), Texas, USA

Should an attack transpire at the Super Bowl in Texas, the European time of nuclear detonation would be February 7, 2011, which would read as “7/11”. What date the world accepts as the general date would not be determined for years. However, in the United States, 7/11 would be “The Day After”. This is also the name of a nuclear disaster film. There are over 39,000 7 Eleven stores in America, and ironically, the store was founded on July **11**, 1927.

**February 7, 1778:** After the American Revolutionary War, the Treaty of Alliance and the Treaty of Amity and Commerce are signed by the United States and France in Paris, signaling official recognition of the new republic. Interestingly, the day that America is officially born could be the same day that it dies, just 267 years later.

**February 7, 1795:** The 11th Amendment to the United States Constitution is ratified and deals with each state's sovereign immunity from being sued in federal court by someone of another state or country.

**February 7, 1862:** American Civil War: Ulysses S. Grant gives the United States its first victory of the war, by capturing Fort Henry, Tennessee, known as the Battle of Fort Henry.

**February 7, 1899:** Spanish-American War: The Treaty of Paris, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain, is ratified by the United States Senate.

**February 7, 1900:** The international arbitration court at The Hague is created when the Netherlands' Senate ratifies an 1899 peace conference decree. Will a UN type World Court be resurrected 111 years later to try the terrorists who will certainly come from multiple nations?

**February 7, 1904:** A fire in Baltimore, Maryland destroys over 1,500 buildings in 30 hours.

**February 7, 1922:** The Washington Naval Treaty is signed in Washington, D.C., limiting the naval armaments of United States, Britain, Japan, France, and Italy.

**February 7, 1933:** The 20th Amendment to the United States Constitution, establishing the beginning and ending of the terms of the elected federal offices, goes into effect. This amendment will likely be suspended in favor of martial law.

**February 7, 1935:** The classic board game Monopoly is invented.

**February 7, 1951:** *The Broker*, a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train derailed near Woodbridge Township, New Jersey. The accident kills 85 people and injures over 500 more. **The wreck is one of the worst rail disasters in American history.**

**February 7, 1952:** Elizabeth II becomes Queen upon the death of her father George VI. At the exact moment of succession, she was in a tree house at the Treetops Hotel in Kenya. **If a nuclear attack occurred, the public date of the emergence of the North American Union would take place, thus making the Queen of England the de facto ruler of the United States of America exactly 59 years later.**

**February 7, 1990:** Collapse of the Soviet Union: The Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party agrees to give up its monopoly on power. Given a nuclear attack in the United States, nothing would satisfy the Globalists more than to see America fall into the hands of the North American Union.

**February 7, 1992:** The Maastricht Treaty is signed, leading to the creation of the European Union. A nuclear terror attack in America would surely usher in the North American Union (The merger of the United States, Mexico, and Canada), and would be used as a hammer to force the rest of the world into the New World Order system of World Government. Those who stand up for State sovereignty would be labeled “terrorist sympathizers” and would be dealt with accordingly.

**February 7, 1995:** Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, is arrested in Islamabad, Pakistan.

## **The Nuclear Bible: Arlington (Dallas), Texas**



**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Arlington National Cemetery*

**Abstract:** The Arlington National Cemetery is located in Arlington County, Virginia, a military cemetery in the United States of America, established during the American Civil War on the grounds of Arlington House, formerly the estate of the family of Confederate general Robert E. Lee's wife Mary Anna (Custis) Lee, a great grand-daughter of Martha Washington. The cemetery is situated directly across the Potomac River from the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., and near The Pentagon. It is served by the Arlington Cemetery station on the Blue Line of the Washington Metro system. In an area of 624 acres (2.53 km<sup>2</sup>), veterans and military casualties from each of the nation's wars are interred in the cemetery, ranging from the American Civil War through to the military actions in Afghanistan and Iraq. Pre-Civil War dead were reinterred after 1900. Arlington National Cemetery and United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery are administered by the Department of the Army. The other national cemeteries are administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs or by the National Park Service (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Should a nuclear attack occur in Arlington, Texas, one could say it would be the new national cemetery of the United States, for it will fail to exist as a sovereign nation or as a political entity from that day forward. The new North American Union will take its place, and the United States of America will be no more.**



**Trinity River:** The beautiful "Trinity" River just happens to flow through the heart of Dallas and Arlington, Texas. "Trinity" also happens to be the code name of the first nuclear weapons test of an atomic bomb (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** July 16, 1945

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Trinity-Test*

**Abstract:** Trinity Test was conducted by the United States Army on July 16, 1945, at a location about 35 miles (56 km) southeast of Socorro, New Mexico, at the White Sands Proving Ground, now the White Sands Missile Range. Trinity was a test of an implosion design plutonium device. The weapon's informal nickname was "The Gadget". Using the same conceptual design, **the Fat Man device was detonated over Nagasaki, Japan, on August 9, 1945** The Trinity detonation produced an explosive power equivalent to the explosion of about 20 kilotons of TNT. **This date is usually considered to be the beginning of the Atomic Age** (Wikipedia, 2010).



**The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC):** A United States government agency that was established by the Energy Reorganization Act in 1974 from the Atomic Energy Commission, and was first opened January 19, 1975. The NRC oversees reactor safety and security, reactor licensing and renewal, radioactive material safety, security and licensing, and spent fuel management (storage, security, recycling, and disposal). **Region IV, located in Arlington, Texas, oversees the southern midwestern and the western United States** (Wikipedia, 2010). **If a nuclear attack occurs in Arlington, Texas, ALL nuclear records for the western half of the United States will be destroyed. This is key, because any illegal activity regarding nuclear sites in New Mexico and Alaska would be destroyed.**

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Target # 2: The Olympics



### The Summer Olympics:



**Event:**

XXX Summer Olympics  
XXXI Summer Olympics

**Country:**

London, England (UK)  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Date:**

July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
August 5<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

### The Winter Olympics:



**Event:**

XXII Winter Olympics  
XXIII Winter Olympics

**Country:**

Sochi, Russia  
Annecy, France (Bid)  
Munich, Germany (Bid)  
Pyeongchang, South Korea (Bid)

**Date:**

February 7<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014  
February 9<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Target # 3: The World Cup



**Nuclear** Target # 3: The World Cup

**Agency:** FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)

**World Cup Dates:** 2014, 2018, 2022

**Intro:** The 2010 FIFA World Cup was played in South Africa on July 11, 2010 (7/11). Aside from the U.S., most other countries put the day first rather than the month, thus resulting in the numerical switch to 11/7. Should a massive terror event occur at the World Cup on the same date, the 7/11 convenience store with 38,000 locations globally would serve as a constant reminder of Nuclear Terror, similarly like 9/11 was to all Americans who dialed 911 (Emergency Phone Number for Police, Fire, & Medical).

**Tragically, on the day of the 2010 World Cup Final, twin suicide bombs were detonated in Uganda during the game.**

**Event:**

2014 World Cup  
2018 World Cup  
2022 World Cup

**Country:**

Brazil  
Russia  
Qatar

**Date:**

June 11 – July 11, 2014?  
June-July 2018?  
June-July 2022?

## The Nuclear Bible: Other Nuclear Terror Dates, Targets & Scenarios



**New Year's Eve in Time Square, New York, New York:** Time Square in New York City was attacked in 2010 by an American Pakistani with a WMD, and it is highly likely that it will suffer the same fate as the World Trade Center Towers in New York which were attacked in 1993 and again on 9/11 in 2001. Whether it's a Dirty Bomb or Bio Attack the LIVE nature of the event and being the biggest city in the World makes it a Prime Target for the Globalist terrorists.

<u>Event:</u>	<u>City:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Date:</u>
New Year's Eve	New York City	Time Square	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2011
New Year's Eve	New York City	Time Square	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2012
New Year's Eve	New York City	Time Square	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013
New Year's Eve	New York City	Time Square	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014
New Year's Eve	New York City	Time Square	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015

## The Nuclear Bible: Other Cities Mentioned As Nuclear Terror Targets in both Fiction & Non Fiction Accounts

### **Arlington, Texas**

Baltimore, Maryland

Boston, Massachusetts

Charleston, South Carolina

Chicago, Illinois

**Dallas, Texas** (Super Bowl XLV on February 6, 2011)

Hartford, Connecticut

### **Houston, Texas**

Las Vegas, Nevada

Los Angeles, California

Miami, Florida

New York, New York

Norfolk, Virginia

Portland, Oregon

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Rappahannock County, Va. (White House Underground Command Center)

Richmond, Virginia

San Francisco, California

Seattle, Washington

### **Texas City, Texas**

Washington D.C.

## International Cities

Beijing, China

London, England (2012 Summer Olympics)

Moscow, Russia (2018 World Cup)

Mexico City, Mexico

Paris, France

Toronto, Canada

## The Nuclear Bible: Other Potential Target Dates & Events

### Other Dates:

- 1) December 21, 2012 (Supposed "End" of the Mayan Calendar)
- 2) December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day "Bomber" Could Strike Again)
- 3) July 4<sup>th</sup> (America's Birthday)
- 4) November 5<sup>th</sup> (Guy Fawkes Day)
- 5) April 15<sup>th</sup> (Tax Day in America)



- 6) April 19<sup>th</sup> (Paul Revere Ride, Waco Attack, Oklahoma City Bombing)
- 7) Muslim Holy Days or Holidays

**Political Events:** 2012/2016/2020 U.S. Presidential Nomination Ceremony, Republic Convention, Democratic Convention, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Nomination or Victory Party

**Sporting Events:** The Goodwill Games, The World Series, The NBA Finals, Wimbledon, Ryder Cup, Australian Open, Tour de France, U.S. Open, The Masters, NBA, NFL, MLB, NHL, and MLS games and any other high-profile sporting event.

**Entertainment Events:** Oscars, Emmy's, Grammys, Golden Globes, Tonys, U.S./European MTV Music/Movie Awards, and any other high-profile entertainment event.

**Please see Chapters 31, 32, and 33 for more information on the top 3 nuclear terror targets**

**Conclusion:** Please do your part to stop this nuclear holocaust, and forward this information to the four corners of the Earth ASAP.

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Drills



**Intro:** Countless Federal Agencies along with the American Red Cross have been very busy in the last couple of years training local, county, and state police, military, and emergency response workers for an upcoming mass casualty terror attack. While the drills have varied in their location and mission, all of the drills have been training these agencies to work together in harmony should an emergency occur.

**There are so many terror, mass casualty and emergency drills occurring simultaneously throughout America, Britain and Canada, a few pertinent questions remain:**

- When will the drills go live?
- How can will the police, military and the American people tell the difference between “real world” and “exercise” drills?
- Will video footage of the mock drills be used for military/media propaganda purposes at a later date? Will drill footage be passed off as “real” world events?

### Resounding Themes:

- It is not a matter of “if”, but “when” regarding an impending mass casualty terror attack
- Synchronicity and coordination of all local, county, state and federal government emergency agencies is being repeatedly drilled by DHS and FEMA in congruence with COG (Continuity of Government) plans. See Chapter 39: *Nuclear Aftermath of America* for more info...



**Date:** August 21, 2005

**Location:** South Carolina, USA

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Pentagon Drills For Nuke Terror*

**Abstract:** When authorities tried to arrest a terrorist discovered unloading an improvised nuclear weapon in the port of Charleston, S.C., the bomb was detonated, killing 10,000, injuring 30,000 and exposing as many as 100,000 to high levels of radiation. That was the scenario at the center of a nuclear terrorism drill, completed this week, one involving thousands of civilians, military personnel and local and federal officials told Inside Defense. **"Sudden Respond 05" was led by Virginia's Fort Monroe-based Joint Task Force-Civil Support and was designed to simulate a nuclear terrorist attack that the highest U.S. officials, including President Bush, have said is the No. 1 threat facing the nation. The drill, one of many like it scheduled around the country, was not designed to stop a nuclear terrorist attack but to deal with its devastating aftermath.** The exercises took place from Aug. 15 through Aug. 19. Drills in other parts of the country will focus on 15 other scenarios involving the detonation of terrorist weapons of mass destruction. In this case, the device was a 10-kiloton bomb, said Tom Sobieski, deputy for training and exercises at Joint Task Force-Civil Support, in an interview with InsideDefense. For two weeks prior to the drill, the task force, which spearheads the Defense Department's support for civil authorities leading the response, conducted **"in-depth computer modeling" analysis to predict the damage to the southern port, including its infrastructure, facilities, communications as well as how the radioactive plume might move through the atmosphere.** Organizers say the nuclear drills should not frighten civilians but instead encourage them to learn how to protect themselves if such an attack – which some officials have referred to as inevitable – should occur. **"What we're doing is validating what we call our 'nuclear playbook' – our operating procedures for how we would respond to a nuclear scenario,"** Sobieski told Inside Defense. **The task force, part of the U.S. Northern Command, which oversees the Defense Department's domestic military activity, is composed of active, reserve and Guard members from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, as well as civilian personnel. It is commanded by a federalized National Guard general.** Army National Guard Maj. Gen. Bruce Davis, the task force commander, directed the Charleston drill, which included 164 members of his operation, dozens of role players who will represent other organizations the joint task force would work with, as well as representatives from South Carolina's state government and officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. While Charleston was selected as the target for the exercise, most of the activity took place at the task force's Virginia headquarters. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense Paul McHale in an interview last month said **the Pentagon, in partnership with other federal departments, is contemplating "truly catastrophic" scenarios that go well beyond recent exercises designed to test the reaction of civilian and military forces to biological and chemical weapons attacks. "With an**

**unflinching eye, we are taking a realistic look at worse-case scenarios,"** he told Inside Defense. "We have begun to consider in a very focused way not only mid-range consequence management requirements of the type that could be met by a combination of existing and military and civilian capabilities, but also truly catastrophic events that would go beyond the normal range of challenges reflected in our more recent exercises." Each member of the task force has a bag with contamination gear and another with 30 days of clothing and personal needs. They are never far from a telephone. **Neither are about 3,450 military people around the country on 24-hour call for just this sort of disaster. "We are specifically designed as a part of U.S. Northern Command to come in after an incident like this and assist local responders with saving lives, preventing further injuries and restoring critical life support,"** said Maj. Gen. Bruce Davis. "There are those out there that have stated their intent to hurt us anyway they possibly can and to not take that serious and not be prepared would be folly," Gen. Davis added (World Net Daily, 2005).



**Date:** May 17, 2009

**Location:** New York, USA

**Source:** CBC News

**Title/Headline:** *Ground Zero Emergency Drill Staged In NYC*

**Abstract:** Hundreds of emergency employees took part in a disaster drill Sunday morning at the site in lower Manhattan where the two World Trade Center towers were struck by passenger jets and destroyed nearly eight years ago. Officials simulated a mock explosion in a commuter train tunnel linking New York City to New Jersey. Police and fire truck sirens sounded above ground, while emergency workers kept streets in the city's financial district closed to vehicle traffic and pedestrians. Officials also suspended PATH rail service during the drill. **About 150 volunteers pretended to be victims of the explosion. The mock emergency involved over 800 police officers, firefighters and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey officials. It was the largest disaster drill since the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the twin towers, which killed more than 2,700 people** (CBC News, 2009).

**Date:** June 8, 2009

**Location:** United States of America

**Source:** North American Aerospace Defense Command And United States Northern Command

**Title/Headline:** *NORAD And USNORTHCOM Exercise Planned For Mid-June*

**Abstract:** North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command are planning to conduct a combined exercise June 18 - 24 that will incorporate several military exercises with a National Guard exercise. These linked exercises are referred to as **ARDENT SENTRY 09**. Events will take place in multiple venues across the country including Iowa, Kansas, Oregon, Wyoming, and off the East and West Coasts. The exercise will allow several Department of Defense organizations and some federal and state partners to implement plans and respond to a variety of notional events. Historically, exercises like these have helped both DoD and other agencies review their processes and procedures and focus their future training efforts on closing gaps and identifying areas that need additional attention.

#### **Major AS 09 Venues Include:**

- NORAD's AMALGAM DART exercise involving air defense activities at Camp Rilea, Oregon;
- The National Guard's VIGILANT GUARD exercise focused on civil support with major activities in Des Moines, Iowa and Topeka, Kansas; and,
- **A Nuclear Weapons Incident exercise (NUWAIX) with a U.S. Air Force response near Cheyenne, Wyoming;**

The activities in the vicinity of Camp Rilea will involve the deployment of an Army National Guard ground-based air defense system that will be integrated with Air Force airborne systems (AWACS and fighters) and a Navy Aegis Destroyer. *(Media interested in covering this event should contact Mr. Al Eakle at 1-850-283-8080)* Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska National Guard units will respond to multiple events in Iowa and Kansas including simulated train derailments and foreign animal disease. *(Media interested in covering events in Iowa should contact LTC Greg Hapgood at 515-971-6385; for events in Kansas, contact Sharon Watson at 785-274-1192)* **In Wyoming, Air Force Space Command will respond to an incident involving a simulated nuclear weapon.** *(Media interested in covering this should contact Capt. Sharbe Clark at 719-554-3815).* NORAD is a bi-national United States and Canada organization charged with the missions of aerospace warning and aerospace control for North America. **USNORTHCOM provides command and control of DoD homeland defense efforts and, when directed, provides timely and effective defense support of civil authorities** (NORAD & USNORTHCOM, 2009).



**Date:** June 13, 2009

**Location:** New York, USA

**Source:** Press TV, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *New York Drill For Possible Nuke War*

**Abstract:** US security authorities have conducted a semi-clandestine nuclear fallout drill in the City of New York in order to be prepared "for the worst." The NYC Police Department (NYPD) in unison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) carried out a massive almost-covert anti-nuclear exercise codenamed 'New York, you have a problem' in order to gauge the metropolitan promptness in responding to such attacks. According to an AP report on Friday, hundreds of NYPD officers and FBI agents participated in the drill that involved the detection of a gamma-ray emitting device concealed in the heart of the urban area. **The group was also accompanied by an elite corps of federal weapons specialists who, under a US attorney general mandate, found a simulated "nuclear device" and diffused it.** Commenting on the nature of new threats on the City area including 'dirty bombs' and other unconventional explosive devices, head of FBI's New York office, Joseph Demarest, said, **"It's something we're very concerned about."** Reflecting Demarest's comments, **FBI's counterterrorism supervisor, Don Always, told reporters, "Hopefully, we'll never have to do this for real." "But if we do, we have to do it right the first time," he went on to say.** New York City authorities have frequently expressed concerns over a sudden occurrence of such attacks capable to claim numerous lives. A dirty bomb is an explosive device equipped with nuclear, chemical or biological containers, which could be blown up without having to use sophisticated nuclear detonators. The news of the NYC nuclear fallout drill comes in the wake of an assessment last week in which the **Missouri Congressman Todd Akin warned of a looming nuclear threat on the US's West coast cities** as adversarial regimes such as North Korea expand their nuclear and rocket launching capabilities. **The 62-year-old Republican Congressman advised the US administration to seriously consider current nuclear issues threatening US security, which demanded a fortified scheme to tackle the potential issues** (Press TV, 2009).

**Date:** July 27, 2009

**Location:** United States of America

**Source:** FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

**Title/Headline:** *National Level Exercise 2009 (NLE 09)*

**Abstract:** National Level Exercise 2009 (NLE 09) is scheduled for July 27 through July 31, 2009. NLE 09 will be **the first major exercise conducted by the United States government that will focus exclusively on terrorism prevention and protection, as opposed to incident response and recovery.** NLE 09 is designated as a Tier I National Level Exercise. Tier I exercises (formerly known as the Top Officials exercise series or TOPOFF) are conducted annually in accordance with the National Exercise Program (NEP), which serves as the nation's overarching exercise program for planning, organizing, conducting and evaluating national level exercises. **The NEP was established to provide the U.S. government, at all levels, exercise opportunities to prepare for catastrophic crises ranging from terrorism to natural disasters.** NLE 09 is a White House directed, Congressionally- mandated exercise that includes the participation of **all appropriate federal department and agency senior officials, their deputies, staff and key operational elements.** In addition, broad regional participation of state, tribal, local, and private sector is anticipated. This year the United States welcomes the participation of Australia, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom in NLE 09.

**EXERCISE FOCUS:** NLE 09 will focus on intelligence and information sharing among intelligence and law enforcement communities, and between international, federal, regional, state, tribal, local and private sector participants. **The NLE 09 scenario will begin in the aftermath of a national terrorist event outside of the United States, and exercise play will center on preventing subsequent efforts by the terrorists to enter the United States and carry out additional attacks.** This scenario enables participating senior officials to focus on issues related to preventing terrorist events domestically and protecting U.S. critical infrastructure. NLE 09 will allow terrorism prevention efforts to proceed to a logical end (successful or not), with no requirement for response or recovery activities. NLE 09 will be an operations-based exercise to include: activities taking place at command posts, emergency operation centers, intelligence centers and potential field locations to include federal headquarters facilities in the **Washington D.C. area, and in federal, regional, state, tribal, local and private sector facilities in FEMA Region VI, which includes the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Additionally, California, in FEMA Region IX, is also participating.**

**EXERCISE OBJECTIVES:** Through a comprehensive evaluation process, the exercise will assess prevention and protection capabilities both nationally and regionally. Although NLE 09 is still in the planning stages, the exercise is currently designed to validate the following capabilities:

- Intelligence/Information Sharing and Dissemination
- Counter-Terrorism Investigation and Law Enforcement
- Air, Border and Maritime Security
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Public and Private Sector Alert/Notification and Security Advisories
- International Coordination

**VALIDATING THE HOMELAND SECURITY SYSTEM:** Exercises such as NLE 09 are an important component of national preparedness, helping to build an integrated federal, state, tribal, local and private sector capability to prevent terrorist attacks, and rapidly and effectively respond to, and recover from, any terrorist attack or major disaster that occurs. The full-scale exercise offers agencies and jurisdictions a way to test their plans and skills in a real-time, realistic environment and to gain the in-depth knowledge that only experience can provide. Participants will exercise prevention and information sharing functions that are critical to preventing terrorist attacks. **Lessons learned from the exercise will provide valuable insights to guide future planning for securing the nation against terrorist attacks, disasters, and other emergencies.** FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards (FEMA, 2009).

**Date:** September 11, 2009

**Location:** Ohio, USA

**Source:** The Review, Laurie Huffman

**Title/Headline:** *Hazmat Drill Preps Area Firefighters For Chemical Spill*

**Abstract:** Every year, some type of hazardous materials incident has been documented in the county during the past four years that Don McDonald has headed the Stark County Local Emergency Planning Committee. This is why hazmat drills are so important, McDonald told firefighters and various agency officials after a drill was executed at the Alliance Water Treatment Plant on Thursday. During the exercise, the simulated chemical spill was contained and five people were located who were in supposed peril at the plant due to the deadly vapors that were expelled. McDonald has been program director of the county's LEPC for four years, and is retired from the Jackson Township Fire Department, where he was a captain and a firefighter for 25 years. **LEPC is the county agency responsible for coordination of resources and handling of hazardous material spills, and it was the agency that was being evaluated after the drill by three fire chiefs -- Scott Cochran of the Alliance Fire Department, John Bacon of North Canton and John Fetty of Louisville. Vicki Bunting of Ohio Emergency Management Agency was the facilitator. The drill lasted about two-and-a-half hours and an evaluation, or "hot wash," was held directly afterward at Lexington Fire Station. The drills are mandated by the state and 13 objectives must be met through the exercises in each four-year period. Four objectives were being evaluated during this drill: Incident Command System Evaluation (Fetty); Initial Notification and Incident Assessment (Bacon); and Communication (Cochran).** During his evaluation, Cochran said the only area he thought that could be improved upon was there was no one on site taking notes and the incident would have to be reported in full detail later on. **Also, he said the county should have been notified that the 800 megahertz radios were being utilized so the frequency would be cleared. Lexington Fire Chief Ed Johnson said the exercise was a large drill for them, and he said they learned a lot about working with departments they aren't used to working with.** Others present during the drill included Stark County Health Commissioner Bill Franks, Alliance Safety Service Director John Blaser, Stark County EMA Director Tim Warstler, Stark County EMA Deputy Director Rich Weber, Stark County Hazmat Control Officer Fred Klingamon, Denny Tan of Canton Health Department, Alliance-Minerva American Red Cross Chapter Manager John Essick. Food was supplied at the evaluation session by the local Red Cross chapter and by the Lexington Township Fire Auxiliary (Huffman, 2010).

**Date:** October 15, 2009

**Location:** California, USA

**Source:** MSNBC, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Calif. Practices 'Drop, Cover And Hold': State's Earthquake Preparedness Drill Billed As Largest In U.S. History*

**Abstract:** Dozens of schoolchildren took shelter Thursday under work tables along with scientists and government officials as California practiced how to survive a major earthquake. **The scene at the California Science Center was to be repeated throughout the state, with millions of participants in offices, schools and emergency agencies. The fourth-graders who participated in the drill in Los Angeles had been chanting "drop, cover and hold," moments before the simulated earthquake was announced. Some 6.7 million Californians signed up to take part in the earthquake disaster drill, billed as the largest such exercise in U.S. history.** Many schools and businesses were to practice "drop, cover and hold on" — the minimum requirement for participation. Some hospitals and fire departments planned more elaborate simulations complete with search-and-rescue missions and people posing as faux quake victims. **Last year, the state held its first large-scale quake preparedness drill, focusing on Southern California. Some 5.5 million around the region participated, from school children ducking under their desks to firefighters doing medical triage. After last year's drill, organized decided to hold one every year. This year's exercise occurs during the same week as the 20th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake that killed 63 people, collapsed a major freeway, and caused nearly \$6 billion in damage around San Francisco Bay. The magnitude-6.9 temblor struck before the start of the third game of the 1989 World Series. Ready to rumble?** California,



one of the most seismically active states in the United States, faces a 46 percent chance of being hit by a 7.5 or larger earthquake in the next 30 years, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The last temblor to cause significant damage in California was the 1994 Northridge disaster. The drill is sponsored by the Earthquake Country Alliance, made of up USGS, state Emergency Management Agency, American Red Cross and others (MSNBC, 2010).

**Date:** February 3, 2010

**Location:** Washington D. C

**Source:** The Washington Post, Ann Scott Tyson

**Title/Headline:** *Metro Transit Police Stage Large Anti-Terrorism Drill*

**Abstract:** Metro Transit Police staged their largest anti-terrorism sweep ever during Tuesday morning's rush hour, as about 50 officers -- some toting M-4 rifles and others guiding bomb-sniffing dogs -- took up position in Union Station in a new initiative aimed at discouraging attacks. In coming months, they plan to hold similar drills for the effort, dubbed Blue TIDE (Terrorism Identification and Deterrence Effort). Robert Rotz, 50, did a double take when he ran into two officers wearing body armor and shouldering rifles. "This will make people think twice if they are trying to do something," said Rotz, a computer specialist who commutes from Shady Grove. A delegation of senior Indian police officers observed Tuesday's drill. "They are very interested in the technology used in the United States to help prevent attacks," said Deputy Chief Erhart M. Olson of the Metro Transit Police. Metro is planning exercises this month modeled after terrorist attacks in Madrid, London and Mumbai. About 200 to 300 police officers and other emergency responders from across the region will take part in tactical exercises Feb. 12, 13 and 24 that will include simulations of the bombing of a Metrobus, an explosion in the tunnel between the Rosslyn and Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro stations, and shooters at the Friendship Heights Metro station (Tyson, 2010).

**Date:** February 4, 2010

**Location:** Ohio, USA

**Source:** WTOL TV, Dick Berry

**Title/Headline:** *NORAD Trains For Terrorist Attack Over Northwest Ohio*

**Abstract:** Express Airport trained for a terrorist attack during part of a NORAD exercise where two armed F-16's took flight to intercept a passenger jet possibly hijacked by terrorists. Michael Cornell, Director of Owens Community College's Center for Preparedness, says "It's just another example of how well the country is working to prepare for what many feel is an inevitable attack." Cornell believes a terrorist attack is imminent, citing the failed Christmas Day bomber in Detroit. However, Cornell believes the U.S. has come a long way, but says there's always room for growth and preparedness training. "I don't think we're where we need to be, but (we're) a lot better off than we were five to ten years ago." Fire Chief Mike Wolever oversees homeland security for Toledo and says there have been threats to Toledo, but he can't talk about them. "One of the things that the state and local people are getting better at doing is sharing classified information and that's huge," said Wolever. However, Ohio authorities are now worried about a cyber-terrorism, which could crush the banking industry and Wall Street. Local officials believe the U.S. remains vulnerable to attack (WTOL, 2010).

**Date:** March 1, 2010

**Location:** South Carolina, USA

**Source:** Carolina Live

**Title/Headline:** *Statewide Tornado Drill Postponed*

**Abstract:** Due to the threat of inclement weather, the annual tornado drill has been postponed until Thursday, March 4, at 9:00 a.m. The drill was originally scheduled for Tuesday morning. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) jointly sponsors the drill with the National Weather Service as part of South Carolina Severe Weather Awareness Week. Public schools, state and local Emergency Management, the South Carolina Broadcaster's Association, and others will participate in this annual event. The purpose of the drill is to test communication systems, safety procedures, mitigation processes, etc. South Carolina has received a waiver from the Federal Communications Commission to use the Tornado Warning product on NOAA tone-alert weather radio when the drill is conducted. During the drill, the National Weather Service will use a real-event code, TOR. The "TOR" code will activate tone-alert weather radios that are set to receive tornado warnings, and those radios will broadcast the exercise message. In the past, the Weather Service has used a code specifically designed for tests, but the test code does not activate the audio alarms on all radios (Carolina Live, 2010).

**Date:** March 24, 2010

**Location:** North Carolina, USA

**Source:** WMTV News

**Title/Headline:** *Portland Harbor Hosts Major Coast Guard Drill*

**Abstract:** The Coast Guard started conducting a major two-day drill Wednesday in Portland Harbor. The drill -- called the Spill of National Significance -- involves more than a dozen ships testing their abilities to respond to a massive oil spill at sea. It's so big that many refer to it as the Super Bowl of emergency drills. Officials from several agencies spent a year and a half choreographing the simulated disaster. Wednesday started off stormy for most of the day, providing tough weather conditions that Coast Guard officials deemed good because crews respond regardless of the weather conditions. This nightmare scenario involves a simulation of millions of gallons of crude oil spilling into Casco Bay. "It would be that thick black oil. It would be very sticky," Coast Guard Cmdr. Eric Doucette said. "Even with the storm conditions, you would have globs of what would become tar balls." The drill simulated two massive

barges colliding, spilling more than 3 million gallons of crude oil in the harbor. The Coast Guard holds the training session in different parts of the country each year. This year, the command center in South Portland was chosen to serve as host. The drill's purpose is to test not only Maine's preparedness, but the nation's. **"Industry, state partners and the federal government are working as one team to address the public's concern of an oil spill that has the magnitude of impacting three New England states,"** Doucette said. "Industry, state partners and the federal government are working as one team to address the public's concern of an oil spill that has the magnitude of impacting three New England states." There are 55 agencies and about 400 people working together, from operations to logistics. **"It's always people that make things happen. So, to have an exercise like this, we're all getting to know each other better,"** Parker said. "We've been working together, planning this for over a year. So, if an incident occurred, we'd know who we were working with, what people's strengths and weaknesses are so we can help each other out" (WMTV News, 2010).

**Date:** April 23, 2010

**Location:** New York, USA

**Source:** DVIDS, Sgt. Randall Clinton

**Title/Headline:** *Terrorism Training In New York*

**Abstract:** The New York City Fire Department and the Marines' Chemical Biological Incident Response Force responded to a simulated exploded bus, a subway chemical attack, a building collapse and two IED attacks. The all-day exercise was the culmination of a weeklong training evolution at FDNY Fire Academy on Randall's Island pairing Marines and firefighters. The Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, based in Indian Head, Md., has a history with the FDNY going back to the unit's founding in 1996. CBIRF is never in command of an incident, instead they respond and augment at the request of local, state or federal agencies, said Col. John Pollock, CBIRF commanding officer. The Marines go to large-scale events, such as presidential visits and sporting events, so they can respond quickly in case of emergency. The Marines can assist local emergency services when they may get overwhelmed in a large-scale disaster. "These guys are cut from the same cloth that we are. We are both men and women of action. **When most people see explosions, fire, or hear the sound of guns they head the other way, these are ones heading into the danger to make a difference and save lives,**" said Major Michael S. Johnson, CBIRF operations officer. **"When you call the Marines, they're going to get the job done,"** said Fire Commissioner Salvatore J. Cassano standing in front of the Marines scrubbing and spraying victims as they came out of the smokey subway, and then passing them to fire department medical personnel. **"This is a true joint operation and the picture of interoperability,"** said Fire Commissioner Salvatore J. Cassano. "The city fire department is better trained to respond after today" (Clinton, 2010).

**Date:** April 26, 2010

**Location:** Nevada, USA

**Source:** The Washington Times, Rowan Scarborough

**Title/Headline:** *Military Cancels Nuclear Attack Test*

**Abstract:** The U.S. military has canceled a major field exercise that tests its response to a nuclear attack, angering some officials who say that what is now planned for this month will be a waste of time. U.S. Northern Command in Colorado withdrew from major participation in this month's National Level Exercise (NLE), a large-scale drill that tests whether the military and the Department of Homeland Security can work with local governments to respond to an attack or natural disaster. **The exercise was canceled recently after the planned site for a post-nuclear-attack response — Las Vegas — pulled out in November, fearing a negative impact on its struggling business environment.** A government official involved in NLE planning said a new site could not be found. The official also said the Northern Command's exercise plans for "cooping" — continuity of operations, during which commanders go to off-site locations — also had been scratched. "All I know is it's been turned into garbage," said the official, who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the information. "It's a nonevent." **The NLE, which is supposed to be a series of hands-on exercises to test the system in the event terrorists use a nuclear device, has become instead a "tabletop exercise at best,"** the official said. Maj. Michael Humphreys, a Northern Command spokesman, said the military officials decided to delink the Ardent Sentry exercise from the National Level Exercise, but he stressed that the command conducts other exercises and "cooping" at other times. "This exercise enabled both the [Defense Department] and other agencies to review their processes and procedures, and focus future training efforts on closing gaps and additional areas identified during the exercise," Maj. Humphreys said. "This year, Ardent Sentry will not be linked with the NLE." **He said NorthCom will work with the Pentagon in its role in the NLE.** In a statement to The Washington Times, the Pentagon said: "It was necessary to cancel the field exercise portion of the NLE due to the inability to get another state/local community to engage on short notice after the original venue was changed. NorthCom still has a requirement to exercise its core requirements. It is just doing this at another location." **Created after the Sept. 11 attacks, the NLE is the country's largest exercise of its kind — combining activities among the military, Department of Homeland Security and local governments to test their joint, emergency response capabilities.** Homeland Security spokesman Clark Stevens said his department still plans major field work. **"NLE 2010 provides an important opportunity to exercise and assess emergency response and recovery capabilities in the face of a major disaster or a terrorist attack against the United States,"** Mr. Stevens said. "Working with local partners in a number of states, the scenario will allow emergency response officials at all levels of government to test response plans, communication capabilities, and interagency coordination — **tools that are vital to the effective response in a real-world event.**" **The field exercise in Las Vegas was to simulate terrorists detonating an improvised nuclear device assembled with smuggled weapons-grade uranium** (Scarborough, 2010).



**Date:** May 4, 2010

**Location:** South Dakota, USA

**Source:** Infowars, Brian Allen

**Title/Headline:** *2 Day Drill Will Simulate WMD Attack On Sioux Falls*

**Abstract:** The National Guard, Sioux Falls Fire and other first responders will be taking part, simulating a response to an attack involving weapons of mass destruction. Sirens, soldiers and people in moon suits helping the sick and the dying. For the next two days, this is the grim scenario that will play out in Sioux Falls. The Times Square car bomb case seems a million miles away from here. But like most crimes, terror attacks are random meaning they could happen anywhere, even here. This terror drill will simulate how Sioux Falls first responders would react to an attack involving multiple threats. Sergeant Rick Larson is with the South Dakota Air National Guard.

"Mainly focusing on weapons of mass destruction in the chem-bio arena and perhaps a little in the radioactive arena." The concerns go beyond a direct, physical attack. In February, South Dakota U-S Attorney Brendan Johnson warned of the risk of terrorists poisoning the food supply by attacking the nation's cattle herds. Pat DeVaney lives in Sioux Falls and tells us, he is worried. "I think the American people aren't going to realize just the danger we're in until something happens in the heartland and that does include cities like Sioux Falls." And exercise organizers are saying tonight, don't be surprised or alarmed if you see a lot of military vehicles driving on Sioux Falls streets over the next two days. They're part of this big exercise (Allen, 2010).

**Date:** May 5, 2010

**Location:** California, USA

**Source:** The Modesto Bee

**Title/Headline:** *WMD Training Set For Saturday*

**Abstract:** About 150 firefighting personnel will be participating in several undisclosed locations throughout the county, including a school, a warehouse and a wildland environment. The exercise will include a search and rescue, a WMD and hazardous materials incident, a building fire and a wildfire. The exercise also will cover required annual training for firefighters to maintain certification to respond to statewide emergencies. "With Stanislaus County located only a few hours away from many large metropolitan areas, it's not a question of if we are going to respond to a major incident, but when," said Modesto Fire Division Chief Mike Kraus. "The purpose of this training exercise is to enhance our firefighters' knowledge so they can do their job safely, not only in a wildland fire environment but an all-risk environment." The exercise is funded by a federal Department of Homeland Security grant" (The Modesto Bee, 2010).



**Date:** May 10, 2010

**Location:** North Carolina, USA

**Source:** Appalachian State University News

**Title/Headline:** *Appalachian To Conduct Emergency Exercise May 19*

**Abstract:** A full-scale emergency exercise will be conducted May 19 at Appalachian State University. The exercise will run from approximately 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the west side of campus in and around the stadium parking lot. One or more buildings on the main campus also might be included in the exercise. Traffic along Stadium Drive may be limited at times during the exercise. **More than 100 participants, including local and state law enforcement personnel from six agencies, will participate. Other participants will include Watauga Emergency Medical Services and Boone Fire Department. The drill is designed to test emergency response and communication capabilities during an emergency.** Officials with EnviroSafe are directing the drill in consultation with officials from Appalachian and the University of North Carolina General Administration. Area residents and motorists should not be alarmed by increased traffic from law enforcement and emergency response vehicles along Rivers Street and Stadium Drive during the day of the drill. **Law enforcement officers participating in the drill will not carry armed weapons. Participants and observers will be identified by specially colored vests and identification badges. Simulated explosions might be heard during the exercise. This is the second full-scale emergency exercise conducted at Appalachian. The first, in 2009, simulated an active shooter/hostage situation. The May 19 drill follows a directive from UNC system President Erskine Bowles that all UNC institutions conduct an emergency exercise this school year.** (Appalachian State University News, 2010).

**Date:** May 17, 2010

**Location:** California, USA

**Source:** LAIST, Zach Behrens

**Title/Headline:** *'Improvised Nuclear Device' Subject Of FBI, Local Police Training In L.A., Burbank*

**Abstract:** The FBI and other local agencies are conducting a three-day training exercise and are letting the public know, hoping to "prevent unnecessary concern," according to the LAPD. The training will test those agencies on their **"ability to respond to a terrorist attack involving an improvised nuclear device"** and will mostly occur in Los Angeles, Burbank and far-out Barstow. **"Community members who notice personnel, training or special equipment should rest assured that practice of this type make us better prepared for actual large-scale emergencies,"** noted the message sent out on Nixle, the LAPD's new e-mail/cell phone notification system. Police say "the use of Nixle to help keep everyone informed is an important part of the process." **According to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the majority of training is classified.** Teams of law enforcement will do surveys, training on equipment used to indicate whether a radiological device exists. One site will be on a side street off Victory Boulevard in Burbank, where **a mock vehicle convoy will transport a "notional improvised explosive device" from the Coliseum** (Behrens, 2010).

**Date:** May 18, 2010

**Location:** California, USA

**Source:** Sign On San Diego, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Terror Attack Response Exercises At Calif Ports*

**Abstract:** Federal and state authorities are conducting a series of anti-terrorism training exercises this week at ports throughout California. **The two days of simulations include an attack on a container ship at the Port of Oakland and a bomb to be located in San Francisco Bay** by sea mammals trained by the Navy. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger started the annual training event in 2004 to improve homeland security and disaster preparedness. **This year, more than 3,000 federal, state and local responders are focusing on counterterrorism response at California ports.** Officials say there will be simulated attacks at the ports of Oakland, San Diego, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Redwood City and Sacramento, as well as California State University, San Marcos (Sign On San Diego, 2010).

**Date:** May 18, 2010

**Location:** North Carolina, USA

**Source:** East Carolina University

**Title/Headline:** *ECU Conducts Emergency Drill*

**Abstract:** East Carolina University tested its emergency response abilities May 18 with a full-scale planning drill. **The drill, required for all UNC system institutions, was designed to prepare staff members and law enforcement officers to respond to a crisis.** Chancellor Steve Ballard praised the drill as a success. "There was excellent communication between groups," Ballard said. "This is part of an ongoing effort to make ECU as safe as we possibly can" ECU's drill centered on an active shooter who took hostages. **The exercise, which involved more than 100 people, played out between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in and around White Residence Hall on the west end area of the main campus.** "This was an exercise and learning opportunity for all of us," ECU Police Chief Scott Shelton said. **"But I was very impressed with the collaborative work between the agencies — EMS, police departments, sheriff's office, and the ECU infrastructure. Everyone came together, shared and contributed."** Emergency response began after 9:16 a.m., when simulated shots were heard fired at the residence hall. From there, the campus community was notified through multiple measures that the drill had begun. **Announcements were made over an outdoor speaker system and electronic alerts via e-mail, phone, computer and campus televisions. As part of the practice scenario, officers quickly learned that a shooter had holed up on the 10th floor with hostages.** Casualty reports, mirroring a real-life situation, were unclear. In the hours that followed, negotiators worked with the shooter to secure release of the hostages. **Once they were deemed safe, police entered the building and "neutralized" the suspect. In all, eight victims were wounded and three were killed — two victims died in the initial shooting while another died later.** The practice scenario was meant to be as realistic as possible. The shooter and his victims were played by volunteers. Law enforcement used simunitions, which are special cartridges often used in police training. **The drill involved many agencies including ECU and Greenville police, the Pitt County Sheriff's Department, the N.C. Highway Patrol, Greenville Fire and Rescue, Pitt County Emergency Services and Pitt Emergency Management. EnviroSafe Consulting and Investigations Inc., a Graham-based firm that the UNC General Administration contracted with to study and analyze university response, oversaw the drill.** The company will issue a full report later, but Kevin Dull, president and chief executive officer, praised the university's overall execution. "You really paid attention to a lot of the details in a way we have not seen before," Dull said at a debriefing after the exercise. Bill Koch, associate vice chancellor for environmental health and campus safety, also praised the emergency response: **"We hope never to go to this level, but it's great to be ready"** (East Carolina University, 2010).

**Date:** May 19, 2010

**Location:** Washington, USA

**Source:** The Daily of UW, Nick Visser

**Title/Headline:** *Emergency Drill*

**Abstract:** Officials put the UW Medical Center's emergency-response system to the test yesterday with a drill that evacuated the hospital. **The mock evacuation involved more than five other King County hospitals and dozens of emergency personnel.** The drill took place during normal operating hours with a group of 35 volunteers strategically placed throughout the hospital to mimic everyday occurrences seen in the building. UW Emergency Management Coordinator Tamlyn Thomas said the exercise drew information from real



patient needs, and that the placement of the volunteers matched hospital bed-count information to create a situation as close to reality as possible. **She said the drill was not planned in preparation for a natural disaster, but more of a “What if” situation.** “This response would only happen in situations in which we’ve done everything we could to refrain from closing down the medical center,” Thomas said. **“It’s not just about the evacuation, it’s asking how do we send patients, and how do other hospitals receive them.”** The system was run through Harborview Medical Center, the triage facility of King County and the UW’s sister hospital. Evacuators were given instructions about bed availability and had to place patients based on their information. “Each patient in a real situation has very specific needs, and we try and match the patients to the hospital that can best suit them,” Thomas said. Patients were then evacuated by ambulance. In addition to the live volunteers, there was a virtual aspect to judge how efficiently medical records and information could be sent and sorted. Hospital emergency-preparedness coordinator Cynthia Dold said that **a new patient-hospital mutual aid-tracking program was being placed into effect as well, to help ensure important medical information is sent with every patient evacuated.** **“We had to agree as a region what kind of information an evacuating facility needs to send, like critical medical issues, family history and medicine,”** Dold said. “Ideally, every patient would be matched with this form, and we want to see if that was a feasible option.” Dold said that, **assuming there were a disaster situation, the forms might be all that medical staff would have about a patient, and that any information is better than no information.** Johnese Spisso, chair of the King County Healthcare Coalition, said she wanted the collaboration between public-health organizations and King County to take disaster response to the next level. **“We collect all of the information about what went right and what went wrong, and we modify our plan so that next time, we are better equipped and more prepared,”** Spisso said. She hopes the collaboration helps improve preparedness not only in hospitals, but also in businesses and schools around Seattle. **The exercise was organized over the past two months as part of the SoundShake 2010 program in emergency preparedness, a series of exercises simulating how a major medical center would respond 24 hours after an earthquake.** “This is one piece of a series focused on collaboration between hospitals,” said Dave Tait, assistant director of SoundShake. “It’s not just about recovery, it’s about stabilization.” Tait said **SoundShake is funded through federal grants from the Department of Homeland Security and hopes to see King County perform a drill focusing on the week after an earthquake in the future, testing different pieces of the response.** SoundShake will practice more scenarios over the next few months to prepare evacuations from homeless shelters and animal shelters, culminating in a two-day drill testing regional response to a hypothetical massive earthquake in October (Visser, 2010).

**Date:** May 19, 2010

**Location:** California, USA

**Source:** NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Terror Drill Staged In Los Angeles*

**Abstract:** The FBI and other U.S. local, state and federal agencies this week are dealing with a simulated nuclear terror attack in Los Angeles, United Press International reported. **“Threats involving weapons of mass destruction are complex, and confronting them must be practiced constantly,”** said FBI Assistant Director Steve Martinez, who heads the bureau’s Los Angeles field office. Participants in the three-day exercise worked to track down, deactivate and remove a crude nuclear device at the Los Angeles Coliseum, according to an FBI statement. **In addition, authorities intended to seek out other devices dispersed throughout the city. The scenario was also set to involve a mock explosion elsewhere in the country. “Every day we are taking steps to continue to strengthen our nation’s emergency response team, from the local level up to the federal government,”** Craig Fugate, head of the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, said in a statement. “[National Level Exercise] 2010 provides an important opportunity to exercise these response and recovery capabilities across all levels of government.” The drill -- a yearly effort conducted under the FEMA National Exercise Program and scheduled to end today -- sought to showcase the ability of U.S. agencies and officials to respond to an emergency situation in accordance with established procedures. The exercise would be carried out and assessed in line with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program, according to a FEMA press release. **Federal participants in the drill included the National Nuclear Security Administration, Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Air Marshal Service, the FBI said in a statement. Other agencies involved in the exercise included the California Emergency Management Agency, the Los Angeles mayor’s office and city police, the Los Angeles World Airports Police Department, and the Los Angeles County Public Health and Sheriff’s departments (NTI, 2010).**

**Date:** May 19, 2010

**Location:** Ohio, USA

**Source:** News & Sentinel, Natalee Seely

**Title/Headline:** *Emergency Drill At OVU Tests Local Agencies’ Response*

**Abstract:** Emergency crews from Wood County gathered Tuesday at Ohio Valley University to participate in a full-scale emergency exercise designed to critique and improve how agencies respond to emergencies. Sponsored by the Wood County Local Emergency Planning Commission, the exercise involved agencies using normal radio channels to communicate and react to emergency scenarios acted out by volunteers at OVU’s main campus. Police and fire crews gathered at the south campus, which was designated as the staging area, until they were dispatched to the scene. **“This is an exciting undertaking,”** Hess said. **“Tonight, our law enforcement and fire agencies will handle a variety of situations. There might be a chemical leak, a fire or an explosion. They could be dealing with a hostage situation or a bomb.** For the most part, what happens tonight will be somewhat of a surprise to emergency crews,” he said. **During the first emergency drill involving a possible explosive, an actor made an emergency call to the 911 center, prefacing the call with the phrase, “This is a drill,” to inform dispatchers that there was not an actual emergency.** Agencies experienced glitches in communications, resulting in delays. Real emergency situations resulting from heavy rains in Wood County resulted in many of the ambulances participating in the drill to be dispatched to other areas. It’s an interesting scenario,” said Hess. **“All of these agencies should react as if this was a real-life emergency.”** The American Red Cross, hospitals, the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, The ARC,



**Volunteer Action Center and Wood County Schools participated in the drill and provided volunteers. The SWAT team, sheriff's office, police and volunteer fire departments participated in the training exercise. A second emergency exercise will take place from 5-9 p.m. Thursday at Vienna Elementary School (Seely, 2010).**

**Date:** May 19, 2010

**Location:** California, USA

**Source:** The Daily Journey, Michelle Durand

**Title/Headline:** *Terror In Redwood City: Emergency Drill Prepares For Terrorist Attack*

**Abstract:** The explosion that broke yesterday morning's quiet at the Port of Redwood City was little more than a quick bright flash and billowing plume of black smoke rising up beyond a row of trees. What did not dissipate quickly, though, was the unexplained blow-up's fallout — **first responders staging areas to assess the injured, hundreds of military and public safety members trying to contain a fire and chemical release and bloodied and battered people strewn in the mud around the Cemex facility. Those on the ground didn't know yet what had happened** — the 10 a.m. explosion was actually the second terrorist attack which, coupled together, blew up a ship and collapsed a building — but they knew they needed help. **Kyle double-checked her story card on a lanyard around her neck. Yep, in yesterday's mock terrorism drill, the three women survived, albeit in need of serious help. But in helping victims like the trio, emergency personnel from local, state and federal were the ones being aided.** The simulated response exercise known as Golden Guardian was one of several statewide testing local reaction to terrorist attacks at various ports, including Redwood City. **Past drills have included disease and natural disasters. California Emergency Management Agency Secretary Matthew Bettenhausen said the drills are also reminders to the greater public to be prepared for 72 hours, including an escape route from the home and knowing where to find gas and water meters. The annual event started in 2004 under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger who was invited to the Redwood City exercise but could not attend. The governor's absence was barely noticeable in the sea of roughly 400 participants, including members of the National Guard, Air Force, CalEMA and public safety organizations throughout the Peninsula. Camouflage-clad soldiers and military vehicles rumbled down Seaport Boulevard just outside the Pacific Shores Center. Elsewhere in the state, a terrorist attack on a container ship at the Port of Oakland caused a hazardous plus that resulted in an evacuation. At Pier 48 in San Francisco, divers used the Navy Marine Mammal Program which uses dolphins to recover an explosive device. A dirty bomb and shooters rocked the campus of California State University San Marcos and hostages were taken after a terrorist group took over a Catalina Express ferry boat moored at Long Beach Ferry Terminal. Back in Redwood City, though, some of the affected had concerns other than their immediate safety — primping. Although Tuesday's drill was simulated, officials said the scenarios and the actors help emergency personnel know how to react if a real situation comes to pass. "It's so easy to forget ... how important this is. The events in New York City a few weeks ago remind us of how important this is," said Redwood City Mayor Jeff Ira (Durand, 2010).**



**Date:** May 22, 2010

**Location:** Rhode Island, USA

**Source:** WPRI News

**Title/Headline:** *Disaster Drill In Providence: Rescue Crews Respond To Mock Train Accident*

**Abstract:** **Dozens of emergency responders are doing a disaster drill in Providence this weekend. The drill is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday across from the entrance to Roger Williams Park. The exercise will involve removing, transporting and caring for mock train passengers. It's being sponsored by the Providence Emergency Management Agency and the Greater Providence Metropolitan Medical Response System (WPRI News, 2010).**

**Date:** May 26, 2010

**Location:** Wisconsin, USA

**Source:** NBC 15 News,

**Title/Headline:** *UW Madison, Several Agencies Hold Emergency Response Drill*

**Abstract:** UW Madison, along with several law enforcement, medical and other area agencies held a full scale emergency drill today. **The exercise, named "Operation Badger One", simulated an incident on campus that required a response from several emergency agencies.** The scenario involved a man with bombs and a gun. It included actors who posed as hostages and victims who were injured or killed. The exercise was designed to improve the University's response to real emergency situations. UW officials say one of the goals was to test procedures that are in place and to do so in a realistic environment. "I think just for any agency its good practice. **The more you do things the better you get at it and you can find where there's deficiencies and make improvement in those things so not only for the university, but for any agency to do those type of things,**" says Sergeant Kerri Miller with UW Police. The victims were transported to local hospitals, which also participated in the exercise. **Organizers say the exercise was designed to test preparedness, teamwork and communication between the agencies. The exercise was a year in the making--with the UW Madison Police Department Emergency Management Unit heading up the planning (NBC News, 2010).**

**Date:** May 27, 2010

**Location:** Minnesota, USA

**Source:** Waseca County News, Drew Amo

**Title/Headline:** *Brown Printing Holds Emergency Drill*

**Abstract:** Although there was smoke, there was no fire at Brown Printing Wednesday evening as the company and local first responders took part in a large scale emergency drill. The exercise had emergency crews responding to a mock printing press explosion and coordinating the rescue of six “injured” employees. **Brown Printing Safety & Environmental Compliance Manager Craig Mast said the company has been working with the Waseca Fire Department for the past five years to refine their internal command structure.** Brown has held smaller scale drills to help their internal first response teams and also practice evacuations for the staff, but this was the largest drill by far. Makeup for the victims — including fake blood and injuries — began shortly after 5 p.m. and the actors were in their positions at 6:25 when the drill started. The drill lasted roughly an hour and gave some of the new firefighters a chance to get some hands-on training in an industrial setting. A pile of debris with a dummy at the bottom was set up ahead of time. This allowed firefighters a chance to get experience using the Jaws of Life to make a space to get the victim out. **All the victims were then transported to the Waseca Medical Center, where staff used the opportunity to test their own trauma response program.** “For us it was a great drill,” Mast said, adding that they have around 20 points that could be improved. “That’s why we do these things.” **The outside departments and organizations that took part in the drill included: members of the Waseca, New Richland and Janesville Fire Departments, North Ambulance, New Richland Ambulance, the Waseca County Sheriff’s Office, Waseca Police Department and the Waseca Medical Center.** Mast, who is also a Waseca firefighter, said the Owatonna Fire Department also provided coverage support to Waseca just in case there was a real incident elsewhere in the city or surrounding area. “All the people I’ve talked to that were involved were all very supportive of the event,” **Mast said, adding that the departments will be meeting on Tuesday to review the drill and talk about the possibility of making this a yearly event** (Amo, 2010).

**Date:** May 29, 2010

**Location:** South Carolina, USA

**Source:** Independent Mail, Liz Carey

**Title/Headline:** *Anderson-Area Agencies Prepare For Emergency Drill*

**Abstract:** There will be explosions and military trucks on the streets of Anderson County, but it won’t be real. In the weeks of June 8 through June 20, Anderson County emergency response teams — from law enforcement units and fire departments to emergency management workers and the coroner’s office — will participate in a mock terrorist attack in the Anderson area. Called Palmetto Shield and Operation Red Dragon, organizations from Anderson, Abbeville, Greenville, Greenwood, Oconee and Pickens counties will work with the U.S. Army, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross, among other agencies, to simulate the coordination of efforts in the face of a real emergency. The scenario will play out like this: On June 8, intelligence agencies will start to hear chatter that a terrorist group is planning an attack somewhere between Atlanta and Charlotte. Throughout the week, intelligence will continue to point to some sort of pending attack. On June 12, a domestic violence call in Honea Path will result in officers finding bomb-making equipment. From there, a series of events will happen, including the explosion of an improvised explosive device at a Greenwood train facility, the discovery of more bomb-making equipment at an Abbeville home and a call to assist with the aftermath of a hurricane on the coast. The training exercises will culminate on June 19 when two trucks head down Interstate 85 toward Anderson and get off at exit 19. One truck will drive up Clemson Boulevard toward Pendleton and stop at the Michelin plant in Sandy Springs. **An IED dirty bomb will explode there, injuring eight and killing two. But that truck will be a diversion to the “real” event, another IED dirty bomb at a mock car and bike show at the Anderson University Athletic Campus, the former Anderson County Fair and Expo Center on Williamston Road.** “This will be the real target, something with a lot of people,” Jones said. “This IED will take out 150 people with 25 dead.” Local agencies will have a chance to work with national organizations as well as with specialized equipment available in the state, he said. For instance, when the city of Anderson Police Department is faced with the attack, it will call in the U.S. Army Reserves to assist with decontamination, reconnaissance and air sampling. “**This is part of their Operation Red Dragon,**” Jones said. “**It gives the Army a chance to work with civilians and learn how to get out of the military mind-set and work more effectively with local units.**” Simulating mass fatalities will be a “major test of our resources,” said Greg Shore, Anderson County Coroner and MedShore Ambulance Service chief executive officer. “This is probably the largest simulated exercise involving real-time events we’ve been involved with,” Shore said. “**It will give us an opportunity to test our mass fatality plan of action.**” “We’ve been training with local agencies but this drill will test our ability to work with state-level and federal emergency response agencies,” Shore said. “We’re excited to see how we respond.” “**We’ll be activating our (billboard emergency alert system), to let people know that it’s just a drill,**” said Anita Donley, public information officer for the Anderson County emergency services division. “We’ll also be doing updates on our Web site, sending out emergency texts and updating people through our Facebook and Twitter accounts. **For the people within a 1-mile radius of the actual event site, we will be activating our reverse 911, to call residents and let them know this is a drill. We really want to be able to test all of our procedures.**” Honea Path Police Chief David King said the event will be a learning experience for all the parties involved. “**It’s going to be a very beneficial training opportunity for our department to work and learn together with Anderson County Sheriffs Office,**” King said. “**Anderson sheriffs SWAT team, emergency preparedness officials and state and federal agencies as well. It will also test our communications between our dispatch center, law enforcement agencies and all our emergency services. Everything will be handled just as a real emergency exist. A lot of hard work is going into this training by all agencies involved. ... Our goal is to make sure we are prepared to protect our community and county.**” Jones said the event will be paid for with grants and federal money. “This is as much a boost to our own pockets as our own sense of security,” said interim Anderson County administrator Rusty Burns. “On May 21, the Department of Homeland Security issued a report that said, ‘The number and pace of attempted attacks against the United States over the past nine months have surpassed the number of

attempts during any other previous one-year period.' Just like with home fire drills, none of us can ignore the need to be prepared for the worst. And while many of us will sleep better knowing our agencies are prepared to deal with this, ultimately many others will sleep better because of the food on their table and the money in their pockets that resulted from these organizations spending their training dollars in Anderson" (Carey, 2010).



**Date:** June 1, 2010

**Location:** California, USA

**Source:** The Independent, Celeste Phillips

**Title/Headline:** *Santa Barbara's Westmont To Host Emergency Drill*

**Abstract:** Sheriff's deputies and members of the Special Enforcement Team will conduct an emergency response drill with Westmont College staff. The deputies will practice their rapid response skills for violent incidents and familiarize themselves with the campus. Westmont, as stated in a press release, welcomes the opportunity to serve the community and to practice setting up for an emergency with its Situation Readiness and Response Team. **The Montecito Covenant Church will stage the area for the drill; California Highway Patrol, along with the Montecito Fire District and Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District, will also participate. Temporary signs along Cold Spring Road will alert motorists of the training exercise and nearby neighbors may hear simulated gun fire** (Phillips, 2010).

**Date:** June 6, 2010

**Location:** Maine, USA

**Source:** The Portland Press Herald, David Hensch

**Title/Headline:** *Mock Crash, Real Test*

**Abstract:** Shortly before 10 a.m. Saturday, a gravelly transmission emanates from emergency radios describing a reported plane crash south of the Veterans Memorial Bridge. **There is no sign of a fire, but there are "74 souls on board," says the dispassionate voice.** With that initial report, city, state and federal agencies launched into action, attempting to go through the motions that they would if a plane had really crashed. **"We don't deal with situations of this size every day so it's good to train,"** said police Lt. Gary Rogers, who took on the role of public information officer during the drill. **The Federal Aviation Administration requires the Portland International Jetport to hold a full-scale emergency drill once every three years. The drill is designed to test emergency response and identify weaknesses in the plan before a real disaster hits. This drill was designed by city, state and jetport officials attempting to recreate some of the challenges faced in January 2009 when a US Airways pilot made an emergency landing on the Hudson River.** The participants in Saturday's drill took their training exercise seriously. Monitoring the response were representatives of the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration. All aspects of the emergency response are critiqued, but Saturday's drill included a special emphasis on disseminating information to the public. Getting accurate information to the public -- and responding quickly to inaccurate rumors -- is important. **"We've never tested this function before and it's very important,"** said Nicole Clegg, spokeswoman for the city of Portland. **At 11:30 a.m., Fire Department Deputy Chief Michael Shutts, incident commander, held a news conference with Coast Guard Commander Phil Thorne and jetport manager Paul Bradbury at the South Portland police station, which was serving as the Joint Information Center** (Hensch, 2010).

**Date:** June 7, 2010

**Location:** Connecticut, USA

**Source:** Norwich Bulletin

**Title/Headline:** *Submarine Base To Conduct Emergency Drill Wednesday Morning*

**Abstract:** **The Naval Submarine Base will hold a routine emergency response and security exercise.** All base traffic and personnel will be affected and all personnel and vehicles entering the base should expect delays as the gates will open and close intermittently. The exercise also will use its general alert alarm, an outdoor intercom system that is loud enough to be heard off the base (Norwich Bulletin, 2010).

The following article is particularly interesting because it may be the first time that HAARP (a modern weather weapon) has been used against a live nuclear reactor. Readers unfamiliar with HAARP and its awesome capabilities should watch the HAARP episode of *Conspiracy Theory with Jesse Venture*. This video and a trove of research on HAARP is available for free on Google video and YouTube.



**Date:** June 8, 2010

**Location:** Michigan, USA

**Source:** Monroe News, Charles Slat

**Title/Headline:** *Fermi Emergency Canceled*

**Abstract:** DTE Energy early today canceled its declaration of an emergency at its Fermi 2 nuclear plant after electrical power was restored to the complex, but it's not known when the plant might be restarted due to tornado damage to its buildings and cooling towers. The utility declared an "unusual event," or low-level emergency at the plant at 2:38 a.m. Sunday when storms cut power to the plant, automatically shutting down the reactor. **It declared an "alert," the second-lowest emergency level, at 4:17 a.m. when it discovered tornadic winds had ripped away siding from the auxiliary building and damaged the turbine building roof, leaving a hole in it. Both buildings sit near the building housing the reactor.** The winds also damage some of the cooling fins that ring the base of the plant's twin, landmark cooling towers. The emergency was lifted at 2:20 this morning after power was restored and field inspections of the damage was complete, said Guy Cerullo, a DTE spokesman. A full damage assessment is now under way, he added. **"Several areas on the site will need to undergo structural repairs, including a portion of the turbine building roof, part of the auxiliary building from which siding is missing, and cooling fins on the bottom of the cooling towers,"** he said. None of the damage affects the safety of the reactor and it remains in a safe stable condition, he said. "We will restart the plant when we're satisfied that all necessary work is complete," he continued. **The emergency and damage the tornado caused means the utility will play a scaled-back role in a planned annual federal-state-local emergency drill for the nuclear plant.** "We will support the counties' and state to help them meet their exercise objectives but we're limiting our participation in the exercise due to the shutdown and the work being performed here," Mr. Cerullo said. The plant was operating at full power when the storm cut the electricity. The reactor shut down automatically and emergency diesel backup generators came on to power essential systems. **In the aftermath of the storm, federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials said the plant was in a "safe and stable condition."** Nuclear plant reactor buildings generally are designed to withstand a tornado. The National Weather Service confirmed late Sunday that a tornado packing 90 mph winds touched down at 2:33 a.m. in the southwest portion of Detroit Beach and cut a 500-yard-wide path northeast five miles to Estral Beach before moving into Lake Erie. The NWS said that storm impacted the Fermi plant. When the utility discovered the damage to its buildings at the nuclear complex, it raised the emergency levels one notch to an "alert" at 4:17 a.m. as a conservative measure, Mr. Cerullo said. **"Once they discovered there was physical damage to the auxiliary building, that put us into the alert,"** he said. The auxiliary building, next to the reactor building, houses auxiliary and safety-related systems, such as radioactive waste systems, chemical control systems, and emergency cooling water systems. The turbine buildings house steam-powered turbines that spin a generator to create electricity. **Federal officials said no potential exists for the release of radioactivity to the environment and an assessment indicates no conditions exist that would cause the plant to re-enter emergency status.** It was not known when the plant might be restarted, though it appears it might be at least weeks due to the structural damage that will need to be repairs. The turbine building roof will have to be repaired before restart, "We'll do a thorough evaluation before making a restart decision," Mr. Cerullo said. DTE confirmed that a worker for International Transmission Co. was injured while working to restore power to the plant Sunday and was taken to the hospital for treatment, but ITC could not furnish details of the incident this morning (Slat, 2010).



**Date:** June 9, 2010

**Location:** Illinois, USA

**Source:** Fox News, Llila Chacon

**Title/Headline:** *Massive Emergency Drills Planned In Chicago, Oak Lawn, Bridgeview, Elk Grove Village And Bensenville*

**Abstract:** Imagine a bomb blast, a plane crash, a hazardous materials spill and a CTA derailment, all in the same week. That's the set-up for a massive joint training exercise that's set to start Sunday. The drill is designed to stretch first responders to the breaking point. **Dozens of local, state and federal agencies will respond, and seven hospitals will be ready for casualties.** Anyone who sees the drill might think it's the real thing; Oak Lawn Police Lt. Arthur Clark says it will be very realistic. **"People who live in buildings across the street when they look out their window will see over 300 first responders and over 50 pieces of fire and emergency equipment,"** he said. "They're going to see people who will be simulated injured." And that's just for starters. At least seven different scenarios will play through Thursday in Oak Lawn, Bridgeview, Elk Grove Village, Bensenville and in Chicago. One event will be at Soldier Field, another



will take place on a stretch of CTA track at 15th Street. There are bound to be traffic tie-ups, and frightening scenes of survivors and victims. **So if you see one, remember this story before you call 911. About 15-hundred people will be part of this. The folks putting this together say it's one of the biggest exercises ever coordinated in our area.** Volunteers from Great Lakes Naval base will play the injured. **Mannequins will play the fatalities, and they're being dressed for the occasion by the Salvation Army stores** (Chacon, 2010).

**Date:** June 10, 2010

**Location:** North Carolina, USA

**Source:** JD News, Hope Hodge

**Title/Headline:** *Emergency Response Teams Converge On Wilson Bay For Disaster Drill*

**Abstract:** The scenario: Five days of flooding in Onslow County leaves homes covered in water and former residents adrift, some fighting for their lives in the waters of Wilson Bay. **The responders: emergency personnel from Onslow County Emergency Services, the Wildlife Resource Commission, Coast Guard personnel, troops and equipment from Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point, area volunteer fire departments and more.** In a culmination to a week of emergency response exercises, Onslow County Emergency Management & Homeland Security staged the full-scale emergency drill to test the readiness of area responders and the ability of different departments to work together (Hodge, 2010).



**Date:** June 10, 2010

**Location:** Texas, USA

**Source:** The Examiner, Jennifer Trahan

**Title/Headline:** *Rapid Response Task Force Drill At Ford Park*

**Abstract:** On June 10, hundreds of people from several agencies throughout the state of Texas converged on Ford Park to perform a four-hour Rapid Response Task Force Operations Drill. **The purpose of the drill was to practice mobilization of resources in a central location and to test communication equipment** that is used by agencies including Emergency Management, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation and Department of Public Services during emergencies. **On Wednesday, June 9, a massive convoy of state and military vehicles, communications equipment and emergency management personnel arrived to prepare for the drill.** The Rapid Response Task Force is the mobilization of many state agencies in the event of a disaster. The task force was created for the rapid deployment of State resources and manpower to an area immediately following a disaster (Trahan, 2010).

**Date:** June 10, 2010

**Location:** Colorado, USA

**Source:** Center Post Dispatch, Teresa L. Bennis

**Title/Headline:** *County Disaster Drill Tests Emergency Workers*

**Abstract:** A Saguache County disaster drill Saturday tested the skills of emergency workers and law enforcement officials preparing them to deal with the unexpected when it does arrive. The drill was held at the Leech Airport off CR 53 and CR C outside Center. The call for the mock disaster went out at about 9:15 a.m. to all fire department volunteers countywide as well as law enforcement and emergency personnel. **Local hospitals were notified and placed on "standby." Rio Grande Hospital's Flight for Life was invited to make an appearance but could not respond that day. The scenario for the drill was a windstorm causing adverse road conditions resulting in a bus/RV rollover and multiple car pile-ups.** According to the drill scenario, emergency personnel and law enforcement had to be treated for eye and respiratory irritation on scene. **Accidents from the pile-up included a bus rollover with injured children and adults, a rollover in a ditch involving a pregnant woman, another rollover injuring an elderly individual with a heart condition and a jackknifed semi-trailer truck with one car under the semi, several piled up behind it and several cars between the bus rollover and semi-trailer accident.** Variable situations covered in the drill included disoriented individuals needing restraint, a cardiac arrest, an epileptic seizure, unresponsive pediatric patients, two individuals needing to be extracted from their vehicles with the jaws of life, and an individual trying to take charge of the scene without proper credentials. **Evaluation criteria discussed following the drill included marking the (open) area off with yellow tape; define routes and movements for emergency vehicles; creating designated exits and entrances, also parking, for vehicles; assigning a rehabilitation area for hydration and supplies; designating and assigning communication channels; creating a landing zone for Flight for Life and creating a triage transport flow record.** Officials also decided to require labeled vests for those in command (Bennis, 2010).



**Date:** June 10, 2010  
**Location:** Connecticut, USA  
**Source:** News Times  
**Title/Headline:** *Emergency Drill Set For Thursday Night At Danbury Hospital*

**Abstract:** An emergency drill involving hospital and public safety personnel will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday at Danbury Hospital. Area residents may see emergency vehicles and law enforcement personnel in SWAT gear at the Medical Arts Center on Osborne Street (News Times, 2010).

**Date:** June 10, 2010  
**Location:** Texas, USA  
**Source:** KLTV News  
**Title/Headline:** *Half-Full School Bus, Car And 18-Wheeler With 'Radioactive Material' In Tyler*

**Abstract:** Smith County emergency management geared up for a full-scale disaster Wednesday in Lindale. The emergency drill involved a half-full school bus, a car and an 18-wheeler carrying radioactive material. **A total of 25 emergency response entities were present for the mock accident and although it rained heavily as soon as the drill started, everyone worked together efficiently. "We set up a unified command,"** said Tyler Fire Department Captain Jeff Aiken. "We worked together on this drill...we've taken care of the problems as a collective team and that's what it's all about." **To give an idea of the importance of a radioactive waste drill, officials say more than 1,100 shipments of radioactive waste have been shipped through East Texas since 1999 on their way to disposal** (KLTV News, 2010).

**Date:** June 11, 2010  
**Location:** Washington, USA  
**Source:** The Columbian, Tom Vogt  
**Title/Headline:** *Emergency Drill 'Patients' Taken To Vancouver Hospital*

**Abstract:** Volunteer "patients" portraying gunshot victims tested Southwest Washington Medical Center's ability to respond to a regional mass-casualty incident. And their "families" added to the stress, as well. **The Vancouver hospital was part of the "Big MAC" — Multi-Agency Coordination — emergency exercise drill staged in Wahkiakum and Cowlitz counties.** The drill's scenario started with a domestic violence incident in Cathlamet. **It escalated into a series of shooting incidents that culminated in a Longview-Kelso industrial area,** said Vancouver Fire Captain Kevin Murray, a spokesman for the regional exercise. A Coast Guard helicopter was included in the exercise, but didn't actually drop off a "victim" at Southwest Washington Medical Center. It briefly touched down at the hospital's helicopter landing pad, then took off. **The exercise gave agencies an opportunity to test their emergency plans and see how their communications systems meshed in a coordinated response to a mass-casualty incident. In addition to law enforcement agencies and other emergency services, the exercise brought in mental-health counselors to work with victims, family members, witnesses and responders.** The Civil Air Patrol provided aerial views of the incident sites and highway routes. After an evaluation of the exercise, recommendations will be incorporated into regional emergency response plans. **The exercise was sponsored by Southwest Washington's regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council** (Vogt, 2010).

**Date:** June 11, 2010  
**Location:** Oregon, USA  
**Source:** Mail Tribune, Anita Burke  
**Title/Headline:** *Medford Airport Drill Gives Team Practice*

**Abstract:** Emergency crews from across Jackson County rushed to the Medford airport Thursday morning to practice what they would do if a commercial plane skidded off a runway and hit a hangar. **The emergency drill — with an old bus standing in for a Dash-400 passenger plane and Civil Air Patrol and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers posing as passengers and crew, in this case — is required by the Federal Aviation Administration. As part of the airport's federal certification to serve commercial passenger planes, it must put its emergency plans to the test in a live drill every three years,** said Kim Stearns, the airport's public information officer. The training tests response times and communication while helping officials plan access and staging areas, she said. **"It's valuable training," Stearns said. "We've never had an incident like this, but we've had some close calls." Hospitals in the Rogue Valley and the Oregon Burn Center at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland also participated in the drill, moving files representing patients through treatment steps.** Stearns said the agencies that participated in the drill will re-evaluate their work in the coming weeks, looking for ways to improve preparedness (Burke, 2010).

**Date:** June 12, 2010  
**Location:** Texas, USA  
**Source:** Kilgore News Herald, J. Louise Larson  
**Title/Headline:** *Only A Drill: Officials Practice Hurricane Routes*

**Abstract:** **Don't be alarmed if you saw 150 emergency response vehicles on I-20 or heading to the coast on U.S. 69.** The Department of Public Safety and several other agencies joined forces in a live-action hurricane preparedness drill. **This was only a drill. Three separate convoys left Arlington, headed south on 360, east on I-20 to Tyler, then south on U.S. 69 to the coast,** said DPS spokeswoman Davilyn Walston. "We wanted to make sure everyone was aware because a few weeks ago the 911 systems in South Texas were overloaded with citizen inquiries about the drill," she said (Larsson, 2010).

**Date:** June 12, 2010  
**Location:** Pennsylvania, USA  
**Source:** GOERIE.COM, David Bruce  
**Title/Headline:** *Medical Disaster Drill Being Held In Downtown Erie*

**Abstract:** An all-day medical disaster drill is being held today at Hamot Medical Center and the Bayfront Convention Center. **Twelve hospitals, the Erie County Department of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Health, several regional ambulance services, state and local police and other responders are participating in the drill.** It is being organized by the State Medical Response Team, the Disaster Medical Assistance Team and the Medical Reserve Corps. The drill includes the evacuation of 50 "patients" from Hamot to other hospitals and a field hospital set up at the convention center (Bruce, 2010).



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**Date:** June 13, 2010  
**Location:** New York, USA  
**Source:** Sachem Patch, James Haag  
**Title/Headline:** *East Host's Red Cross Emergency Drill: High School Serves As Ground Zero For Town Of Brookhaven*

**Abstract:** In preparation for the upcoming hurricane season, the Suffolk County chapter of the Red Cross hosted emergency drills open to the public on Saturday throughout the Greater New York area, including one at Sachem High School East. **East, said to have one of the largest capacities in the county, according to Red Cross acting shelter manager Jeff O'Neill, could accommodate 1,000 people during an evacuation and a maximum of 1,500 people on shorter terms during an emergency.** An overflow of evacuees would be taken in by surrounding shelters, including Seneca Middle School. "This is ground zero for the Brookhaven area," said Craig Cooper, public affairs lead for the Red Cross's Suffolk County chapter, adding that all coordination with the school is done well in advance to ease any potential transition to use for shelter. **Both the Nassau and Suffolk chapters of the Red Cross plan to open as many as 50 shelters in the event of an emergency, each equipped with a conex box for storage of cots and other supplies. One such box, emblazoned with the Red Cross logo, sits behind the school.** The emergency setup at the school would register evacuees in the lobby adjacent to the auditorium and provide health and mental health services, and food would be served to them using the school's cafeteria. A communications department would coordinate with the Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management and also relay information to and from outside the school, and a media room near the auditorium to issue alerts and updates for local residents. To maintain order, a police unit would also be dispatched to the school by the OEM. During a hurricane or other weather-related circumstance, evacuees would be instructed to stay in the hall between the gymnasium and the cafeteria, away from windows to protect their safety. **No major hurricanes have endangered Long Island recently - 1985's Hurricane Gloria was a Category 1 upon landfall here, downgraded from a Category 3 when it struck Cape Hatteras in North Carolina - but the preparation serves as a sobering reminder of how susceptible the Island remains to natural disasters. According to the International Hurricane Research Center, the East End of the Island ranks eighth on the top-10 list of the most vulnerable mainland areas of the U.S. to hurricanes** (Haag, 2010).

**Date:** June 14, 2010  
**Location:** Missouri, USA  
**Source:** Ozarks First  
**Title/Headline:** *MSU Drill Underway*

**Abstract:** There's no need for concern if you see guys with guns and Haz-Mat gear on the campus of Missouri State University today. Battalion Chief Andy Wood with the Springfield Fire Department says, the drill's purpose is "Just to get us all on the same page practice our incident command, our unified command and get us all working together. The Springfield Greene County Office of Emergency Management is putting on the Haz-Mat fire and bomb drill. **The Homeland Security team is part of the exercise** (Ozarks First, 2010).



**Date:** June 14, 2010

**Source:** Standeyo.com, Holly Deyo

**Title/Headline:** *Huge Number of Disaster Drills Held Throughout America: Extraordinary Number Of Drills Cause For Concern?*

**Abstract:** From terrorist attacks and hurricane evacuations to submarine base and nuclear power plant mishaps; bomb blasts, plane crashes, dirty bombs, hazmat spills, earthquakes, medical disasters and train derailments, America is on high alert. Over the past several weeks to the present, more than 35 major disaster drills are taking place throughout America. It makes one wonder what's prompting all of these emergency exercises and planning venues. Not among the major disaster drills, conspicuously absent, were ones dedicated to the Gulf oil spill disaster. Maybe government will wing that too, if it comes down to evacuations. **After six national TOPOFF (Top Officials National Exercise Series) drills that have escalated in cost from \$16 to \$25 million a pop** – plus many real natural and man-made disasters – you'd think America would have emergency preparedness together by now. Yet tests and drills reveal numerous problems. Some drills, whose assessments have already been released, reveal serious communication foul-ups, gaps in plans, and shortages in water, food, fuel and other supplies. Few thought we'd ever experience such a debacle as the rescue efforts of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, but the Gulf oil spill may rival them at the end of the day. **States are waking up to the fact that we can't and shouldn't depend on government. If you're smart, you'll realize this too, and make your own preparations for whatever events might challenge your area.** Clearly government is more concerned with appearances and buck passing than it is in getting job 1 done – preparing and protecting America (Deyo, 2010).

**Date:** June 16, 2010

**Location:** Ohio & West Virginia, USA

**Source:** The Charleston Gazette, Rick Steelhammer

**Title/Headline:** *TSA Exercise Joins Ohio, W.Va. Responders*

**Abstract:** The Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) exercise involved brief visual inspections of power and chemical plants, rail and riverboat terminals, lock and dam complexes and natural gas pipelines from New Haven in Mason County to Russell, Ky. The Kanawha River from Point Pleasant to the John Amos power plant near St. Albans also was covered. **"If you're looking at domestic planning for terrorist issues, you have to look at the Ohio Valley, with its coal and its chemical and power plants and other resources,"** said Lt. Dick Grau of the Ohio Highway Patrol. "There are 53 agencies out here today, learning how they can pool their resources and share information and communications." Agencies taking part in the exercise included the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Air Marshal Service, FBI, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ohio Highway Patrol, West Virginia State Police, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Columbus Fire Division's bomb squad, Columbus Regional Airport Authority Public Safety Department canine teams, Ohio National Guard, West Virginia National Guard, West Virginia Division of Transportation, and West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. **Several nongovernment entities also took part in the exercise, including American Electric Power, Marathon Petroleum, CSX railroad police, Norfolk Southern railroad police, El Paso Pipeline, Duke Energy and Sunoco** (Steelhammer, 2010).

**Date:** June 30, 2010

**Location:** Maryland & New York, USA

**Source:** Washington Post, Ann Scott Tyson

**Title/Headline:** *Anti-terrorism Drills Staged At Metro Stations*

**Abstract:** About 150 officers from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies took part in the drill, part of the Blue TIDE (Terrorism Identification and Deterrence Effort) initiative launched in February to demonstrate Metro's vigilance against terrorism. In December, Metro created a 20-member anti-terrorism unit funded by a \$9.6 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security. **Metro Transit Police had about 60 officers involved, including members of the anti-terrorism, special response and K-9 explosives detection teams. Other East Coast cities, including New York, carried out similar anti-terrorism exercises Tuesday, part of a coordinated, regional effort along the Northeast Corridor called Rail Safe,** Metro spokeswoman Cathy Asato said. Terrorist groups have targeted large urban subway systems in London, Moscow and Mumbai in recent years. About 100 officers from the New York Police Department were at Penn Station, Grand Central Terminal and Herald Square beginning at 7 a.m., performing additional bag screenings and inspections of trains and subways. "A lot of people are coming up and saying 'thank you,'" said Metro Transit Police Sgt. Sean Flinn. **Other groups participating in Blue TIDE included the Montgomery County and Rockville police, Maryland Transit Administration Police, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, the Federal Protective Service and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).** At Forest Glen, about a dozen law enforcement officers patrolled the station, including members of the TSA's Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) team. **"We are looking for people who want to harm mass transit,"** said David Johnson, special agent in charge at TSA and VIPR program manager. "Most people appreciate it." **Several teams of federal air marshals took part in the Metro anti-terrorism drill, as well as some "behavioral detection officers who look for people exhibiting suspicious behaviors,"** Johnson said. At Greenbelt Station, the heavy police presence attracted the attention of commuter Kerry Hotopp, who e-mailed The Washington Post that he saw a Prince George's County SWAT vehicle parked at the station entrance about 9:30 a.m.

"No fewer than a dozen police officers with assault rifles were present throughout the station, along with a few people in TSA uniforms," he wrote. This is the latest in a series of anti-terrorism activities and drills for Metro. In February, Metro Transit Police staged an anti-terrorism sweep in Union Station during the morning rush hour. In March, transit police simulated explosions on a train and a bus to test their coordination with other regional agencies (Tyson, 2010).



**Date:** July 1, 2010

**Location:** Pennsylvania, USA

**Source:** GSN News

**Title/Headline:** *Beaver Valley Nuclear Drill Shows Cracks In Emergency Preparedness*

**Abstract:** FirstEnergy's Beaver Valley nuclear power station found communication and operational problems in responding emergency agencies in to Ohio and West Virginia during an emergency preparedness exercise on April 19-20. **The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission said a malfunctioning button on a hand-held two-way radio prevented the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's field coordinator from telling two field teams about a mock release of radiation.** A deficiency letter was sent to the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management that said emergency responders with the Weirton Fire Department did not show they were able to monitor and decontaminate evacuees and their vehicles in the case of a disaster. **Hancock County Emergency Management Agency Director John Paul Jones said the findings "caught us off guard." "It was a surprise. ... Through the years, the Weirton Fire Department has been flawless," he said. Jones believes the issues were with "planning, training, and procedure," but says they are "correctable issues."** **Emergency workers in a 10-mile radius of the plant should have been notified to take potassium iodine tablets during the drill.** While Weirton does not fall in that radius, evacuees likely would be taken there if such a disaster occurred. Chief of the technological hazards branch for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region Five office, Bill King, said **"Two of the three emergency teams from Ohio did not receive the information about the radiation release or the potassium iodine and were in the simulated plume, causing unnecessary exposure and a health and safety issue."** Every two years FEMA conducts mock emergency preparedness exercises and every six years, full-scale exercises to assess preparedness of local and state emergency response agencies. Paul Howard, director of operations for West Virginia's emergency management agency, said the Weirton Fire Department is working with FEMA and FirstEnergy to correct monitoring and decontamination procedures. **He also said they will be conducting a redemonstration exercise. Weirton Fire Chief Dave Lashhorn said the department will do a "dry run" of the exercise before the end of June.** The deficiencies noted for Ohio and West Virginia are the most serious of three FEMA assessment classifications since they involve risks to the health and safety of either the general public or, as in this case, emergency responders. Regardless, King said he considered the Ohio program "sound" despite the deficiencies. "In this instance, what happened was not serious to the general public, but we also need to consider the emergency workers' health and safety," he said. Tamara McBride, spokeswoman for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, said the deficiency is the state's first in 20 years. **She said the agency is revising its emergency communications policy and procedures to require confirmation of electronic field team transmissions, and a FEMA-required "redemonstration" of the new procedures is set for July 22.** "It's really important we exercise and test our plan," McBride said (GSN News, 2010).



**Date:** July 14, 2010

**Location:** Yorkshire, England

**Source:** Yorkshire Post

**Title/Headline:** *Dry Run For Nuclear Terror Medics*

**Abstract:** Fire crews and hospital staff carried out an exercise in Barnsley to test the emergency response to a terrorist attack in South Yorkshire. The scenario was that a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear (CBRN) device had exploded in the Meadowhall shopping centre and crowds of people with radiation burns needed to be treated. Volunteers were showered in "decontamination" tents at Barnsley Hospital before being allowed in the hospital's emergency department. Mike Lees, head of emergency planning at Barnsley Hospital, said: "Exercises like this are all about gaining experience for the future, for the time when we have to deal with real, large-scale emergencies" (Yorkshire Post, 2010)

**Date:** July 28, 2010

**Location:** California, USA

**Source:** Contra Costa Times

**Title/Headline:** *Agencies Drill For Nuclear Terrorist Attack*

**Abstract:** Firefighters, police, sheriff's deputies, paramedics, the county coroner and other emergency services personnel will participate in a **TRAINING exercise that simulates a response to the detonation of 10-kiloton improvised nuclear device. The drill is "not based on any actual intelligence information or threat to Los Angeles or the United States,"** said Ken Kondo, a spokesman for the county's Office of Emergency Management. It is geared toward advance planning for such an event and to share information and technology between first responders and public safety personnel at local, state and federal levels. **"The greatest threat to U.S. and global security is no longer a nuclear exchange between nations, but nuclear terrorism by violent extremists and nuclear proliferation to an increasing number of states,"** said Obama in announcing a shift in the country's nuclear policy. Such an improvised nuclear device could be small enough to be carried in a briefcase, but would wreak "indescribable" devastation, Kondo said. **After detonation, depending on wind patterns, a plume cloud could cover much of the Southern California area.** "The most critical point to be made is that **the majority of the population will survive this kind of an incident** and participating agencies must be prepared to manage the consequences in a deliberate and focused manner, in order to protect lives and preserve property," Kondo said. Any nuclear blast would leave damaged buildings, broken windows and potential nuclear fallout in its wake, so residents would be urged to shelter in place. "It's better to be safe inside" in such a scenario, said Kondo. Just as in the event of an earthquake or other potential natural disasters, residents should be prepared with plenty of supplies, including food, water and a battery-operated radio to listen to emergency communications. **Personnel from 88 cities, 137 unincorporated areas and more than 200 special districts will participate in the exercise, dubbed "Operation Golden Phoenix 2010."** Emergency operations centers throughout the Southland will be activated as part of the drill and communicate with the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center, said Kondo. **In Burbank, public safety personnel will host a live demonstration of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Integrated Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (ICBRNE) real-time sensor technology system.** The sensors monitor conditions and alert officials about the detection of radiation in the area. The planning team for today's events includes the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management; the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department; and the county's Department of Public Health. Ventura County officials will also participate, as part of the exercise will anticipate the possibility of evacuating residents to other counties. The training is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology Directorate and facilitated by the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Asymmetric Warfare. **The county Office of Emergency Management has developed two programs to prepare citizens and the media for all hazards and catastrophic events.** The county spokesman urged residents to use the online materials to develop a family emergency plan and to stock necessary supplies. **"If it does happen, it will happen quickly," Kondo said. "If you have a plan, you will be able to survive"** (Contra Costa Times, 2010).

**Exactly 6 months prior to Superbowl XLV in Arlington, Texas on February 6, 2011, the following exercise "Operation Lone Star" took place in Texas. Due to the similarity of the flags of Czechoslovakia, Chile, and Texas, it highly likely that these foreign troops will likely be deployed in Texas should a nuclear attack transpire. While the aforementioned flags are indeed different, the stupidity of the American people along with the fear of the day will likely produce an environment where the details of the flags on the uniforms will not even matter.**



**Date:** August 6, 2010

**Location:** Texas, USA

**Source:** National Guard, Staff Sgt. Daniel Griego

**Title/Headline:** *Texas Guard, Czech Army Trains For Disaster In Operation Lonestar*

**Abstract:** For the joint members of the Texas Military Forces, the Department of State Health Services and local civil agencies, preparedness means more than a ready standing force. With the persistent threat of hurricanes, flooding and seasonal pandemics, preparedness requires a fully trained, joint force capable of engaging a large-scale incident anywhere in the state. **"What we do and what we're training for is a mass casualty,"** said Texas State Guard Capt. James R. Owens, a registered nurse with the DFW Medical Group. **"It's about taking care of the population." This year, these state assets used the annual humanitarian event Operation Lone Star to conduct a complete exercise simulating a mass casualty incident.** Providing the Rio Grande Valley with immunizations, physicals and various other medical services, the mission sought to stress and challenge the capabilities of state military and civilian departments, as well as reinforce their cooperation and inter-agency communication. **"At one level, we provide free care,"** said Dr. Brian R. Smith, lead for the public health agency sponsoring OLS and the regional medical director for Health Service Region 11. **"At the same time, it provides a preparedness exercise for those of us in public health and the Texas Military forces to work together and to practice together in a major event."** Among the state agencies supporting the operation is the Texas Medical Assistance Team (TexMAT-1), populated by paramedics and medical practitioners from through the state.



"It's an opportunity under a training scenario to see a lot of people at one time," said Charles A. Neely, an EMT paramedic with TexMAT-1. "It just improves our capabilities in the long run." The two-week operation, running from July 26 through August 6, featured sites in Brownsville, Palmview, Raymondville and San Juan during the first week and will include Laredo, Rio Grande City and Zapata during the second week. **Many OLS locations rotate from year to year, but tend to stay centralized in local high schools or elementary schools.**



Flag of Czechoslovakia



Flag of Chile



Flag of Texas

Further bridging the spirit of cooperation, even **service members from the Czech Republic and Chilean armies supported OLS this year.** "We need to practice for any kind of mass casualty occasion, too," said Capt. Petra Matulkova, an epidemiologist with the Czech Army, which is part of the State Partnership Program with Texas. "We need to know these things, being military doctors." With so many organizations working together, key leaders placed a premium on clear and effective communication throughout the operation. "A lot of the training that we're doing is being able to communicate," said Owens. "At any level, at any issue, we will have to be able to communicate." **This finely tuned coordination allowed OLS to process 12,645 area residents in 2009, a number that event organizers expect will only grow in 2010 and future years.** Spanning six counties in Texas, Operation Lone Star functions as an ideal execution of a real-time public health crisis, uniting disparate agencies for a common and worthy goal. "We set it up just as if we may have a thousand people or one person that needs the services," said Owens. "It may be small at one area or larger at another, but in the grand scheme of things, it provides a very good and very applicable training exercise for our units" (Griego, 2010).

**Date:** August 31, 2010

**Location:** Tennessee, USA

**Source:** New Channel 9

**Title/Headline:** *TVA To Conduct Nuclear Drill Wednesday*

**Abstract:** **Don't panic... this is only a drill.** That will be the case Wednesday when the Tennessee Valley Authority and other federal, state and local agencies conduct a regularly scheduled emergency preparedness drill for Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. **About 1,000 TVA and state of Tennessee employees and emergency responders in Hamilton and Bradley counties will be involved.** A spokesperson says you may see radiological monitoring teams or other responders in action as part of the drill and may hear on-site and off-site sirens. **The emergency drill is part of a long-term drill and exercise program. Utilities operating nuclear power plants are required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct emergency drills and exercises annually. The emergency drills help ensure that emergency plans are in place and that TVA employees are ready to respond to an unlikely event at the nuclear plants.** The drills and graded exercises make certain that TVA carries out one of the most important aspects of its business - the health and safety of employees and the public (New Channel 9, 2010).

**Date:** September 18, 2010

**Location:** Connecticut, USA

**Source:** The Providence Journal

**Title/Headline:** *T.F. Green Airport Plans Disaster Drill*

**Abstract:** **The Rhode Island Airport Corporation and about 300 emergency response participants are planning a disaster drill at T.F. Green Airport on Saturday.** More than 25 agencies and area hospitals are scheduled to take part in the drill. The exercise, expected to last several hours, will be held primarily on the north side of the airfield. About 50 "victims" will be transported to hospitals throughout the state. **The drill will feature and test new technologies such as a patient-tracking system that helps to triage patients into the statewide hospital system.** "Neighbors should note that there will be increased activity in and around the airport," said John Thomas, chief of the corporation's rescue and firefighting unit. **"This exercise is intended to review proper protocol in the event of a disaster and also to reassure travelers and others that the airport is prepared if an unfortunate event were to occur"** (The Providence Journal, 2010)

**Date:** September 22, 2010

**Location:** California, USA

**Source:** Missourian, Tom Reaves Capp

**Title/Headline:** *Drill At Columbia Airport To Simulate Plane Crash*

**Abstract:** **A simulated plane crash and fire at Columbia Regional Airport on Thursday will test the readiness of local, state and federal agencies to respond to such an episode.** The drill begins at 6 p.m. It will simulate the crash of a 50-passenger aircraft and a post-crash fire, using a Mobile Aircraft Fire Simulator purchased by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Missouri Department of Transportation. The MU Fire Rescue Institute operates the simulator. The drill also will require emergency responders to tend to actors portraying victims with injuries. The airport will remain open for regular operations during the drill, and patrons who are there at the time will be told about the exercise. **There will be 19 local, state and federal agencies participating in the drill. The Federal Aviation Administration requires such full-scale training every three years** (Capp, 2010).

**Date:** October 7, 2010  
**Location:** Idaho, USA  
**Source:** Silo Breaker  
**Title/Headline:** *Idaho Airport Conducts Emergency Response Drill*

**Abstract:** Idaho's Magic Valley Regional Airport conducted a full-scale federally mandated emergency response drill this week. **The county's police department, sheriff's department, medical center and a variety of emergency medical technician companies participated in the drill, which simulated a crash involving a small commercial plane with 40 passengers.** Officials said the Federal Aviation Administration requires the drill every three years (Silo Breaker, 2010).

**Date:** October 22, 2010  
**Location:** California, USA  
**Source:** The Age  
**Title/Headline:** *Big Drill As California Braces For The Big One*

**Abstract:** With choppers clattering in the sky above, bloodstained students watch in shock as blaring ambulances screech into the schoolyard, disgorging paramedics with medicine packs and gurneys. At least that's what it looked like, as one California school put on a graphic display on Thursday of what will happen when - not if - the Big One hits this earthquake-prone western US state. **Nearly eight million Californians were signed up for Thursday's drill, the most ever, after 6.9 million took part last year. Thousands of schools, businesses and other organisations took part. The show was given added drama as a real 6.9 temblor struck a few hundred miles to the south, in Mexico's Baja California peninsula, although nothing was felt over the border in the US. "At some point our luck is going to run out,"** said leading seismologist Lucy Jones of the US Geological Survey, after the fake quake put on by Providence High School in the film-making town of Burbank just north of Los Angeles. The display - co-organised with a neighbouring medical centre - was put on **as millions took part in the annual "Great California ShakeOut" to help people prepare for what experts say is the inevitable.** At exactly 10.21 am alarms sounded across the state and the Providence School schoolchildren dived under their desks, following the so-called "Drop, Cover, Hold On" quake response mantra. Under the procedure, everyone has to get down on the ground, crawl under the nearest table or other cover, and hold on tight until the earth stops moving -- which can take anything up to a couple of minutes. "I didn't get down quick enough, and got hurt," explained 15-year-old Genna Amado, displaying a scarred cheek and bloodied arm, the product of gory make-up which would make Burbank's nearby Universal Film Studios proud. **"I think this kind of drill is very important, because it helps you realise how serious the danger is,"** added her schoolfriend Bryan Hofilena, also 15, with a huge blue bruise across half of his face. **A 20-strong delegation from Chile - which was struck by a massive 8.8 magnitude earthquake that killed over 500 people in February - also helped organise the drill.** "Education is the most important thing in saving lives," said Jesus Lopez Argentieri of Chile's army, noting that buildings in his country were designed to withstand quakes because they were a regular occurrence over the centuries. **"People know what an earthquake is, we have a whole history of it ... We know how to cope with the situation, we do it quite naturally,"** he told AFP as blue-clad nurses helped ferry "injured" students out of the school building. Earthquakes are also regular events in California, mostly triggered by activity along the San Andreas fault which runs through much of the western state, the most populous in the United States. Geologists say an earthquake capable of causing widespread destruction is 99 per cent certain of hitting California within the next 30 years. **Studies have said that a 7.8 magnitude quake could kill 1800 people, injure 50,000 more and damage 300,000 buildings.** A 6.7 earthquake in Los Angeles in 1994 left at least 60 people dead and an estimated 10 billion dollars damage, while a 6.9 quake in San Francisco in 1989 claimed the lives of 67 people. A moderate 5.4 earthquake shook southern California in July, swaying high-rise buildings in Los Angeles and San Diego and rattling nerves, but causing only minimal damage (The Age, 2010).

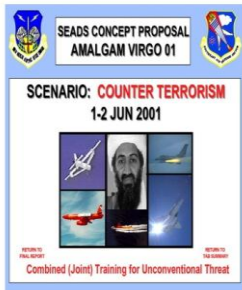


**Date:** November 5, 2010  
**Location:** Georgia, USA  
**Source:** The Florida Times-Union, Gordon Jackson  
**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Drill Puts National Focus On Kings Bay*

**Abstract:** As many as 1,800 military and civilian personnel from across the nation will participate in a simulated nuclear weapon incident at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base beginning today. While the majority of activity will be on base, residents living near Kings Bay will be affected by the drill. **They can expect to see emergency vehicles, especially today, driving to a local hospital.** Residents may also see smoke and hear loud noises coming from the base. Capt. John O'Neill, commanding officer at Kings Bay, described the drill as a national-level exercise involving all branches of the military, the FBI, local public safety officials and medical personnel. **"We'll look at the initial response and coordination of all the agencies,"** O'Neill said. The Defense Threat Reduction Agency is sponsoring the multi-agency response exercise, Navy officials said. O'Neill said he cannot reveal specifics of the drill, other than to say there will be some mock injuries that will test local emergency officials. "For security reasons, we can't give details," he said. "Specifics, we don't discuss." Brian Lamkin, special agent in charge of the FBI office in Atlanta, said the exercise gives his agency a way to prepare for different national security scenarios. **"We have national assets we want to exercise in this process,"** he said. While many base personnel are participating in the drill, those who are late to their jobs on base because of traffic backups at security check points will not be penalized, O'Neill said.

"We anticipate there will be some impact to traffic," he said. The Stimson, Franklin and St. Marys gates will be closed today and 100 percent vehicle inspection will follow when gates reopen. The last day of the drill is Wednesday. Those trying to conduct business on base may also be affected. The Navy Exchange, commissary and base gym are closed today. Housing residents, school buses, Navy Lodge guests and employees, Child Development patrons and people with medical or other appointments will enter and exit through the Jackson Gate, on Georgia Spur 40 near Crooked River Elementary School. **Navy officials said the exercise does not involve nuclear weapons or radioactive materials, nor does it reflect an increased likelihood that a real accident might occur** (Jackson, 2010).

**Conclusion:** As with 9/11, drilling the local, state and federal agencies' response to an upcoming terror threat is key in conducting a successful false-flag terror attack. Particularly disturbing are the drills in Texas (exactly 6 months before Super Bowl XLV) using foreign troops with roughly the same flag as Texas, and the bio-terror drill in Chicago which consisted of a plane crash and a bio attack. As Sarah Palin would say, "Drill Baby Drill!"



## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Foreshadowing

**Intro:** The following titles, events, movies, and books indicate that something like a nuclear detonation is right around the corner.



**Super Bowl XLV Halftime Show Sponsor: Bridgestone** (A bridge from the USA to the North American Union?)

**Half-Time Performer:** Black Eyed Peas (nuclear terror; a black eye for America?)

**Super Bowl XLV Slogan:** “Tonight’s gonna be a good night!” (sure it is)



**GMC Commercial:** “Never Say Never”



**Bud Light:** Here we go!

**Verizon:** It Begins. “To our millions of customers, who never stopped believing this day would come...Thank you.”

**AT&T Commercial:** “Don’t be left behind”



**Visa:** Viewers of Super Bowl XLV will remember the nuclear terror for life.



**Nike Commercial:** “Boom”



**Nike Commercial:** “Strike Fear”

**Budweiser Super Bowl XLV Commercials:** One features a gunman walking into an Old West saloon, while the other a scorpion waiting on the road for the Clydesdales. Commercials will conclude at Super Bowl XLV.

## **The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Foreshadowing at the Movies**



**The Mechanic:** The “terrorists” will need a mechanic for the nuke, likely a German one.



**Unknown:** Enough said.

## **The Nuclear Bible: Popular Post-Apocalyptic Releases**



**Date:** September 26, 2006  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Author:** Cormac McCarthy  
**Book Title:** *The Road*

**Abstract:** *The Road* is a 2006 novel by American writer Cormac McCarthy. **It is a post-apocalyptic tale of a journey taken by a father and his young son over a period of several months, across a landscape blasted by an unnamed cataclysm that destroyed all civilization and, apparently, almost all life on earth.** The novel was awarded the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize for Fiction in 2006 (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** January 15, 2010  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Film Title:** *The Book Of Eli*

**Abstract:** *The Book of Eli* is a 2010 **American post-apocalyptic action film** directed by the Hughes brothers, written by Gary Whitta, and starring Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis, Ray Stevenson and Jennifer Beals. **The story revolves around Eli, a nomad in a post-apocalyptic world, who is charged with delivering his copy of a book, the last remaining Bible, to a safe location on the West**



**Coast of the United States.** The history of the post-war world is explained along the way as is the importance of Eli's task. Filming began in February 2009 and took place in New Mexico. The film was released for theaters in January 2010. Alcon Entertainment financed and co-produced the film with Silver Pictures, while it was distributed by Warner Bros. in the US, and international sales handled by Summit Entertainment (Wikipedia, 2010)



**Date:** November 25, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Film Title:** *The Road*

**Abstract:** *The Road* is a 2009 post-apocalyptic drama film directed by John Hillcoat and written by Joe Penhall. Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning 2006 novel of the same name by American author Cormac McCarthy, the film stars Viggo Mortensen and Kodi Smit-McPhee as a father and his son in a post-apocalyptic wasteland. Filming took place in Pennsylvania, Louisiana, and Oregon. The film received a limited release in North American cinemas from November 25, 2009 and was released in UK cinemas on January 4, 2010 (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Conclusion:** As with 9/11, there appears to be a lot of predictive programming via TV, movies and commercials. Hopefully it's all pure speculation and coincidence, but probably not.

## The Nuclear Bible: Anti-Nuclear Legislation & Summits



**Intro:** The preparation of World leaders and politicians for nuclear terror started in the early 1990's, but has increased rapidly in the last couple of years.

**Date:** 1992

**Source:** Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI)

**Agency:** U.S. Congress

**Commission:** *International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (ICCNRD)*

**Abstract:** U.S. Congress endorsed in 1992 the imaginative and forward-looking cooperative threat reduction programs sponsored by Senators Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar, designed to lock down dangerous weapons and materials – and in particular **to reduce the chance of their falling into the hands of terrorist groups, or nations that sanction terrorism** – in the former Soviet Union (and subsequently expanded to a number of countries since, notably **Pakistan**). Add to all that now **the risk of terrorist actors getting their hands on the makings of a nuclear weapon**. We can no longer be under any illusions about the intent of certain messianic groups to cause destruction on a massive scale. And – although the probability is small, and probably lower than some alarmist accounts have suggested – their capacity should not be underestimated to put together and detonate a Hiroshima-sized nuclear device. Using manageable technology long in the public domain and back-channel sourcing of the kind the **A.Q. Khan network taught us to be alarmed about, such a device exploded from the inside of a large delivery truck in Trafalgar Square or Times Square, or in the centre of any other major city**, would cause in each case hundreds of thousands of deaths and injuries. A much easier option for terrorist groups would be to make a “dirty bomb”, combining conventional explosives with radioactive materials like medical isotopes, **which would generate nothing like the casualties of a fission or fusion bomb but have a psychological impact at least equal to 9/11** (NTI, 2010).

**Date:** 2000

**Source:** *NSSA*

**Agency:** *National Nuclear Security Administration*

**Abstract:** The *NSSA* was established by Congress in 2000, *NSSA* is a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear science in the nation's national security enterprise. *NSSA* maintains and enhances the safety, security, reliability, and performance of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear testing; **reduces the global danger from weapons of mass destruction**; provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion; and responds to nuclear and radiological emergencies in the U.S. and abroad. (NSSA, 2010).

**Date:** April, 2004

**Source:** U.S. Department Of State

**Agency:** United Nations

**Law:** *UNSC Resolution 1540*

**Abstract:** In April 2004, the UN Security Council adopted UN Security Council Resolution 1540, establishing for the first time binding obligations on all UN member states under Chapter VII of the UN Charter to take and enforce effective measures against the proliferation of WMD, their means of delivery and related materials. UNSCR 1540, if fully implemented, can help ensure that no State or non-State actor is a source or beneficiary of WMD proliferation. All states have three primary obligations under UNSCR 1540 relating to such items: to prohibit support to non-State actors seeking such items; to adopt and enforce effective laws prohibiting the proliferation of such items to non-State actors, and prohibiting assisting or financing such proliferation; and to take and enforce effective measures to control these items, in order to prevent their proliferation, as well as to control the provision of funds and services that contribute to proliferation. **If implemented successfully, each state's actions will significantly strengthen the international standards relating to the export of sensitive items and support for proliferators (including financing) and ensure that non-state actors, including terrorist and black-market networks, do not gain access to chemical, nuclear or biological weapons, their means of delivery or related materials** (U.S. Department of State, 2004).

**Date:** April 13, 2005

**Source:** Center For Disease Information, Steven C. Welsh

**Agency:** United Nations

**Summit:** *Nuclear Terrorism Convention: International Convention For The Suppression of Acts Of Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** UN General Assembly adopted the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, which criminalizes unauthorized possession or destructive use of nuclear or radioactive materials (including sabotage of nuclear facilities) by non-state actors. The convention, which entered into force on July 7, 2007, is intended to strengthen the commitment of UN member states to work together to prevent nuclear terrorism. However, the convention does not apply to acts committed within a single state or when the offender or victims are citizens of the same state (Welsh, 2005).

**Date:** July 16, 2006

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Agency:** U.S. Department of State

**Summit:** *Global Initiative To Combat Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** On July 16, 2006, Presidents George W. Bush and Vladimir Putin jointly announced the organization of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism. The GICNT is a voluntary initiative aimed at fostering international cooperation in order to prevent terrorists from acquiring, transporting, or using nuclear materials or radioactive substances, to deter hostile actions against nuclear facilities, and to respond to incidents involving the use of radiological or nuclear materials. GICNT participants work to unite experience and expertise from the nonproliferation, counter-proliferation, and counter-terrorism fields; strengthen global activities and institutions through integration of collective capabilities and resources; and maintain a network for partners to share information and expertise in a legally non-binding capacity. **The Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) is an international partnership of 82 nations and 4 official observers working to improve capacity on a national and international level for prevention, detection, and response to a nuclear terrorist event.** Partners join the GICNT by endorsing the Statement of Principles, a set of broad nuclear security objectives. GICNT partner nations organize and host workshops, conferences, and exercises to share best practices for implementing the Statement of Principles. The GICNT also holds Planetary meetings to discuss improvements and changes to the partnership (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** June 8, 2008

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Summit:** *International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament*

**Abstract:** The International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament is a joint initiative of the Australian and Japanese governments. It was proposed by Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on 9 June 2008, and on 9 July 2008 Rudd and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda agreed to establish it. The Commission is co-chaired by former Australian foreign minister Gareth Evans and former Japanese foreign minister Yoriko Kawaguchi. Key goals for the Commission include undertaking preparatory work for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 2010, including shaping a global consensus in the lead-up to the Review Conference. The Commission presented its report on 15 December 2009 (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** 2009

**Source:** NSSA

**Agency:** United Nations

**Law:** *UNSC Resolution 1887*

**Abstract:** The United Nations Security Council Summit on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Nuclear Disarmament, UNSC Resolution 1887, expresses **the Council's grave concern about the threat of nuclear proliferation and the need for international action to prevent it.** It reaffirms that the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery are threats to international peace and security and shows agreement on a broad range of actions **to address nuclear proliferation and disarmament and the threat of nuclear terrorism.** Broadly, the resolution supports: Better security for nuclear weapons materials **to prevent terrorists from acquiring materials essential to make a bomb, including through the convening of a Nuclear Security Summit in 2010,** locking down vulnerable nuclear weapons materials in four years, a goal originally proposed by President Obama, minimizing the civil use of highly enriched uranium to the extent feasible, and encouraging the sharing of best practices as a practical way to **strengthen nuclear security and the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism and the G-8 Global Partnership.** The Security Council's authority and vital role in addressing the threat to international peace and security posed by the spread of nuclear weapons and underscoring **the Council's intent to take action if nuclear weapons or related material are provided to terrorists** (NSSA, 2010).

**Date:** August 5, 2009

**Source:** NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)

**Title/Headline:** *The Global Initiative To Combat Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** A joint statement issued after a July 6, 2009 summit meeting between U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev called for advancing the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT), an effort the two governments had launched at a similar summit meeting three years earlier. In a speech in Prague on April 5, 2009, Obama called for institutionalizing this Bush-era initiative, which is currently an informal grouping rather than a formal institution.

**Background:** The GICNT was launched by U.S. President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin on July 15, 2006. It is aimed at fostering international cooperation in order to prevent terrorists from acquiring, transporting, or using nuclear materials and radioactive substances, or carrying out hostile actions against nuclear facilities. GICNT's participants are "seeking to bring together experience and expertise from the nonproliferation, counter proliferation, and counterterrorism disciplines; integrate collective capabilities and resources to strengthen the overall global architecture to combat nuclear terrorism; and provide the opportunity for nations to share information and expertise in a legally non-binding environment." The 13 founding Global Initiative partners first met in Rabat, Morocco, on October 30-31, 2006, and agreed on a statement of principles to combat nuclear terrorism and a methodology for assessing progress in this area. These principles indicated how the members aimed to build up the capacity of state parties "to combat nuclear terrorism on a determined and systematic basis, consistent with national legal authorities and obligations they have under relevant international legal frameworks", notably the Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, the Convention on the Physical Protection of nuclear Material and its 2005 Amendment, and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540. According to the State Department, by endorsing the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, "partners are providing their political support and commitment to strengthening and implementing the Statement of Principles."

#### **These Principles Include:**

- Developing and improving physical protection systems safeguarding nuclear and radioactive materials;
- Strengthening security of civilian nuclear facilities;
- Enhancing the capability to detect nuclear and radioactive materials to stop illicit trafficking of these materials;
- Preventing the establishment of terrorist safe havens and financial or economic resources to terrorists seeking to acquire or use nuclear or radioactive materials;
- Leverage response, mitigation, and investigation tools for terrorist attacks;
- Encouraging information sharing between and among partner countries pertaining to acts of nuclear terrorism;

The GICNT seeks to involve partner-nations in "conducting various multilateral activities, workshops, and table-top and field exercises." These exercises are similar in concept to the exercises that are held from time to time in the United States to simulate homeland security or emergency response events. Many exercises held to date have trained responders for activities after a nuclear detonation, the so-called "post-event" response. However, Global Initiative partner nations also engage in "pre-event" activities, such as detecting illegally obtained nuclear materials that could potentially prevent execution of an attack. For example, in 2008, the partners held a field exercise in Spain, in which they sought to detect the presence of illicit nuclear materials. That same year, Kazakhstan's Special Forces conducted a training exercise "Atom-Antiterror-2008" at the Institute of Nuclear Physics in Ala-Tau. The scenario centered on intrusion of 12 individuals upon the Institute's territory. The individuals encountered resistance from the security forces while making their way to the Institute's reactor and took some of the Institute's staff hostage. The Special Forces stormed the building, arresting the intruders, rescuing the hostages, and alleviating danger to the reactor. GICNT partner-nations have also sought to develop a Global Nuclear Detection Architecture and a Model Guidelines Document to help states determine what is needed to carry out effective nuclear detection on their own territory. The emerging Global Nuclear Detection architecture is intended to be a multilayered, international system with associated resources and infrastructure that could provide a capability to detect radiological and nuclear threats. This system involves securing and accounting for nuclear and radiological materials, screening shipping from ports, border protection, coast guard/maritime inspection, and at-sea interdiction. The Model Guidelines lay out the structural and technical elements needed at a national level for nuclear detection as well as related information architectures and a framework for implementing such a system. A first draft of the guidelines was circulated in November 2008, and a revised draft was prepared after a meeting in Germany in April 2009. According to U.S. officials, the proposals continue to be refined.

#### **Meetings of the Global Initiative since the founding meeting in Rabat:**

- A meeting in Ankara, Turkey in February, 2007 focused on deepening the cooperation between partner countries & encouraging more countries to join;
- A meeting in Astana, Kazakhstan on June 11-12, 2007 discussed strategies and exercises useful to the defense of nuclear facilities;
- A meeting in Madrid, Spain on June 17, 2008 discussed the importance of cooperation between nations' private sectors, their respective federal governments, and international organizations such as the International Atomic Energy Agency;

The latest GICNT meeting took place in The Hague on June 18, 2009 and focused on nuclear forensics and development of a "new framework to enhance operational cooperation between partners investigating illicit uses of nuclear material." Global Initiative partners also agreed to continue outreach efforts to further expand participation in key regions around the world. U.S. officials have pointed

especially to the need for greater participation from countries in Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America. As of July 7, 2009, 76 countries had signed on to the GICNT. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the European Union, and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) also serve as official observers.

**Institutionalizing The Global Initiative:** In his April 5, 2009 Prague speech, in which he set a goal of ridding the world of nuclear weapons, Obama called nuclear terrorism "the most immediate and extreme threat to global security." He said that "because this threat will be lasting, we should come together to turn efforts such as the Proliferation Security Initiative and the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism into durable international institutions." He also pledged to secure all vulnerable nuclear material worldwide before the end of his first term in January 2013 and called for a global summit on nuclear security in 2010. At the latest Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism meeting at The Hague on June 16, 2009, Assistant Secretary of State C.S Eliot Kang indicated that the United States would like the GICNT members to be significantly involved in carrying out Obama's Prague pledges, including the global nuclear security summit, now scheduled for March 2010 and the commitment to secure nuclear materials within four years. According to Kang, Moscow and Washington have discussed "ways to make a more effective and enduring international institution" out of the Global Initiative. He also noted that "some ideas under consideration include clearly identifying a policy making body, having a decision making mechanism that is open to all partners, better coordinating exercise planning... facilitating capacity building, which is central to this initiative." Russian president Medvedev has recently stated that "Moscow and Washington have a special responsibility to counter WMD proliferation and terrorism." At their meetings in April and July 2009, Medvedev and Obama have pointed to GICNT's importance. At a summit in London on April 1, 2009 the two leaders issued a joint statement in which they pledged to further promote the Global Initiative to new countries. Further, at the July summit in Moscow they promised to "jointly initiate practical steps, to include conducting world-wide regional nuclear security best-practices workshops, to facilitate greater international cooperation in implementing this initiative." Thus, three years after its inception, the GICNT—now a 76 partner-nation tool for countering nuclear terrorism—continues its emergence as an important venue for coordinating and sharing security, response, and law enforcement best practices (NTI, 2010).

**Date:** February 16, 2010

**Source:** White House

**Law:** *H.R. 730: Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act*

**Abstract:** According to the White House, H.R. 730, the "Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act," establishes in statute the National Technical Nuclear Forensics Center in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); and requires DHS to establish a National Nuclear Forensics Expertise Development Program to provide scholarships and fellowships to undergraduate and graduate students for studies in specialties relevant to nuclear forensics (White House, 2010).

**Date:** February 16, 2010

**Source:** House Committee On Homeland Security, Bennie G. Thompson

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Forensics And Attribution Act Signed*

**Abstract:** Bennie G. Thompson, Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, released the following statement in reaction to President Obama signing H.R. 730: "In the case of an attempted or, in the worst case, a successful nuclear or radiological attack, rapid attribution is critical. Our government must have the capacity to quickly determine the source of the nuclear material so that the key decision-makers have the information needed to respond." Thompson went on to state that, "We know that our enemies, both terrorists and rogue nations, are interested in developing and using nuclear or radiological weapons. By signing this bill into law, the President has taken a major step forward in developing the expertise we need in nuclear forensics-related sciences" (DHS, 2010).

**Date:** February 17, 2010

**Source:** NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Signs Nuclear Forensics Bill*

**Abstract:** U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday signed legislation intended to bolster U.S. technical expertise in the field of nuclear forensics and attribution as part of national efforts to deter acts of nuclear terrorism (NTI, 2010)

**Date:** April 2, 2010

**Source:** Global Research, Wei Guoan

**Title/Headline:** *The Dangers Of Nuclear War: U.S.-Russian Nuke Deal No Cure For Real Threat*

**Abstract:** After nearly a year's negotiations, the U.S. and Russian governments finally reached an agree-ment on further reduction and limitation of nuclear weapon arms. The agreement will be signed on April 8, limiting the total number of warheads to less than 1,550. Overall, it is good for world peace and stability as well as the prevention of nuclear proliferation, but we shouldn't be over-optimistic about the treaty. The motivations behind the treaty are clear. Russia is opposed to the U.S. missile defense system and its deployment in Eastern Europe. The U.S. continues to expand the scope of the missile defense system, which constitutes a real threat to Russia in Eastern Europe. With 95 percent of the world's total nuclear warheads, the U.S. and Russia are the world's two largest nuclear powers. Russia has more than 14,000 missiles and the U.S. has more than 9,000. This remains one of the few areas where the former U.S.'s national strength is as great as ever, so the U.S. is active in working toward compromise in this field. Yet the treaty has its problems. In the existing agreements, the number of nuclear warheads was limited to between 1,500 and 2,200. This new agreement itself has no new breakthroughs and has not met the expectations of the international community. Half a year ago, the limit of 1,500 was proposed, but in the



end, it became 1,550, no big breakthrough at all. The most fundamental problem is that the provisions do not eliminate nuclear weapons but instead change their level of readiness. **Nuclear weapons have three states of readiness: fully equipped and ready to be fired, readied but with the head and body separated, and finally, in storage conditions with the warhead removed.** This treaty reduces the number of fully equipped nuclear weapons to less than 1,550, but the excess missiles will not be destroyed, only moved to a different state of readiness. **They could be activated and re-weaponized in only a short span of time. Despite the agreement, the U.S. also continues to work on developing new nuclear weapons itself. While some are being moved from the frontlines, lighter, more accurate weapons are being developed, as well as so-called bunker-busters designed to penetrate deeply into the Earth.** The U.S.-Russian agreement only limits bilateral development, but the real concern is the spread of nuclear weapons worldwide. The U.S. is planning to hold a nuclear safety summit on April 13 where the core issue is the nuclear non-proliferation. **Once nuclear technology spreads, and especially if terrorist organizations get their hands on nuclear materials, the consequences are unpredictable, and it is in every country's interests to prevent this. U.S. standards on nuclear proliferation are also inconsistent.** It gives tacit approval to Israel's nuclear weapons program, and makes no effort to discourage Japan from stockpiling raw materials that could, in theory, produce thousands of nuclear weapons. In contrast, the U.S. has been particularly sensitive to Iran and North Korea. Iran has not tested nuclear weapons, but claims to developing civilian nuclear facilities. However, the U.S. has been strongly working for sanctions against it as a consequence and even considering military actions. **Out of political considerations, the U.S. has adopted two completely different standards on the use of nuclear technology by various nations. To make a convincing case for non-proliferation, the U.S. should apply the same standards to every country** (Guoan, 2010).



**Date:** May 8, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *IAEA to Focus on Israeli Nukes in June*

**Abstract:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will discuss Israel - the owner of Middle East's sole atomic arsenal -- and its nuclear activities. The IAEA is allowed to refer nuclear proliferation concerns to the UN Security Council. The issue, which has always eluded IAEA's agenda with the help of the United States, has been included in the list of items to be brought up at the agency's gathering on June 7, the Associated Press reported Saturday. The matter is to be discussed under the subject of Israel's "nuclear capabilities" at the request of the body's 18 Arab members. The organization has avoided the issue since its inception and for more than half a century amid Israel's insistence on maintaining a policy of nuclear "ambiguity," under which the regime neither confirms nor denies having nuclear weapons. Tel Aviv has repeatedly brushed aside international calls for joining the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Since 1958, when Israel began building the Dimona plutonium and uranium processing facility, it has allegedly manufactured scores of nuclear warheads, earning reputation as the sole owner of such weapons in the Middle East. Former US President Jimmy Carter has attested to the existence of the arsenal, which he said includes between 200 to 300 warheads. According to AP, the June meeting's agenda could change, should Washington and other Israeli allies raise strong objections to the measure" (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** June 8, 2010

**Source:** NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)

**Title/Headline:** *EU, U.S. Adopt Counterterrorism Declaration*

**Abstract:** The European Union and the United States have adopted a new counterterrorism declaration that calls for strengthened activities aimed at preventing terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, officials said last week. The document states that the European Union, its member nations and the United States would take a number of measures to reduce the threat of terrorism, including enhancing "efforts to counter the risks of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) material being obtained or used by terrorists, including by building a stronger global nonproliferation regime, securing all nuclear material". Washington and Brussels also pledged to "seek to build a more permanent joint mechanism for EU-U.S. cooperation on explosives and critical infrastructure protection" and to "encourage the global ratification and effective implementation of all relevant international conventions and protocols on counterterrorism". U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder welcomed last week's adoption by an EU body of the declaration, which also asserts the importance of cooperation between the EU, the United States and the United Nations on counterterrorism preparations. **"This declaration demonstrates our joint commitment to protect our citizens from terrorism consistent with our laws, our values and our commitment to individual privacy,"** Holder said in a statement. **"Our work with our EU partners to protect the security of our citizens – including through programs such as the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program and the Passenger Name Record Agreement – is critical to the success of our counterterrorism efforts"** (NTI, 2010).

**Date:** July 23, 2010

**Source:** PR Newswire, US Newswire

**Title/Headline:** *Key Congressional Committees Boost Funds to Prevent Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** Two key Congressional committees this week gave a big boost to the administration's efforts to prevent nuclear materials from falling into the hands of violent extremist groups. Both committees fully funded the administration's request for a 27 percent increase for two Energy Department programs to secure vulnerable nuclear materials in other countries. **"The nuclear nonproliferation initiatives of the Obama administration have enjoyed strong bipartisan support,"** explains David Culp, a lobbyist for the Friends

Committee on National Legislation (Quakers). **"These significant budget increases reflect the concern of many members of Congress in securing bomb-grade nuclear material internationally.** They also are a result of a concerted lobbying effort by the Energy Department, Vice President Biden, and Undersecretary of State Ellen Tauscher." The House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee voted July 15 to fully fund the administration's request for these funds. Its Senate counterpart subcommittee followed suit on July 20, with the full Senate Appropriations Committee adopting the increase on July 22. The Bush 43 administration began the Global Threat Reduction Initiative program in 2004 and they expanded the International Nuclear Material Protection and Cooperation program. The two Bush programs enjoyed strong support from Sen. Dick Lugar (IN), one of Obama's foreign policy mentors. **Obama developed the idea of accelerating the "loose nukes" programs on the campaign trail and included the funding increases in his budget this year. President Obama had pledged during his campaign to secure all vulnerable nuclear materials worldwide within four years.** The administration persuaded 46 other countries to ratify that goal at an international Nuclear Security Summit in Washington in April. The acting chairman of the House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, Rep. Ed Pastor (AZ), said at its bill-drafting session, **"The Global Threat Reduction Initiative, along with the International Nuclear Material Protection and Cooperation, will lead the efforts to secure fissile material in four years; the bill provides \$1.1 billion, the same as the request and \$243 million above 2010, for this important effort."** Pastor said at the June 15 markup that he was regularly getting phone calls from Vice President Joe Biden asking about the funding. The ranking member of the House subcommittee, Rodney Frelinghuysen (NJ), also voiced his support for the nonproliferation increases in the subcommittee markup. Senate subcommittee chairman Byron Dorgan (ND) stated in his report on the bill, **"The Committee supports NNSA's goal of securing all vulnerable nuclear material within 4 years. Securing nuclear materials at the sites and facilities where they are located is the best defense against nuclear terrorism."** NNSA is the National Nuclear Security Agency. The full House Appropriations Committee has not yet scheduled the bill for final approval, but may take it up the week of July 26. A House-Senate conference committee will hammer out the differences in the two bills, probably as part of a larger, year-end "omnibus" appropriations bill in a lame-duck session of Congress in November and December. **The Friends Committee on National Legislation, the oldest registered religious lobby in Washington, is a non-partisan Quaker lobby in the public interest. FCNL works with a nationwide network of tens of thousands of people from every state in the U.S. to advocate for social and economic justice, peace, and good government.** For more information: [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org) (PR Newswire, 2010).

**Date:** July 31, 2010

**Source:** The Hill, Andrew Stiles

**Title/Headline:** *Lawmakers Tackle Gaping Flaws In WMD Attack Preparedness*

**Abstract:** A Senate Judiciary subcommittee will assess government preparedness for a terrorist attack with weapons of mass destruction in the wake of a report calling Justice Department planning inadequate. The Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security will hear testimony from senior Justice Department and Homeland Security officials concerning the ability of the United States to prevent as well as respond to an attack using a WMD. The hearing comes after several damning reports about the country's ability to prevent such an attack, including a report card this year from a blue-ribbon commission that gave the White House three failing grades on WMD preparedness. **On top of this, the intelligence and security lapses that preceded a string of recent domestic attacks — the deadly shooting at Fort Hood and failed bombing attempts on Northwest Flight 253 over Detroit on Christmas Day and on Times Square — have done little to inspire confidence from homeland security hawks in Congress.** The subcommittee will address specifically a May 2010 report by Glenn Fine, the inspector general of the Justice Department, that raised serious questions about the department's ability to respond to a potential WMD attack. **"The Department of Justice as a whole ... has not implemented adequate WMD response plans. As a result, the Department is not fully prepared to provide a coordinated response to a WMD incident,"** the report said. Fine is scheduled to testify at the hearing. **The report is one of several this year finding flaws in the country's preparedness for a catastrophic terrorist attack.** In January 2010, the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism issued a "report card" assessing the government's progress in implementing preventive measures recommended by the commission in a December 2008 report. **The Obama administration received mixed grades in the January report, including three Fs, for failure to prepare effectively for a biological attack, failure to recruit and train a new generation of national security experts and failure to reform congressional oversight on intelligence and national security.** Retired Col. Randall Larsen, USAF, the executive director of the commission, will also testify before the subcommittee. **"We gave America, as a whole, an 'F,'"** Larsen said. The blue-ribbon commission, chaired by former Sens. Bob Graham (D-Fla.) and Jim Talent (R-Mo.), was created by Congress following a recommendation from the 9/11 Commission. Graham and Talent's initial report in 2008 **warned that a terrorist attack using WMDs was "likely" to occur somewhere in the world by 2013, with the United States being a prime target.** The commission officially concluded its work in February, but Graham, Talent and Larsen have sought to continue their efforts by forming the Bipartisan WMD Terrorism Research Center. Larsen said his primary mission is to educate lawmakers about the seriousness of the threat posed by WMDs and that this will be the focus of his testimony next week. **"Congress has got a lot on its minds, but this should be one of its highest priorities,"** Larsen said. **"All these little battles we have to fight, I don't think we'd have to be doing that if members of Congress really understood the threat,"** he added. The commission's latest report slammed Congress for failing to consolidate nearly 100 committees and subcommittees that oversee some aspect of the Department of Homeland Security. **"Virtually no progress has been made since consolidation was first recommended by the 9/11 Commission in 2004,"** the report stated. The Obama administration disputed the commission's findings, arguing that the president had accomplished a "great deal" since taking office. **The commission's report laid out a range of measures the federal government should pursue to reduce the United States' vulnerability to such an attack, including increased security and awareness at biological research labs and strengthening international treaties against the spread of biological and nuclear weapons.** Lawmakers have been making progress to address the commission's concerns through legislative action. At a press conference last month, **Graham and Talent joined members of the House Homeland Security Committee to announce the introduction of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2010,** a bipartisan bill that aims to enact the commission's recommendations. Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) described it as "a major step forward on the threat from WMD." The bill is the House companion to legislation introduced by Sens. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) in 2009. Both bills have cleared committee but have yet to be brought to the floor for a vote. Lieberman and

Collins, respectively chairman and ranking member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, presided at a June 30 hearing on nuclear terrorism where they heard alarming testimony from government officials concerning the United State's ability to prevent a nuclear attack. **Lieberman said the officials' testimony was "a real alarm bell going off" in terms of the country's preparedness. "The threat of nuclear terrorism is growing faster than our ability to prevent an attack on our homeland," he said at the hearing (Stiles, 2010).**

**Date:** September 25, 2010

**Source:** Kawther Salam

**Title/Headline:** *IAEA Adopts Atomic Weapons In The Middle East*

**Abstract:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA's) 54th General Conference of Member States concluded yesterday, Friday September 24 2010, in Vienna. **The member states of the (IAEA) voted on a draft resolution introduced by the Arab States calling for Israel to join the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). The United States and its major allies, the European States and some *small western countries*, who called for a Middle East free from "weapons of mass destruction", allied themselves over the past three days by holding continuous meetings and gatherings outside the hall where the 54 IAEA General Conference was held at the UN headquarters in Vienna, in order to thwart the resolution introduced by the Arab States. Forty-six delegations voted in favor of the resolution, 51 against it and 23 others abstained from voting in the 151-member General Assembly of the IAEA. The Arab representatives and ambassadors all said that Israel's presumed nuclear arsenal threatens regional peace and stability. The Jewish state is the region's only country outside the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.** The scene of the political gatherings held by the Europeans and their allies outside of the main conference in order to support Israel and thwart the Arab draft resolution confirms that there is a deep chasm between the West and the Middle East and it also showed the double standards implicit in the decisions of the block of Western countries when dealing with the issue of nuclear weapons in Israel, North Korea and Iran. Israel, which possesses a nuclear arsenal, pursues a policy of "nuclear ambiguity" and refuses to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty which could force them to renounce nuclear weapons. The United States urged other states members of the IAEA to vote down the Arab-sponsored draft resolution. "Symbolically it is important to vote down this non-binding resolution" said the US representative to the IAEA, claiming that the vote in favor of the resolution "could disrupt a broader effort to ban such weapons in the Middle East" and sends a negative message to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, which recently resumed. **This "peace process" is merely one more show in the theater which legitimizes the Israeli genocide and war crimes in Palestine and lengthens the occupation under sham "peace negotiations". The more serious question which arises after the vote on this resolution is if Israel will at some time in the future use its nuclear weapons to attack the same European states which rejected the Arab-sponsored draft resolution calling on Israel to join the NPT. Asking this question, even thinking about it, is taboo for the regimes of the European Union and the western world, which are all led by pro-Zionist politicians who often have double nationality and who obviously always adopt decisions of foreign policy concerning Israel which are favorable to Israel but are gravely detrimental to the obvious interests of the countries which these politicians represent. Israel, which in public speaks sweet and honey words to its European "allies", at the same time teaches Israeli children in kindergarten, primaries and later to hate and seek revenge from Europe, where the "descendants of the Nazis" live, according to the language used school texts in Israel. Children are taught in one way or another to seek revenge from the European countries, and revenge this is only matter of time for Israel. Anybody who denies this should spend some days at the Israeli schools and watch the movies which the kids see in their childhood, which teach them that the whole world should "kneel before the feet of the Jews", and generally speak with the people on the streets, letting them speak freely about their views about Europe (Kawther Salam, 2010).**

**Date:** 2012

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *2012 Nuclear Security Summit*

**Abstract:** At the 2010 Nuclear Security Summit, American president Barack Obama announced that the next Nuclear Security Summit would be held in South Korea in 2012. The importance of planning for the conference was clarified when the American president explained his view that "we have the opportunity, as partners, to ensure that our progress is not a fleeting moment, but part of a serious and sustained effort (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Conclusion:** It appears that humanity is about to enter the Nuclear Terror Age and the so called leaders of the world appear just fine with that scenario. As though they are oblivious to the consequences of such an attack, they appear to be falling in line behind Obama as the world plunges into its darkest time yet.

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Movies



**Intro:** The following mainstream movies and documentaries dealing specifically with nuclear terror have been sporadic over the last 33 years but have intensified in the 5 years.

**1977:** *Black Sunday*

**1983:** *Special Bulletin*

**2002:** *The Sum Of All Fears*

**2005:** *Last Best Chance*

**2007:** *Next*

**2010:** *Unthinkable*

**2010:** *Countdown To Zero*

**2010:** *Nuclear Tipping Point*



**Date:** March 11, 1977

**Title:** *Black Sunday*

**Director(s):** John Frankenheimer

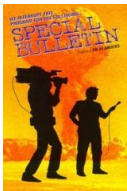
**Writer(s):** Ernest Lehman, Kenneth Ross, Ivan Moffat

**Producer(s):** Robert Evans, Alan Levine, Robert L. Rosen

**Distributor(s):** Paramount Pictures

**Nuclear Target(s):** Miami, Florida

**Abstract:** An American thriller film based on the novel by Thomas Harris. Michael Lander (Bruce Dern) is an American blimp pilot deranged by years of torture as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, a failed marriage, and a bitter court martial. He longs to commit suicide and take as many people as possible with him, so he conspires with Dahlia Iyad (Marthe Keller), an operative from a **Palestinian terrorist group known as Black September, to launch a massive suicide bombing over the Miami Orange Bowl during the Super Bowl X between Pittsburgh and Dallas.** American and Israeli intelligence agencies, led by Mossad agent David Kabakov (Robert Shaw) and FBI agent Sam Corley (Fritz Weaver), race to prevent the catastrophe (Wikipedia, 2010)



**Date:** 1983

**Title:** *Special Bulletin*

**Director(s):** Edward Zwick

**Writer(s):** Marshall Herskovitz (teleplay), Edward Zwick, Marshall Herskovitz (story)

**Producer(s):** Marshall Herskovitz, Edward Zwick

**Distributor(s):** NBC (National Broadcasting Company)

**Abstract:** A terrorist group brings a homemade atomic bomb aboard a tugboat in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina in order to blackmail the U.S. Government into disabling its nuclear weapons, and the incident is caught live on television. The movie simulates a series of live news broadcasts on the fictional RBS Network (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** Filmed 1999; Released: 2002  
**Title:** *The Sum Of All Fears*  
**Director(s):** Phil Alden Robinson  
**Writer(s):** Tom Clancy (novel), Paul Attanasio, Daniel Pyne (screenplay)  
**Producer(s):** Mace Neufeld  
**Distributor(s):** Paramount Pictures  
**Nuclear Target(s):** Baltimore, Maryland

**Abstract:** The *Sum of All Fears* is an American action film directed by Phil Alden Robinson and based on a book of the same name by Tom Clancy. Starring Ben Affleck and Morgan Freeman it **was filmed in 1999, but not released by Paramount Pictures in the United States until May 31, 2002** The film begins with a sequence inspired by the novel's prologue set during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, in which a single Israeli A-4 jet carrying a nuclear weapon is shot down over the Syrian desert. **The bomb, over time, is consumed by the sand and disappears. Eventually, after an ensuing geopolitical drama, the nuclear bomb arrives in a crate in Baltimore, Maryland, and is placed in an American football stadium** disguised as a cigarette vending machine. After the detonation, it is eventually concluded that that the plutonium for the Baltimore bomb was manufactured in Savannah River nuclear plant in South Carolina in 1968, thus indicating that **the original nuclear fissile material was of American origin** (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** April 27, 2007  
**Title:** *Last Best Chance*  
**Director(s):** Sam Nunn's Nuclear Threat Initiative, Carnegie Corporation of New York, MacArthur Foundation.  
**Writer(s):** Sam Nunn's Nuclear Threat Initiative, Carnegie Corporation of New York, MacArthur Foundation.  
**Producer(s):** Sam Nunn's Nuclear Threat Initiative, Carnegie Corporation of New York, MacArthur Foundation  
**Distributor(s):** Sam Nunn's Nuclear Threat Initiative, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, MacArthur Foundation

**Abstract:** *Last Best Chance* is an educational DVD that reveals the modern nuclear threat of international terrorist organizations, produced by the Nuclear Threat Initiative. The DVD is freely available through the NTI-supported website. The film stars Fred Thompson as President Charles Ross. The name of the film is a reference to a quote by Abraham Lincoln. **Running at forty-five minutes (Super Bowl 45 is February 6, 2011)** in length, *Last Best Chance* premiered in the fall of 2005 at the lavish East Side mansion that is home to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City. Among the attendees were diplomats, military personnel, international bankers, and lawyers.

**Speakers at the event following the film included:**

**Pete Peterson:** Chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations  
**Ted Turner:** Founder of CNN  
**Warren Buffett:** Investor and philanthropist  
**Sen. Richard Lugar:** Chairman of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
**Sam Nunn:** Founder of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (Wikipedia, 2010).





**Date:** October 3, 2005

**Source:** The New Yorker, Hendrik Herzberg

**Title/Headline:** *Rain And Fire*

**Abstract:** Early autumn is a big season for new releases, and last week, what with the opening of the New York Film Festival and all, there were lots of such screenings around town. One of them was different. Its setting was a modest auditorium in the immodest East Side mansion that houses the Council on Foreign Relations. **The audience consisted of diplomats, military officers, international bankers and lawyers, and think-tankers. The speakers after the lights went up were white-haired gentlemen in business suits: Pete Peterson, the council's chairman; Ted Turner, the billionaire philanthropist and founder of CNN; Warren Buffett, the folk philosopher and fabulously rich investor; Richard Lugar, Republican, the current chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; and Sam Nunn, Democrat, the retired chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and now head of a nongovernmental organization called the Nuclear Threat Initiative.** The film, "Last Best Chance," was a bit unusual, too. **You might even say it isn't really a movie at all—it just plays one on TV.** Set in the near future, it takes the form of a slick international suspense thriller, the kind that cuts from a rainswept warehouse in a bleak corner of the former Soviet empire to a dimly lit White House Situation Room. It has no sex scenes, no car chases, and no wisecracking sidekicks, and **it is only forty-five minutes long, but it lays out a frighteningly plausible narrative of how terrorists might buy or steal the makings of a nuclear bomb, assemble one, smuggle it halfway around the world, and send it on its way to an American city in an S.U.V.** The closest thing to a star in the cast is Fred Thompson, the lawyer turned actor turned Republican senator from Tennessee turned actor again. Thompson plays the President of the United States, and his character is mature, wise, and serious—the one jarringly unrealistic note in the picture. **"Last Best Chance" was made not by a movie studio but by a singularly unraffish indie producer: Nunn's Nuclear Threat Initiative, with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the MacArthur Foundation.** The blurb on its poster comes not from Ebert & Roeper but from Kean & Hamilton—Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton, the chairman and vice-chairman of the 9/11 Commission. Its grosses are zero. For the past five months, it has been distributed free on DVD. Now it has been taken up by HBO, which plans to show it repeatedly, beginning on October 17th. **"Last Best Chance" is entertaining, in a grim sort of way, but entertainment is not its raison d'être.** Its purpose is to stimulate public support and political pressure on the Bush Administration and Congress to do something serious about the terrifying danger of nuclear terrorism. And this is a scandal. It is scandalous that at this late date, four years after the attacks on New York and Washington, people like Nunn, Lugar, and Buffett feel it necessary to go to such unorthodox lengths to get the attention of Washington's responsables. "Last Best Chance" is a symptom of an immense failure of national, and especially Presidential, leadership. "As short a time ago as nine years or eight years," Turner said in his remarks after the screening, **"I still thought that nuclear weapons, biological and chemical weapons, was an area that the government took care of"** (Herzberg, 2005).



**Date:** April 27, 2007

**Title:** *Next*

**Director(s):** Lee Tamahori

**Writer(s): Screenplay:** Gary Goldman, Jonathan Hensleigh., Paul Bernbaum **Story:** Gary Goldman **Short Story:** Philip K. Dick

**Producer(s):** Nicolas Cage, Jason Koornick, Todd Garner, Norm Golightly, Graham King, Arne Schmidt

**Distributor(s):** North America: Paramount Pictures International: Initial Entertainment Group

**Nuclear Targets(s):** Los Angeles, California

**Abstract:** Cris Johnson (Nicolas Cage) is a magician who can see into his future, but only two minutes ahead.. **He draws the attention of FBI agent Callie Ferris (Julianne Moore), who has figured out his ability and wants to stop terrorists from detonating a nuclear weapon** (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** June 14, 2010

**Title:** *Unthinkable*

**Director(s):** Gregor Jordan

**Writer(s):** Oren Moverman, Peter Woodward

**Producer(s):** Marco Weber, Caldecot Chubb

**Distributor(s):** Senator U.S.

**Targets Mentioned:** New York, New York, Los Angeles, California, Dallas, Texas

**Abstract:** An American Muslim man named Yusuf (Sheen), formerly named Younger, who claims to have nuclear bombs planted in three U.S. cities that will go off if his (at first, unstated) demands are not met. Using extreme torture as a method of interrogation [Torture], "H" (Jackson) attempts to force Yusuf to reveal the locations of the nuclear bombs. Also involved is Special Agent Helen Brody of the FBI who, at the same time, is leading a team trying to locate the bombs using other information. Once H is authorized to interrogate Yusuf, he quickly shows his capability and cruelty by chopping off one of Yusuf's fingers with a small hatchet. Horrified, Special Agent Brody attempts to put a stop to the measures. Her superiors make it clear that the potentially disastrous consequences necessitate these extreme measures. As the plot unfolds, H escalates his methods (with Brody as the "good cop") and Yusuf, trained in resisting torture, maintains his silence. When Brody accuses Yusuf of faking the bomb threat in order to make a point about the moral character of the United States government, he breaks down and agrees that it was all a ruse. He gives her an address to prove it, but visiting the address triggers a C-4 explosion at a nearby shopping mall, killing 53 people. Angry at the senseless deaths, Brody takes a scalpel and begins cutting Yusuf's chest. It is clear, though, that Yusuf is not afraid. He justifies the deaths by comparing them to the greater number of Muslim deaths by American hands. Yusuf then makes his demands: he would like the President of the United States to announce a cessation of support for puppet governments and dictatorships in Middle Eastern countries and a withdrawal of American troops from the Middle East. The group quickly blows off the possibility of his demands being met. H falters in his belief that the bombs' location will be revealed until Yusuf's wife is found and detained. He brings her in front of her husband and threatens to mutilate her in front of him, Brody and the others begin to take her away from the torture room in disgust. Out of desperation, H slashes her throat and she bleeds to death in front of Yusuf. Still without cooperation, H tells the soldiers to bring in Yusuf's two children, a young boy and a girl. Outside of Yusuf's hearing, he assures everyone that he will not harm the children. Yusuf's children are brought in and H makes it clear that he will torture them if the bombs' locations are not given. Yusuf breaks and gives three addresses, but H does not stop, forcing the others to intervene. Citing the amount of missing nuclear material Yusuf potentially had at his disposal, H insists that Yusuf has not admitted anything about a hence-unreferenced 4<sup>th</sup> bomb. When Brody refuses to retrieve the children for H, he unstraps Yusuf, who then manages to get ahold of a pistol and commit suicide. Brody walks out of the building with Yusuf's children. A FBI bomb disposal team arrives at one of the disclosed locations and resets the timer to prevent the bomb from going off. As the FBI are celebrating however, behind a nearby crate, the originally unconfirmed 4th bomb's timer counts down to zero. The screen immediately cuts to black and the credits roll (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** January 25, 2010 (Sundance), July 23, 2010 (United States)

**Title:** *Countdown To Zero*

**Director(s):** Lucy Walker

**Writer(s):** N/A

**Producer(s):** Lawrence Bender

**Distributor(s):** Magnolia Pictures

**Nuclear Target(s):** N/A

**Abstract:** *Countdown to Zero* is a documentary film released in 2010 which argues that the likelihood of the use of nuclear weapons has increased since the end of the Cold War due to terrorism, nuclear proliferation, theft of nuclear materials and weapons, and other factors. The documentary film was set for a July 9, 2010 theatrical release in the United States but was pushed back to July 23. The film features interviews with leading statesmen and experts, including Tony Blair, Jimmy Carter, Mikhail Gorbachev, Robert McNamara, Pervez Musharraf, and Valerie Plame Wilson. The film was narrated by Gary Oldman. The musical score was composed by Peter Golub, and the rock band Pearl Jam contributed the song "The Fixer." It was developed, financed and executive produced by Participant Media. The idea for the film first occurred to the producers when the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Al Gore after the success of his documentary about global warming, *An Inconvenient Truth*. Diane Weyermann of Participant Media

asked Walker if she was interested in directing a film about nuclear weapons, and Walker said yes. More than 84 people were interviewed for the film. Global Zero, an international organization promoting the elimination of nuclear weapons, provided production assistance for the film (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** 2010

**Title:** *Nuclear Tipping Point*

**Director(s):** NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)

**Writer(s):** NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)

**Producer(s):** NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)

**Distributor(s):** NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)

**Nuclear Target(s):** America

**Abstract:** *Nuclear Tipping Point* is a 2010 documentary film produced by the Nuclear Threat Initiative. It features interviews with four American government officials who were in office during the Cold War period, but are now advocating for the elimination of nuclear weapons. They are: Henry Kissinger, George Shultz, Sam Nunn, and William Perry. **The film was screened at the White House on April 6, 2010** (Wikipedia, 2010). According to the official website: *Nuclear Tipping Point* is a conversation with four men intimately involved in American diplomacy and national security over the last four decades. **Former Secretary of State George Shultz, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of Defense Bill Perry and former Senator Sam Nunn share the personal experiences that led them to write two *Wall Street Journal* op-eds, in support of a world free of nuclear weapons and the steps needed to get there.** Their efforts have reframed the global debate on nuclear issues and, according to the *New York Times*, "sent waves through the global policy establishment." **"Nuclear weapons today present tremendous dangers, but also an historic opportunity. U.S. leadership will be required to take the world to the next stage — to a solid consensus for reversing reliance on nuclear weapons globally as a vital contribution to preventing their proliferation into potentially dangerous hands, and ultimately ending them as a threat to the world."** From *The Wall Street Journal Op-ed* by George Shultz, William Perry, Henry Kissinger and Sam Nunn, January, 2007. The film is introduced by General Colin Powell, narrated by Michael Douglas and includes interviews with California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. ***Nuclear Tipping Point* was written and directed by Ben Goddard and produced by the Nuclear Security Project in an effort to raise awareness about nuclear threats and to help build support for the urgent actions needed to reduce nuclear dangers.** It was produced with support from NTI's Nuclear Security Project in cooperation with Stanford University's Hoover Institution, with funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Anderson, Phineas Anderson and Stephen Stranahan (*Nuclear Tipping Point*, 2010).

**Conclusion:** Everything starts in the movies, and nuclear terror is no different. Interestingly, the entire idea of nuking the Super Bowl originated from Tom Clancy's *The Sum of All Fears*. A best-selling book and a major motion picture later, fiction will likely turn into reality on February 6, 2011.

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Music



**Intro:** The following songs and albums regarding nuclear terror and war would not be so disturbing except for the fact that they have all come since 2009. Is the government run media programming the youth of the World for an upcoming nuclear detonation? Based on the words in the songs, album titles and track titles, one may just think so.



**Title:** *Nuclear Blast: Music Assault 2009*

**Date:** 2009

**Source:** Metal India Magazine

**Artist(s):** Various

**Abstract:** This CD has a balanced mix of styles. There weren't any bad songs here, and they all fit together to express the overarching theme of the compilation. Overall it's a good collection of songs by Nuclear Blast.

**Suffocation – “Blood Oath”:** Along with a very select few others, Suffocation are card-carrying members of the exclusive Death metal club, yet whose own output continues to be as menacing, acerbic and relevant as it was a decade ago. “Blood Oath” is off their sixth full length offering which bombards you with a slow and heavy attack of triplets which is reminiscent of Morbid Angel's Gateways to Annihilation.

**Ex Deo – “Legio XII”:** Ex Deo is a side project of Kataklysm's frontman Maurizio Iacono. It is a Roman-themed death metal band which sings of its homeland's glorious past. “Legio XII” is one of those songs which have a warlike ambience, giving an impression of armies gathering. Combination of death and black vocals give nice touch to the epic sound of the song.

**Vader – “Rise Of The Undead”:** Necropolis is the title given to the latest gathering of recordings sent our way from Poland. Vader in “Rise of the undead” does its usual chugging fast pace evil war machine engine like attack. Great riffs and amazing solos will not fail to blow you away.

**Darkane – “Execution 44”:** This melodic thrash metal outfit from Sweden is quite different from the kind of stuff that usually comes out of Sweden. A hint of modern sound in good old thrash is their take. “Execution 44” starts off with a somber lead and transforms into ferocious paced groove. Although too mainstream sounding but nonetheless good metal.

**Amorphis – “Silver Bride”:** This is your average progressive metal song. It has fairly catchy and compelling vocals with good melodic passages. Opeth fans might dig this.

**S.W.W.A.T.S – “The Tamagotchi Gesture”:** An Interesting name which actually spells out as “Success Will Write Apocalypse Across the Sky”. I actually checked twice before writing down the abbreviation... (Pun intended). I fail to understand what's with long band name and Deathcore music. “The tamagotchi gesture” is pretty forgettable song except that it does not have annoying breakdowns like other deathcore music. Feel free to press the “next” button on that remote right away.

**Threat Signal – “The Beginning Of The End”:** Threat signal's brand of industrial/metalcore is pretty fresh. Decent riffs and drum work. Raspy vocals and thrashy edge will surely make you want to headbang to it. Often compared to Fear Factory and Strapping Young Lad, they are worth checking out.

**Swashbuckle – “Cruise Ship Terror”:** Many metal bands attempt to have a comical or radical image while maintaining their metalness. Swashbuckle is one of those bands that do it with excellence. Pirates in metal isn't an unheard of concept but these guys will surely convince you that they truly are pirates from the 1700's that traveled forward in time to play some kick ass thrash metal.

**Mantic Ritual – “One By One”:** In case you're not keeping score, tried and true thrash metal is back and firmly in the hands of the youth of today. Add Mantic Ritual to the new-gen thrash pack. “One by one” will make you wish the old days of thrash were still around.

**Augury – “Aetheral”:** One of Canada’s finest death metal exports with a progressive leaning, Augury’s music is varied and engaging. Super smooth bass playing and aggressive riffing will leave you scratching your head.

**Korpiklaani – “Vodka”:** Korpiklaani’s sound has always combined happy drinking songs with folk infused metal. These Finns joyfully manifest their upbeat attitude they derive from their music. “Vodka” is a nice breather after all the mayhem of this c.d.

**Sylosis – “Teras”:** This quintet from the UK plays progressive thrashcore. Although the musicianship is excellent but they are just another modern band, only a bit of more technical and progressive than most of their peers and nothing new.

**Candlemass – “If I Ever Die”:** These are the leaders, the pioneers, the ones who are still keeping the flag of the doom brilliance high. “If I ever die” has that unmistakable groove but it’s not a very memorable song.

**Echoes Of Eternity – “Twilight Fires”:** “Twilight fires” seems more black metal than goth but they call themselves progressive so I guess it fits the bill. Nothing unusual here, it’s a very average attempt. Drum work is pretty annoying. Long monotonous programmed beats are a bit too high in the mix.

**Samael – “Under One Flag”:** Black metal fused with industrial music. Samael is strictly for Darkwave/Industrial fans. “Under one flag” has some mammoth riffs and some excellent electric drums to drive the beats. Keyboards provide some beautiful melodic passages which set Samael apart from other industrial metal bands.

**Hammerfall – “Any Means Necessary”:** These guys continue to make some decent power metal which although is shamelessly watered down but remains entertaining. “Any means necessary” has the right hooks but at some point’s way too simple a song. And if you happen to check the video of this song, you’re in for some good laughs.

**Sirenia – “Lost In Lite”:** It seems that the sea of female-fronted metal bands keeps rising higher every year, particularly in the gothic realm. “Lost in lite” is full of catchy melodies and carries some heaviness with it. There is nothing special about the bass or drum. The keyboards mingle with the music but don’t do anything spectacular or particularly noteworthy. In my opinion it’s too pop to be on this compilation (Metal India Magazine, 2010).

**In December of 2009, Illuminati artist Jay Z released a song with Mr. Hudson entitled *Young Forever* (a remake of the Alphaville's 1984 hit *Forever Young*), which was produced by fellow Illuminati artist Kanye West. The song makes a direct reference to “the bomb”, thus ushering in the idea of nuclear war into the current generation’s collective consciousness, just as *Forever Young* did in 1984.**



**Title:** *Young Forever*

**Date:** December 2, 2009

**Source:** YouTube

**Artist:** Jay Z, Mr. Hudson

**Album:** *The Blueprint 3*

**Label:** Rockefeller Records

**Producer:** Kanye West

**Abstract:** “Heaven can wait we’re only watching the skies...**Hoping for the best but expecting the worst, Are you gonna drop the bomb or not? Let us die young or let us live forever**, We don’t have the power but we never say never, Sitting in a sandpit, Life is a short trip, The music’s for the sad man” (Youtube, 2010).





**Title:** *Children Of The Bomb 2010: KIF Anti Nuclear Music Compilation*

**Date:** January 13, 2010

**Source:** Discogs

**Artist(s):** Various

**Label:** Kifrecording (Poland)

<u>Band Name</u>	<u>Track Title</u>
1) Abraxas Apparatus -	It's Funny They Call It _arsch Noise_ In France
2) GrA (4) -	Track 3_002
3) ValeNoise -	Toxic Residues
4) Teknocannibaal -	MINI KRP1 Demonstration_2009
5) Azbezt -	Cannon Fodder
6) Maaaa -	I Have Got My Satan Rocket Edge
7) Nihilistic Front	Air Attack
8) Ataraxy	Missile Terror
9) Capitalism	Piiiiiiiiimiel
10) Clemens Hausch	Persuasive Dreams (A Sudden Awakening)
11) Origami Hairry	Kasztany
12) Rovar17 -	With Wearied Smile
13) Shock Technician, The -	Emetic Neurosis
14) Animal Machine (2)	Roasted Cockroaches
15) Paddo One	5 Terrible Trampoline Technicians
16) Audiocum / Bassfucker -	Silver Tip (Discogs, 2010).

**In September of 2010, Linkin Park, who has collaborated intimately with Jay Z in the past, released their latest album entitled *A Thousand Suns*. This was their second album with a nuclear title since *Minutes To Midnight* (2007), another direct reference to nuclear war.**



**Title:** *A Thousand Suns*

**Date:** September 10, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Artist:** Linkin Park

**Label:** Warner Bros.

**Abstract:** The album's title comes from the Hindu Sanskrit scripture, the *Bhagavad Gita*: "If the radiance of a thousand suns were to burst at once into the sky, that would be like the splendor of the mighty one," a quote made famous by J. Robert Oppenheimer (Father of the Atomic Bomb) in reference to the atomic bomb. *A Thousand Suns* is a concept album dealing with nuclear warfare and themes of war in general. "On this record, the concepts blend human ideas with technology [...] Human fears, **your fear of what's going to happen in the world**, the music kind of references that", said Mike Shinoda on an interview with MTV (Wikipedia, 2010).

- 1) **The Requiem**
- 2) **The Radiance**
- 3) **Burning in the Skies**
- 4) Empty Spaces
- 5) When They Come for Me
- 6) Robot Boy

- 7) Jornada del Muerto" (Journey of a Deadman)
- 8) Waiting for the End
- 9) Blackout
- 10) Wretches and Kings
- 11) Wisdom, Justice, and Love
- 12) **Iridescent**
- 13) **Fallout**
- 14) **The Catalyst**
- 15) The Messenger



**Conclusion:** It appears that nuclear related music is just another attempt to make the idea and concept of nuclear war appear normal in the minds of young people world-wide. The fact that artists like Jay Z and Linkin Park are featured in the nuclear music genera shows that there is a very serious attempt to get the message of nuclear terror into the minds of the masses.

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror News



**Intro:** The following warnings regarding an impending nuclear terror attack, whether false-flag or real, are quite substantial. Whether these are legitimate warnings, government propaganda, and/or outright fear mongering is secondary. The fact that they exist in excess shows that a potential nuclear attack is in the cards and may be played in a last ditch effort to regain total political and military control of society. These warnings are in chronological order and consist of various news articles, opinion papers, and press releases. For brevities sake, only relevant material has been included. For access to the complete article, please Google the “Title/Headline” or see Chapter

### Resounding Themes:

- A nuclear bomb is easy to make and anybody, so long as they are dedicated, can make or acquire one
- A nuclear terror attack is not a matter of “if”, but “when”.
- Pakistan is the real threat to America because it has terrorist extremists threatening to overthrow the Pakistani government and seize its nuclear arsenal
- Martial law and/or a Military Dictatorship will replace the Republic form of U.S. Government, post nuclear attack
- Nuclear Proliferation is a “Global Problem” that requires a “Global Solution” and should a devastating nuclear terror attack occur, ALL nations would have to cede sovereignty to an international organization and open their particular country to nuclear inspection and regulation.



**Date:** 1992

**Source:** United States District Court Southern District Of New York (USDCNY)

**Title/Headline:** *US Grand Jury Indictment Against Usama Bin Laden*

**Abstract:** A November 6, 1998, U.S. Federal indictment of bin Laden for his involvement in the bombings of U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998 charged that "at various times from at least as early as 1992, **Usama bin Laden and Mamdouh Mahmud Salim, and others known and unknown, made efforts to obtain the components of nuclear weapons**" (USDCNY, 1998).

**Date:** 1992

**Source:** U.S. District Court Of Virginia (USDCV)

**Title/Headline:** *United States Of America V. Zacarias Moussaoui*

**Abstract:** The December 2001 U.S. District Court Of Virginia indictment of Zacarias Moussaoui stated that “At various times from at least as early as 1992, **Usama Bin Laden, and others known and unknown, made efforts to obtain the components of nuclear weapons**” (USDCV, 2001).

**Date:** September 26, 1998

**Source:** The New York Times, Benjamin Weiser

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Says Bin Laden Aide Tried To Get Nuclear Material*

**Abstract:** U.S. Federal authorities state that a man they described as **a senior deputy to Osama bin Laden tried on behalf of the bin Laden group in 1993 to obtain materials that could be used to develop nuclear weapons**. The authorities cited a document that they related to **a proposed purchase of enriched uranium**, but did not say whether the group ever obtained the uranium. The report concluded that members of Mr. bin Laden's organization, **Al Qaeda, sent emissaries to Iran and some of its members received explosives training in Lebanon from Hezbollah, the terrorist group backed by Iran** (Weiser, 1998).

**Date:** January 11, 1999

**Source:** TIME

**Title/Headline:** *Wrath Of God: Osama Bin Laden Lashes Out Against The West*

**Abstract:**

**TIME:** The U.S. says you [Osama Bin Laden] are trying to acquire chemical and nuclear weapons. How would you use these?

**Osama bin Laden: Acquiring weapons for the defense of Muslims is a religious duty. If I have indeed acquired these weapons, then I thank God for enabling me to do so.**  
And if I seek to acquire these weapons, I am carrying out a duty. It would be a sin for Muslims not to try to possess the weapons that would prevent the infidels from inflicting harm on Muslims (TIME, 1999).

**Date:** October 25, 1999

**Source:** Jerusalem Report, Yael Haran

**Title/Headline:** *Bin Laden Has Several Nuclear Suitcases*

**Abstract:** Master terrorist Ossame Bin Laden has acquired portable nuclear devices, a U.S.-based expert on non-conventional terror believes. **The only real question now is whether BinLaden has "a few," as Russian intelligence seems to think, or "over 20,"** a figure cited by intelligence services of moderate Arab regimes. **"There is no longer much doubt that Bin Laden has finally succeeded in his quest for nuclear 'suitcase bombs,'** says Yossef Bodansky, head of the Congressional Task Force on Non-Conventional Terrorism in Washington D.C. Bodansky reported that **Bin Laden's associates acquired the devices through Chechnya, paying the Chechens \$30 million in cash and two tons of Afghan heroin,** worth about \$70 million in Afghanistan and about 10 times that on the street in Western cities. Bodansky's statements corroborate a 1998 testimony by former Russian security chief Alexander Lebed to the U.S. House of Representatives in which he stated that **43 nuclear suitcases from the former Soviet arsenal have vanished.** Lebed stated that one person could detonate such a bomb by himself, and kill 100,000 people. Among the others who recognize the threat is Ben Venzke, director of Tempest Publishing, who stated that **"The danger is quite real and is not confined to stolen Russian weapons"** and that **"It is really quite simple to acquire radioactive material and combine it with an explosive or so-called dirty device"** (Jerusalem Report, 1999).

**Date:** September 1, 2001

**Source:** UAE Interact

**Title/Headline:** *Anti-Terrorism Meet In Abu Dhabi*

**Abstract:** More than 200 people from various strategic organisations are taking part in an eight-day anti-terrorist workshop in the capital. The workshop, which got underway yesterday, is designed to train people in how to recognise and deal with a terrorist attack using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. It is the first time training of this kind has been provided in the UAE. The workshop has been organised by the General Directorate of Abu Dhabi Police in co-operation with the United States Department of State, Anti-terrorism Assistance Programme. It will provide concentrated training to 220 employees from the Ministry of Health, petroleum companies, the Red Crescent Society, the Armed Forces, the Ministry of Interior, the Civil Aviation Department and the General Directorate of the Abu Dhabi Police. The training programme has been carried out successfully in over 60 cities. Now it has been extended to US allies around the world. (The Gulf News) (UAE Interact, 2001).

No more than 10 days before 9/11, the United States Department of State's Anti-terrorism Assistance Programme is providing "concentrated training" for 220 employees from the Ministry of Health, petroleum companies, the Red Crescent Society, the Armed Forces, the Ministry of Interior, the Civil Aviation Department and the General Directorate of the Abu Dhabi Police? What exactly were they doing and who exactly attended? **This may have been a meeting to go over the final preparations for the 9/11 attacks.**



[www.buildingwhat.org](http://www.buildingwhat.org)

**Date:** September 11, 2001

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** WTC # 7

**Abstract:** 7 World Trade Center is a building in New York City located across from the World Trade Center site in Lower Manhattan. The name "7 World Trade Center" has referred to two buildings: the original structure, completed in 1987, and the current structure. The original building was destroyed on September 11, 2001, and replaced with the new 7 World Trade Center, which opened in 2006. Both buildings were developed by Larry Silverstein, who holds a ground lease for the site from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The original 7 World Trade Center was 47 stories tall, clad in red exterior masonry, and occupied a trapezoidal footprint. On September 11, 2001, 7 WTC was damaged by debris when the nearby North Tower of the WTC collapsed. [7 World Trade Center] collapsed completely at 5:21:10 p.m. (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** September 28, 2001

**Source:** Wired Magazine, Declan McCullagh

**Title/Headline:** *Does Osama Have A Nuclear Bomb?*

**Abstract:** Government reports and intelligence experts have been warning that bin Laden has been trying to build the bomb. "It's difficult to know if he has (nuclear weapons)," said Kimberly McCloud, a researcher at the Monterey Institute of International Studies

who tracks weapons of mass destruction. **"We know he's been interested in it, and that's reason for concern. At the same time, we don't know if (he) has weaponized it." One shortcut to membership in the nuclear club is a portable tactical device, often called a "suitcase nuke."** "You're talking about a bomb, a device with a capability of 1 kiloton of destruction, which is a massive capability that would cause severe destruction of a major inner city area, perhaps causing a multitude of buildings to collapse with the people inside of them," Rep. Curt Weldon (R-Pennsylvania) said in 1999. Alexie Yablokov, Boris Yeltsin's former science advisor, **told a U.S. House committee in 1997 that he believed dozens of the "suitcase-size nuclear munitions" were missing.** At the time, the U.S. State Department said it was satisfied with Russia's assurances. **"We have no evidence at all that bin Laden has access to nuclear weapons,"** said Anthony Cordesman, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies who specializes in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, but stated that **"He now has shown an interest,"** Cordesman said. "George Tenet has made public remarks on this. No one has seen that there is a clean chain of evidence that he has the capability. But no one can account for the Russian nuclear weapons." Cordesman referred to speeches by CIA Director George Tenet, including a briefing that he gave in February. At the time, Tenet said: **"The missile and WMD proliferation problem continues to change in ways that make it harder to monitor and control, increasing the risk of substantial surprise."** About the only thing that's certain is that **if al Qaeda and bin Laden have the materials, making a nuclear weapon may not be that difficult.** A report by Carey Sublette, distributed by the Federation of American Scientists, recalls a 1960s experiment conducted by the U.S. government. In it, **three newly graduated physics students were asked to develop a nuclear weapon** using only publicly available information. The result: **"They did develop a viable design** after expending only three man-years of effort over two and a half calendar years. In the years since, much more information has entered the public domain so that the level of effort required has obviously dropped further" (McCullagh, 2001).



TIME

**Date:** November 12, 2001

**Source:** TIME, Hannah Bloc, Joshua Kucera, Violeta Simeonova, Tim McGirk, Andrew Purvis, Douglas Waller, Yuri Zarakhovich

**Title/Headline:** *Osama's Nuclear Quest*

**Abstract:** The so-far offstage effort to battle the most dreadful of the terror weapons Osama bin Laden would like to have in his arsenal: nuclear arms. Airborne anthrax and hijacked planes are little more than a murderous tease compared with the prospect of rogue nukes. Just what bin Laden has in his stockpiles, what he plans to do with it and what can be done to stop him are rapidly becoming the most pressing questions in the anti-terror wars. "The goal of terrorism is to spread panic," says Dr. Jerrold Post, a physician and professor at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, who **believes that al-Qaeda would try a nuclear or radiological attack if it had the capacity.** "Psychologically, there are no constraints." **It's been an open secret in the intelligence community that bin Laden and his al-Qaeda organization have long lusted after nukes.** The consensus in Washington is that the group does not have a true nuclear-fission device, though it may well have what is known as a radiological weapon or "dirty bomb"--a conventional explosive packed with radioactive debris. Whatever bin Laden's got, he has made any number of attempts to get more. As early as the mid-1990s, **intelligence sources tell TIME, bin Laden's agents began cruising the black markets of Europe and Asia looking for pirated Russian warheads.** Al-Qaeda also made it known that loose components such as enriched uranium would do too. Relatively new to the free-for-all thieving of the post-Soviet republics, **bin Laden was fleeced at least twice, getting fooled by black marketeers who tried to sell him low-grade, radioactive rubbish--**in one instance claiming it was "red mercury," a fictional Russian weapon. **But bin Laden has been a patient shopper, and if he hasn't made a good buy yet, he has come awfully close.** At the trial of the four men now convicted of planning the U.S. embassy bombings, **al-Qaeda turncoat Jamal Ahmed al-Fadl described his role in helping to broker a 1993 deal in which bin Laden attempted to pay \$1.5 million for a cylinder of South African uranium.** Al-Fadl saw the cylinder, but he wasn't present to see when--or if--money and material changed hands. Last April a Bulgarian working as a middleman in a Dubai company providing Asian laborers to Middle East construction firms was briefly introduced to bin Laden in a safe house at an unknown location during a trip to Pakistan. The next day he was approached by a scientist who seemed to be part of bin Laden's organization, offering him a different kind of business proposition: a scheme to bring nuclear waste from Bulgaria through Moldova and Ukraine. The names al-Qaeda and bin Laden never came up during that meeting, but the wary Bulgarian backed out of the deal. **"They pressured me,"** he told TIME. "They said, 'We're ready to give you this business.'" Simpler still is the so-called dirty bomb. Detonated in a crowded city, a dirty bomb would pack an explosive punch no greater than ordinary ordnance, but the radioactive debris it would scatter could sicken and kill unknown numbers of people and contaminate an unknown stretch of real estate. **Because the bomb would require no special skill to build, it's perhaps the most feared of the terrorists' nuclear choices.** "They don't kill as many people," says Morton Bremer Maerli, a nuclear-terror expert at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, "but as a weapon of terror, they may be just as effective." **If there's reason for anxious Americans to feel hopeful, it's that pulling off a nuclear attack, even a low-grade one, is an enormously complicated business,** and anything at all--from technical problems to supply problems to the simple dangers of fooling with radioactive material--could trip it up. **For bin Laden, everything would have to go exactly right, or a nuclear strike wouldn't work.** For the American military and the global law-enforcement forces arrayed against him, the job is to see to it that at least one of those things goes wrong (Bloch, Kucera, Simeonova, McGirk, Purvis, Waller, & Zarakhovich, 2001).



**Date:** December 10, 2001

**Source:** The Washington Times, Arnaud de Borchgrave

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda's Nuclear Agenda Verified*

**Abstract:** Pakistani intelligence officers were assisting Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda organization to develop the ability to build a "dirty" nuclear device, U.S. and Pakistani intelligence agencies have concluded. Intelligence officers in Washington and Islamabad, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said they are now convinced that al Qaeda was attempting to put together a "nuclear device in the dirty bomb category." Documents uncovered in Kabul and the interrogation of nuclear scientists who were frequent visitors to Taliban-ruled Afghanistan - ostensibly to perform humanitarian work - have produced conclusive evidence of the fact, the officers said. **One Pakistani general who has seen the evidence described the device as a "dirty nuclear weapon," meaning one in which radioactive materials are wrapped around conventional explosives. Such a device can contaminate an area of several square blocks with radiation. The general said he also believes bin Laden obtained such materials on Russia's nuclear black market.** The International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna is aware of 175 cases of trafficking in nuclear materials since 1993, including 18 that involved highly enriched uranium and plutonium pellets the size of a silver dollar. **There are 18 million potential delivery vehicles that could be used to smuggle a nuclear device into the United States. That is the number of cargo containers that arrive in the country annually. Of them, only 3 percent are inspected, and bills of lading do not have to be produced until the containers reach their destination, according to current regulations. An unidentified former chief of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency is believed to be the man who coordinated bin Laden's nuclear ambitions. One local intelligence source speculated that before September 11, a dirty bomb could have been smuggled out of Afghanistan in a truck all the way to Karachi and then shipped out in a cargo container.** That could be the weapon Taliban chief Mullah Mohammed Omar was referring to when he said, after the U.S. bombing started Oct. 7, that America would soon have to face extinction. Allowing for hyperbole, he may have known what bin Laden was planning next. Another ex-ISI chief, retired Gen. Hameed Gul, predicted after September 11 that one day there would be a single Islamic state that would stretch from Saudi Arabia to Pakistan and Afghanistan and that would have nuclear weapons, as well as control of the Gulf's oil resources. The general is an ISI legend, and still popular among the agency's present crop of leaders who were his junior officers in the late 1980s. Gen. Gul, a Muslim fundamentalist, is vehemently anti-American. He acts as "strategic adviser" to Pakistan's extremist religious parties, and spent two weeks in Afghanistan just prior to September 11. Gen. Gul is slowly emerging as the spokesman for the combined opposition of Islamic fundamentalists. In Urdu-language newspapers on Friday, he was quoted as saying: **"No one can tell us how to run our nuclear facilities and nuclear programs. This is being done in the interest of Pakistan, not the United States. Taliban will always remain in Afghanistan, and Pakistan will always support them.** He was presumably referring to the Taliban in its guerrilla mode, following the fall of Kandahar. Gen. Gul's only daughter runs VARAN, the public transportation bus company that enjoys a monopoly in Islamabad and its twin military garrison city of Rawalpindi. Gen. Gul himself lives in "Pindi" in an army compound housing development earmarked for retired generals. **Officially, the Pakistani government has accepted the explanation of three nuclear scientists about their "innocuous" relationship to the Taliban. Privately, however, some Pakistani officials, working closely with U.S. colleagues, said their activities "cannot be described as innocuous by any stretch of the imagination."** On a brief visit to Islamabad early this month, George Tenet, director of CIA, conferred with President Pervez Musharraf on what was described as the need for "more and better intelligence" from ISI. **The CIA has reportedly submitted a list of six more nuclear scientists whom it wants to probe for suspected links to al Qaeda. Two of them, Dr. Suleiman Asad and Dr. Muhammad Ali Muktar, are now in Burma doing undisclosed research with local scientists.** Apparently anxious to avoid further U.S. probes into Pakistan's ultrasecret nuclear weapons program, these two scientists have been advised by the government to remain in Burma until further notice. Dr. Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmud, former director of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), and Chief Engineer Dr. Chaudry Abdul Majeed have been questioned by a joint FBI-ISI team. According to PAEC sources, the CIA wishes to conduct a separate interrogation based on documents seized in Kabul. Dr. Mahmud is a close associate of Gen. Gul. **They were colleagues when Gen. Gul ran ISI. Dr. Mahmud is one of three scientists who befriended Taliban leaders. He is an expert in enriched uranium and plutonium, having lectured all over Pakistan with odes to the Taliban as "the wave of the future for Pakistan."** Dr. Mahmud and two of his colleagues were detained in late October as a result of U.S. questions about Pakistani "relief" organizations active in Taliban-run Afghanistan, including an agricultural project near Kandahar. **They admitted to meeting with al Qaeda associates of bin Laden and were officially cleared of passing on nuclear secrets. Dr. Mahmud says publicly that plutonium production is not a state secret, and advocates increasing plutonium output to help other Islamic nations build nuclear weapons.** After the start of the U.S. bombing campaign, Gen. Musharraf ordered an immediate redeployment of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal to six new secret locations, including separate storage facilities for uranium and plutonium cores and their detonation mechanisms. **Army colleagues now say privately that Gen. Musharraf was fearful of assassination by extremists who were already accusing him of betraying Islam and selling out to the United States. There were also rumors of a coup by hard-liners in the military. The officer corps is 20 percent fundamentalist, according to a post-September 11 confidential survey by military intelligence separate from ISI. Pakistan's community of nuclear scientists is held to be "profoundly fundamentalist" and anti-American. They are particularly resentful of U.S. economic and military sanctions against Pakistan as punishment for their country's nuclear weapons program.** The community's guru is Abdul Qadir Khan, the scientist who devised Pakistan's first nuclear weapon. Pakistan now has an estimated 20 such weapons in its arsenal. ISI is still widely distrusted by Western intelligence agencies and by all levels of Pakistani society, from people in the street to top political leaders. **An ISI general who is regional director in one of the tribal areas told an important tribal leader known to this reporter that "after Afghanistan, Pakistan is next on America's list of countries to be conquered, and after Pakistan, Iran will be next. All that war talk about Iraq being next is just a smokescreen."** Gen. Gul has been touring FATA (Federally-Administered Tribal Areas) along the border of Afghanistan with much the same message about Washington's plans for conquest in the region. ISI is undergoing a traumatic shock in the wake of the Taliban's defeat, according to knowledgeable secular political party leaders. "They have lost thousands of operatives in Afghanistan," said one key politician who asked not to be named. ISI also facilitated the transfer to Afghanistan in the past two months of thousands of young religious school students who had been proselytized by their clerical teachers to volunteer to fight with the Taliban. **Gen. Musharraf had a dangerous precedent in mind: Six years ago, a group of Pakistani army officers was arrested for plotting to kill Army Chief of Staff Gen. Abdul Waheed.** He had fired the ISI chief for secretly assisting Muslim rebels in several countries (De Borchgrave, 2001).



**Date:** December 26, 2001

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Report: Bin Laden Already Dead*

**Abstract:** Usama bin Laden has died a peaceful death due to an untreated lung complication, the *Pakistan Observer* reported, citing a Taliban leader who allegedly attended the funeral of the Al Qaeda leader. "The Coalition troops are engaged in a mad search operation but they would never be able to fulfill their cherished goal of getting Usama alive or dead," the source said. **Bin Laden, according to the source, was suffering from a serious lung complication and succumbed to the disease in mid-December, in the vicinity of the Tora Bora mountains.** The source claimed that bin Laden was laid to rest honorably in his last abode and his grave was made as per his Wahabi belief. **About 30 close associates of bin Laden in Al Qaeda, including his most trusted and personal bodyguards, his family members and some "Taliban friends," attended the funeral rites. A volley of bullets was also fired to pay final tribute to the "great leader."** The Taliban source who claims to have seen bin Laden's face before burial said "he looked pale ... but calm, relaxed and confident." Asked whether bin Laden had any feelings of remorse before death, the source vehemently said "no." Instead, he said, **bin Laden was proud that he succeeded in his mission of igniting awareness amongst Muslims about hegemonistic designs and conspiracies of "pagans" against Islam.** Bin Laden, he said, held the view that the sacrifice of a few hundred people in Afghanistan was nothing, as those who laid their lives in creating an atmosphere of resistance will be adequately rewarded by Almighty Allah. When asked where bin Laden was buried, the source said, **"I am sure that like other places in Tora Bora, that particular place too must have vanished"** (Fox News, 2001).

**Date:** October 8, 2002

**Source:** CNN, George W. Bush

**Title/Headline:** *Bush: Don't Wait For Mushroom Cloud*

**Abstract:** Former U.S. President George W. Bush, while outlining his case for the invasion of Iraq, stated that, "There is a reason. We have experienced the horror of September 11. We have seen that those who hate America are willing to crash airplanes into buildings full of innocent people. **Our enemies would be no less willing -- in fact they would be eager -- to use a biological, or chemical, or a nuclear weapon.** Knowing these realities, America must not ignore the threat gathering against us. **Facing clear evidence of peril, we cannot wait for the final proof -- the smoking gun -- that could come in the form of a mushroom cloud"** (CNN, 2002).  
**FBI Wanted Poster: Khalid Shaikh Mohammed**

**Date:** May 12, 2003

**Source:** TIME, Tim Burger, Tim McGirk

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaeda's Nuclear Contact?*

**Abstract:** Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the No. 3 leader of al-Qaeda, who was captured in Pakistan on March 1, has been questioned extensively about his relationship with Osama bin Laden and the 9/11 hijackers. But his U.S. interrogators have also grilled him about another figure of much concern to Washington: **Abdul Qadeer Khan, the maverick Pakistani scientist who has been called the father of the Islamic Bomb. U.S. intelligence, according to one official, has information that the al-Qaeda man and the nuclear scientist had connections with the same safe-house operator and may have crossed paths. They were "reported to be at the same place at approximately the same time,"** the official said. Under questioning, according to the source, Mohammed denied seeing Khan and downplayed any usefulness Khan may have had to al-Qaeda. Khan declined repeated requests from TIME to comment on the accusations. The CIA believes that Khan had a key role in helping North Korea develop at least one or two nuclear devices, a senior official tells TIME. Under pressure from the U.S., the Pakistani government two years ago stripped Khan of his position in the nuclear and military establishment and barred him from traveling abroad without official permission. Within Pakistan, Khan is always accompanied by two military officers, Pakistani officials say. **But Washington fears that he may still have enough freedom to be able to shop Pakistan's nuclear secrets to other clients. Says a Washington official: "He moves around very freely and has everything he needs inside his head, if not his briefcase"** (Burger & McGirk, 2003).

**Date:** October 6, 2003

**Source:** Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, David Krieger

**Title/Headline:** *Is A Nuclear 9/11 In Our Future?*

**Abstract:** **Sooner or later there will be a nuclear 9/11 in an American city** or that of a US ally unless serious program is undertaken to prevent such an occurrence. **A terrorist nuclear attack against an American city could take many forms.** A worst case scenario would be the detonation of a nuclear device within a city. Depending upon the size and sophistication of the weapon, it could kill hundreds of thousands or even millions of people. Terrorists could obtain a nuclear device by stealing or purchasing an already created nuclear weapon or by stealing or purchasing weapons-grade nuclear materials and fashioning a crude bomb. **While neither of these options would be easy, they cannot be dismissed as beyond the capabilities of a determined terrorist organization.** If terrorists succeeded in obtaining a

nuclear weapon, they would also have to bring it into the US, assuming they did not already obtain or create the weapon in this country. **While this would not necessarily be easy, many analysts have suggested that it would be within the realm of possibility.** Another form of terrorist nuclear attack requiring far less sophistication would be the detonation of a radiation weapon or “dirty bomb.” This type of device would not be capable of a nuclear explosion but would use conventional explosives to disperse radioactive materials within a populated area. **The detonation of such a device could cause massive panic due to the public’s appropriate fears of radiation sickness and of developing cancers and leukemias in the future.** A bi-partisan task force of the Secretary of Energy’s Advisory Board, headed by former Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker and former White House Counsel Lloyd Cutler, called upon the US in 2001 to **spend \$30 billion over an eight to ten year period to prevent nuclear weapons and materials in the former Soviet Union from getting into the hands of terrorists or so called “rogue” states.** The task force called the nuclear dangers in the former USSR “**the most urgent unmet national security threat facing the United States today.**” **The great difficulty in preventing a nuclear 9/11 is that it will require ending the well-entrenched nuclear double standards that the US and other nuclear weapons states have lived by throughout the Nuclear Age. Preventing nuclear terrorism in the end will not be possible without a serious global program to eliminate nuclear weapons and control nuclear materials that could be converted to weapons.**

**Such a program would require universal agreement in the form of an enforceable treaty providing for the following:**

- Full accounting and international safeguarding of all nuclear weapons, weapons-grade nuclear materials and nuclear reactors in all countries, including the nuclear weapons states;
- International tracking and control of the movement of all nuclear weapons and weapons-grade materials;
- Dismantling and prohibiting all uranium enrichment facilities and all plutonium separation facilities, and the implementation of a plan to expedite the phasing out all nuclear power plants;
- Full recognition and endorsement by the nuclear weapons states of their existing obligation pursuant to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty for an “unequivocal undertaking” to eliminate their nuclear arsenals;
- Rapidly dismantling existing nuclear weapons in an orderly and transparent manner and the transfer of nuclear materials to international control sites;
- And criminalizing the possession, threat or use of nuclear weapons.

**While these steps may appear extreme, they are in actuality the minimum necessary to prevent a nuclear 9/11. If that is among our top priorities as a country, as surely it should be, the US government should begin immediately to lead the world in this direction. Now is the time to act, before one or more US cities are devastated by nuclear terrorism (Krieger, 2003).**

**Date:** June 3, 2003

**Source:** Sky News

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda 'Planning Nuke Attack'*

**Abstract:** Al Qaeda is preparing to use nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, according reports in America. An internal CIA report which says the terror network and allied groups are aiming to cause "mass casualties". That would be brought about through a series of simultaneous, small-scale attacks. The unclassified, four-page report was produced by the CIA's intelligence directorate. It comes as the agency is facing heavy criticism over the failure to uncover any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The report says the terrorists could easily obtain the materials needed and have the know-how to make the weapons. **It claims al Qaeda is developing bombs with radioactive material from industrial facilities. A document found in Afghanistan contained a sketch of a crude device capable of causing a nuclear blast.** Another document indicated "the group has crude procedures for making mustard agent, sarin and VX". Mustard is a blistering agent and sarin and VX are deadly nerve agents. **The CIA report says al Qaeda is more likely to produce a so-called "dirty" nuclear bomb than a conventional one. A dirty bomb would be easier to make but the effect would be just as devastating (Sky News, 2003).**



**The  
New York  
Times**

**Date:** March 10, 2004

**Source:** New York Times

**Title/Headline:** *A Nuclear 9/11*

**Abstract:** A 10-kiloton nuclear bomb (a pipsqueak in weapons terms) is smuggled into Manhattan and explodes at Grand Central. **Some 500,000 people are killed,** and the U.S. suffers \$1 trillion in direct economic damage. That scenario, cited in a report last year from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, could be a glimpse of our future. We urgently need to control nuclear materials to forestall that threat, but in this war on proliferation, we're now slipping backward. **"We're losing the war on proliferation,"** Andrew F. Krepinevich Jr., a military expert and executive director of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, says bluntly. **But all in all, the risks of a nuclear 9/11 are growing. "I wouldn't be at all surprised if nuclear weapons are used over the next 15 or 20 years,"** said Bruce Blair, president of the Center for Defense Information, **"first and foremost by a terrorist group that gets its hands on a Russian nuclear weapon or a Pakistani nuclear weapon." Finally, there's the real rogue nation of proliferation, Pakistan.** We know that Abdul Qadeer Khan, the Islamist father of Pakistan's bomb, peddled materials to Libya and North Korea, and we don't know who else.

"It may be that A. Q. Khan & Associates already have passed bomb-grade nuclear fuel to the Qaeda, and we are in for the worst," warns Paul Leventhal, founding president of the Nuclear Control Institute. It's mystifying that the administration hasn't leaned on Pakistan to make Dr. Khan available for interrogation to ensure that his network is entirely closed. **But unless we act more aggressively, we will get a wake-up call from a nuclear explosion** or, more likely, a "dirty bomb" that uses radioactive materials routinely lying around hospitals and factories (Kristof, 2004).

**Date:** March 22, 2004

**Source:** China Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaeda's No 2 Claims To Have Nukes*

**Abstract:** Osama bin Laden's terror network claims to have bought ready-made nuclear weapons on the black market in central Asia, the biographer of al-Qaeda's No. 2 leader was quoted as telling an Australian television station. In an interview, **Pakistani journalist Hamid Mir said Ayman al-Zawahri claimed that "smart briefcase bombs" were available on the black market.** It was not clear when the interview between Mir and al-Zawahri took place. **U.S. intelligence agencies have long believed that al-Qaeda attempted to acquire a nuclear device on the black market, but say there is no evidence it was successful.** In the interview with Australian Broadcasting Corp. television, Mir recalled telling al-Zawahri it was difficult to believe that **al-Qaeda had nuclear weapons when the terror network didn't have the equipment to maintain or use them.** "Dr Ayman al-Zawahri laughed and he said 'Mr. Mir, if you have \$30 million, go to the black market in central Asia, contact any disgruntled Soviet scientist, and a lot of smart briefcase bombs are available,'" Mir said in the interview. **"They have contacted us, we sent our people to Moscow, to Tashkent, to other central Asian states and they negotiated, and we purchased some suitcase bombs,"** Mir quoted al-Zawahri as saying. **Al-Qaeda has never hidden its interest in acquiring nuclear weapons.** The U.S. federal indictment of bin Laden charges that as far back as 1992 he "and others known and unknown, made efforts to obtain the components of nuclear weapons." **Bin Laden, in a November 2001 interview with a Pakistani journalist, boasted having hidden such components "as a deterrent."** And in 1998, a Russian nuclear weapons design expert was investigated for allegedly working with bin Laden's Taliban allies. It was revealed in 2004 that **Pakistan's top nuclear scientist had sold sensitive equipment and nuclear technology to Iran, Libya and North Korea, fueling fears the information could have also fallen into the hands of terrorists** (China Daily, 2004).

**Date:** March 23, 2004

**Source:** San Francisco Gate, Anne Badkhen

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda Bluffing About Having Suitcase Nukes, Experts Say: Russians Claim Terrorists Couldn't Have Bought Them*

**Abstract:** Ayman al-Zawahri, al Qaeda's No. 2 man, has bragged that the terrorist group bought suitcase nuclear bombs from former Soviet nuclear scientists in Moscow and Central Asia, but experts on Russia's nuclear program dismiss the statements, saying Osama bin Laden's deputy is bluffing. Al-Zawahri, the Egyptian doctor believed to be a mastermind of the Sept. 11, attacks, laughed and said: **"If you have \$30 million, go to the black market in central Asia, contact any disgruntled Soviet scientist and a lot of dozens of smart briefcase bombs are available,"** Mir reported. **"They have contacted us, we sent our people to Moscow, to Tashkent (the capital of Uzbekistan), to other Central Asian states, and they negotiated, and we purchased some suitcase bombs."** **The idea of al Qaeda's acquiring suitcase nuclear bombs -- compact, easily portable bombs shaped like briefcases or backpacks that can be detonated by timers -- is the sum of all fears for Washington.** A suitcase nuclear bomb detonated in the center of a metropolitan area can instantly kill tens of thousands of people and expose hundreds of thousands more to levels of radiation that would kill them within **24 months; millions of others would suffer from radiation poisoning.** But Russian nuclear officials and experts on the Russian and post-Soviet nuclear programs adamantly deny that al Qaeda or any other terrorist group could have bought Soviet-made suitcase nukes, which were built in the 1960s for use against NATO and U.S. targets by special Soviet military intelligence agents. **"(Al-Zawahri) is bluffing,"** an unnamed official at the Russian Federal Nuclear Energy Agency told the official Ria-Novosti news agency Monday. **"It is practically impossible not only to buy nuclear weapons but even their components in Russia."** **U.S. security experts have also said it is unlikely that bin Laden is close to acquiring nuclear weapons technology, although he clearly wants it.** A U.S. federal indictment handed down in 1998 charges that beginning in 1993 al Qaeda members **"made efforts to procure enriched uranium for the purpose of developing nuclear weapons"** (Badkhen, 2004).

**Date:** July 14, 2004

**Source:** Newsmax, Paul L. Williams

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida Has Nuclear Weapons Inside U.S.*

**Abstract:** Williams claims that al-Qaida has been planning a spectacular nuclear attack using six or seven suitcase nuclear bombs that would be detonated simultaneously in U.S. cities. Williams' contention is not far from what U.S. intelligence believes, a source close to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge has told NewsMax. **The source said Ridge claimed that U.S. intelligence believes terrorists already have smuggled into the U.S. actual atomic devices, as opposed to so-called "dirty nukes" that simply are conventional bombs that help spread radiation.** Shortly after the Indian nuclear tests, Pakistan made an all-out effort to join the nuclear club, the author says. Islamabad received help from sympathetic nations, namely China and North Korea. Williams traces the rampant spread of nuclear bomb development to a leading Pakistani scientist, Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan. **Khan, described as an "Islamic extremist," also has been depicted by former CIA chief George Tenet as "the father of Pakistan's nuclear program."** It is believed the Pakistani gained his expertise while working in the Netherlands, where he allegedly stole technology used in uranium reprocessing, a key procedure for building an atomic bomb. Pakistan successfully detonated two nuclear weapons inside a northern mountain range in the late 1990s. Khan, arrested by Pakistani police in February under White House pressure, admitted selling nuclear technology to numerous foreign countries, including North Korea and Libya. **According to Williams, another beneficiary of Khan's "contacts" was al-Qaida.** **The author reports that the U.S. got its first "hard" evidence of a connection when it invaded the Afghan capital of Kabul in 2001.**



A former al-Qaida safe house was found to be loaded with documents detailing dealings with the Pakistani scientist. The finding was so serious, says Williams, that Tenet traveled to Afghanistan and Pakistan to follow up on the discovery. Tenet: **'They Are Coming'** Perhaps it was such intelligence that led Tenet to say in October 2002: **"The threat environment we face is as bad as it was before September 11. It is serious. They have reconstituted. They are coming after us."** Almost from the moment 9/11 happened, the U.S. has been on a heightened state of alert and worry over the possible use of nuclear weapons. On the day of the attack, **President Bush left Florida and began criss-crossing the country in Air Force One in maneuvers consistent with a president preparing for a nuclear attack.** Shortly after Sept. 11, Taliban leader Mullah Omar claimed to the BBC that the main intent of al-Qaida was the **"bigger cause," which he described as the "destruction of America."** Asked pointedly if this meant the use of nuclear weapons against the U.S., he responded: **"This is not a matter of weapons. We are hopeful for God's help. The real matter is the extinction of America. And, God willing, it will fall to the ground."** Omar cryptically suggested that a nuclear plan was already under way at the time of Sept. 11. **And how could al-Qaida manage to transport such weapons into the U.S.?** Williams points out that the **borders with Mexico and Canada are still dangerously porous and not equipped to detect the smuggling of nuclear materials.** U.S. seaports are even more vulnerable, he argues. **Though New York City would seem to be the No. 1 target of another attack by al-Qaida,** Williams points out other U.S. cities have been mentioned in intercepted intelligence chatter. **Among those discussed: Boston, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Philadelphia, Miami, Washington and Rappahannock County, Va.** Why a small rural county in Virginia? Williams says it houses the underground command center the White House would use in time of war. He hastens to add that time "may not be on our side." **"It was eight years between the World Trade Center attacks. Islam preaches patience. They will attack when they want,"** Williams concluded. More chilling was the response from the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog. One official, speaking on background, told NewsMax: **"We have no comment. It is not within our responsibility to track atomic bombs"** (Stogel, 2004).

**Date:** July 22, 2004

**Source:** Military.com, H. Thomas Hayden

**Title/Headline:** *Suitcase Nukes*

**Abstract:** Since the Associated Press reported back in March 2004 quoting an Australian television station interview with Pakistani journalist Hamid Mir, I have been looking for more reports on "suitcase nukes." Suitcase nukes, or atomic demolition devices (ADMs), are actually small nuclear bombs. Both the Soviets and the US had such devices during the "Cold War." They were to be carried by Special Operations Forces who would be parachuted ahead/behind main force units using the ADMs to destroy large bridges, collapse mountain passes, or destroy entire major headquarters. These ADMs can be no larger than a king size suitcase. Some were designed for a large backpack. They were considered tactical nukes, and authority for usage could have been released to the Soviet "Front" commander or the US Theater Commander-in-Chief. **The US has claimed to have long dismantled their ADMs but the Soviets and now the Russian government have not provided complete information their ADMs.** Former Soviet General Ledbed, once a candidate for the Russian presidency and an opponent of Boris Yeltsin, reported just before his untimely death that **over 50 ADMs were missing from the Soviet arsenal.** Ledbed died of mysterious circumstances while he was running for the Russian presidency. No one ever proved or disproved the Ledbed allegations. **In an interview broadcast on Australian Broadcasting Corporation television, Hamid Amir, a Pakistani journalist, said he had met with Dr. Ayman al-Zawahri, the Number Two Al Qaeda leader behind Osama bin Laden. Dr. Ayman al-Zawahri claimed that "smart briefcase bombs" were available on the "black market."** There was no mention of when or where the interview was conducted. When asked how difficult it was to buy and operate ADMs, Dr. Al-Zawahri is reported to have laughed and said: **"Mr. Mir, if you have \$30 million, go to the black market in central Asia, contact any disgruntled Soviet scientists, and a lot of smart briefcase bombs are available."** Al-Zawahri added, **"They have contacted us, we sent our people to Moscow, to Tashkent, to other central Asian states, and they negotiated, and we purchased some suitcase bombs."** It has been well known that Al Qaeda has sought to acquire nuclear weapons. Osama bin Laden, in November 2001, according to the AP report, in an interview with another Pakistani journalist, boasted about his acquiring "components." Russian and Pakistani top nuclear scientists have been investigated for selling sensitive equipment and nuclear technology to Iran, Libya, and North Korea. **Why would there be any doubt that if Al Qaeda had the money, someone had the materials for nuclear weapons.** Whether Saddam Hussein actually had a nuclear bomb program in existence when the Coalition invaded Iraq seems to be open to question. However, no one doubts that Saddam had an on going "research" program for nuclear bombs. Additionally, it should be clear to all that Saddam had a close working relationship with many Soviet general officers and could have easily bought a suitcase nuke for a price. In his new book, **Osama's Revenge: The Next 9/11, Paul L. Williams, who claims to be a consultant to the FBI, says that Al Qaeda has been planning a spectacular nuclear attack using six or seven suitcase bombs that would be detonated simultaneously against US cities.** **In discussing Dr. al-Zawahri, Mir described him as the "real brains behind Osama Bin Laden."** According to Mir, Dr. Al-Zawahri is the real strategist and Osama bin Laden is the front man because of his money. Mir added that he thinks Al-Zawahri is more dangerous than Bin Laden because Al-Zawahri planned the 9/11 attacks on the US while Bin Laden funded the operations. Before going into deep cover, both **Osama bin Laden and Dr. al-Zawahri, threaten after the loss of the Taliban in Afghanistan and the expulsion of Al Qaeda from Afghanistan, that the next attack on the US would be more spectacular than the 9/11 attack.** Dr. Al-Zawahri is an Egyptian born surgeon. He was thought to be hiding with Osama bin Laden in the rugged mountain area along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Other reports put bin Laden and Al Zawahri in Iran. My bet is that both are living with their families where no one would expect to find them. **Osama bin Laden is in Saudi Arabia and Al-Zawahri must be with him. Bin Laden's mother and some of his brothers have long been known to provide support to bin Laden. Osama bin Laden comes from one of the wealthiest families in the world. It would not be too difficult to live behind the many 10-foot high walled villas in Saudi Arabia. No one outside immediate family would ever see the most wanted men on earth, if they chose to temporarily halt all contact with the outside world except through their most trusted family members.** While much has been in the news about a "dirty bomb" - radiological materials wrapped in large amounts of TNT or C-4 like materials - the facts are that a dirty bomb would do more psychological harm than any kind of physical damage. Small dirty bombs can be made by anyone with access to radiological materials, like spent nuclear fuel rods, hospital radiological materials, research isotopes, etc. However, a dirty bomb would be a little difficult to build without contamination to the amateur that might be so foolish to do so. A suitcase bomb would be shielded and more easily transportable (Hayden, 2004). \$



**Date:** September 12, 2004

**Source:** The Washington Post, Matthew Bunn, Anthony Wier

**Title/Headline:** *Preventing A Nuclear 9/11*

**Abstract:** This month's hostage tragedy in Russia is a stark reminder of the potent terrorist threat that country still faces -- **a threat that could result in a nuclear Sept. 11 if terrorists manage to gain access to Russia's nuclear stockpiles.** Unfortunately, the recent claim by Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov that inadequately secured nuclear stockpiles in Russia are only a "myth" is far from the truth. There has been a decade of improvements in Russia, but the work remains dangerously incomplete and the threat to nuclear facilities is terrifyingly high. While many of the best-known thefts of nuclear material occurred a decade ago, it was only last year that the chief of Russia's nuclear agency testified that nuclear security was underfunded by hundreds of millions of dollars. At nearly every site U.S. experts visit, they reach quick agreement with Russian experts on the need for substantial security upgrades. Russia's decision to send additional troops to guard nuclear facilities in the wake of the most recent terrorist attacks belies the notion that these facilities were adequately secured before. Moreover, that heightened troop presence is not likely to last and will do little to reduce the danger of theft by insiders. **Meanwhile, terrorists are zeroing in on these nuclear stockpiles. Top Russian officials have confirmed at least two cases in 2001 of terrorists carrying out reconnaissance at Russian nuclear warhead storage sites. The 41 heavily armed, suicidal terrorists who seized hundreds of hostages at a Moscow theater in 2002 reportedly considered seizing the Kurchatov Institute instead -- a site with enough highly enriched uranium (HEU) for dozens of nuclear weapons.** In 2003 proceedings in a Russian criminal case revealed that a Russian businessman had been offering \$750,000 for stolen weapon-grade plutonium for sale to a foreign client. **Al Qaeda has been actively seeking nuclear material for a bomb and has strong connections to Chechen terrorist groups.** Comprehensive U.S.-funded security upgrades have been completed for only 22 percent of Russia's potential nuclear bomb material; upgrades for tens of thousands of bombs' worth of material are still incomplete. Disputes over access to sensitive sites, liability, and other bureaucratic and political obstacles have been allowed to stymie progress for years. This is a global problem. More than 130 research reactors in dozens of countries still operate with HEU fuel, and many have no more security than a night watchman and a chain-link fence. **Pakistan's heavily guarded nuclear stockpiles face huge threats, from both insiders and outsiders, including large remnants of al Qaeda and the Taliban in the country. The good news is that this is a solvable problem. Plutonium and HEU -- the essential ingredients of nuclear weapons -- are too difficult for terrorists to make. If the world's stockpiles can be locked down and kept out of terrorist hands, nuclear terrorism can be prevented.** Many of the needed programs are in place. In addition to continuing efforts to secure Russia's stockpiles, the administration has been exploring similar cooperation with Pakistan and others -- and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham has just launched a Global Threat Reduction Initiative (GTRI) designed to remove potential bomb material entirely from the world's most vulnerable sites rapidly. Three steps are urgently needed if the world is to win the race to lock down these stockpiles before the terrorists get to them. **First, it will be crucial to implement GTRI as quickly, flexibly and comprehensively as possible -- with a target of removing potential bomb material from the world's highest-risk facilities within four years.** Congress should give Abraham both the explicit and flexible authority and the additional funds he needs. Second, the United States and Russia must drastically accelerate their efforts to secure Russia's stockpiles. The next U.S.-Russian summit should focus on agreements to sweep aside bureaucratic and political obstacles and set an agreed deadline for getting the job done. President Bush needs to make clear to Russian President Vladimir Putin that locking down these stockpiles quickly and permanently is central to U.S.-Russian relations and to Russia's own security. **Third, the United States must expand the security upgrade effort to the rest of the world, forming a fast-paced global partnership to quickly lock down all the vulnerable nuclear caches that cannot simply be removed or eliminated.** Making all this happen will require a sea change in the level of sustained White House leadership, no matter who is president. **A full-time senior official is needed -- one who has the president's ear -- to lead the myriad efforts in many agencies meant to block the terrorist pathway to the bomb. This official must also keep the issue on the front burner at the White House day in and day out. Only then will we have done all we should to reduce the risk of a nuclear Sept. 11** (Bunn & Wier, 2004).

**Date:** September 19, 2004

**Source:** L.A. Times, Graham Allison

**Title/Headline:** *Preventable Nightmare: Al Qaeda Wants To Nuke A U.S. City. There Are Simple Ways To Stop It*

**Abstract:** In October 2001, a top-secret team was dispatched to New York City to search for a nuclear bomb. According to a CIA agent code-named Dragonfire, **Al Qaeda had gotten hold of a nuclear weapon produced by the former Soviet Union and had successfully smuggled it into the city.** Under a cloak of secrecy that excluded even Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the Nuclear Emergency Search Team, or NEST, began a hunt for the 10-kiloton bomb whose Hiroshima-sized blast could have obliterated a significant portion of Manhattan. NEST is a SWAT team of "nuclear ninjas." When mobilized, members drop their day jobs as physicists, engineers and explosives experts to search for and dismantle weapons before they explode into mushroom clouds. **Often undercover, a "sports fan" may hide his sophisticated radiation-detection equipment in a golf bag, a "businesswoman" in her attache case.** If a nuclear device is found, teams compare it with NEST's catalog of existing designs and possible home-made bombs for clues about how to disarm it. But, as one member of the teams has conceded, even **locating a nuclear device amid background radiation is like "looking for a needle in a haystack of needles."** As NEST teams scoured New York City, Vice President Dick Cheney left Washington for a secret underground site, later disclosed to be on the Maryland-Pennsylvania border. **President Bush was concerned that Al Qaeda might have smuggled a nuclear weapon into the capital as well.** Several hundred federal employees joined the vice president in his bunker for many weeks, preparing an alternative government should a nuclear explosion wipe out Washington. The suspected nuclear device in New York City was never found. But the threat was credible for good reasons. Did former Soviet stockpiles include a large number of 10-kiloton weapons? Yes. Could the Russian government account for all its nuclear bombs? No. **Could Al Qaeda have acquired one? Yes.** Could it have smuggled a nuclear weapon through border controls and into a U.S. city? Yes. In a moment of gallows humor, one official quipped that terrorists could have wrapped a bomb in one of the bales of marijuana routinely smuggled into cities like New York and Los Angeles. In the weeks and months following Sept. 11, the U.S. national security community was waiting for the second shoe to drop. In the 1990s,

when I served as an assistant secretary of Defense, I prepared a highly classified memorandum on possible terrorist attacks, ranked in terms of potential damage to the United States, titled "A Hundred Horribles." An attack by a hijacked aircraft on trophy buildings fell in the lower half of the list. **First place on everyone's list was the detonation of a nuclear bomb in a U.S. city. Only a nuclear explosion can kill hundreds of thousands of people instantly.** The factors that made Dragonfire's report plausible in October 2001 are even more acute today. **Osama bin Laden has declared the production of nuclear weapons "a religious duty."** Though New York City is regarded as the most likely target, it is clear that Al Qaeda is not only capable but also interested in mounting attacks on other U.S. cities, where residents may be less prepared. Imagine the consequences of a 10-kiloton weapon exploding in Los Angeles. From the epicenter of the blast to a distance of approximately one-third mile, every structure and individual would vanish instantaneously. A bomb exploded at the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue would vaporize the historic Mann's Chinese Theatre and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Buildings three-quarters of a mile from ground zero, like the Pantages Theater (the former home of the Academy Awards show), would look like the Murrah Federal Office Building in Oklahoma City after it was destroyed in 1995 by a massive bomb hidden inside a rental truck. The fires and radiation of the blast's outer circle would erase the sign in the Hollywood Hills. Soil incorporated into the fireball would be made radioactive and would return to Earth as radioactive fallout. This fallout would emit gamma, alpha and beta radiation, but the effect on nearby cities would be determined by environmental conditions, weather patterns, rain, wind, terrain, etc. **Where could Al Qaeda obtain a nuclear bomb? Russia is the most likely source in Bin Laden's quest for nuclear weapons. Russia's 12-time-zone expanse contains more nuclear weapons and materials than any country in the world, including 8,600 assembled warheads and enough weapons-usable material for 80,000 more, much of it vulnerable to theft. Pakistan ranks a close second as a potential source.** When I interviewed Gen. Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan's president, earlier this year, he claimed that within his army "even one bolt of a rifle cannot be lost." But as we now know, the father of Pakistan's atomic program, Abdul Qadeer Khan, was the kingpin of a black market in nuclear technology, fissile material and technical assistance stretching back more than a decade. The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency has called Khan's network a "Wal-Mart of private-sector proliferation." And further potential suppliers, especially North Korea, cannot be ignored. **The largely unrecognized good news about nuclear terrorism is that it is preventable. Unlike bioterrorism, nuclear terrorism is a finite challenge manageable with a finite response.** The strategic narrows of the challenge is preventing terrorists from acquiring nuclear weapons or the materials from which a bomb could be made. It's a fact of physics: no highly enriched uranium or plutonium, no nuclear explosion, no nuclear terrorism. A serious campaign to prevent nuclear terrorism can be organized under a new doctrine of "three no's." The first strand of the strategy -- "no loose nukes" -- requires securing all nuclear weapons and weapons-usable material, on the fastest possible timetable, to a new gold standard. Equally the security of gold at Ft. Knox. "No new nascent nukes" means no new national capabilities to enrich uranium or reprocess plutonium. The third no -- "no new nuclear weapons states" -- draws a bright line under the current recognized nuclear powers and says unambiguously, "no more." **Al Qaeda spokesman Suleiman Abu Gheith has stated Al Qaeda's objective: "to kill 4 million Americans -- 2 million of them children -- and to exile twice as many and wound and cripple hundreds of thousands."** Nearly 3,000 died in the Sept. 11 attacks. It would take about 1,334 similar assaults to reach 4 million. Or it could take one nuclear weapon. **Al Qaeda has made its intentions clear. America's challenge is to prevent the terrorists from succeeding** (Allison, 2004).

**Date:** September 29, 2004

**Source:** Free Republic, Rachel Neuwirth

**Title/Headline:** *A Nuclear 9/11 Could Shut Us Down*

**Abstract:** In our war on terror, the enemy is now positioning to strike America from yet another direction and with a potentially fatal blow, with many thanks to France. The 9/11 Commission pointed out that our biggest failure was "a failure of imagination." France has developed an advanced diesel powered submarine. **It was designed to run super quiet and escape detection by the current sensors placed by the U.S. along the bottoms of the oceans.** It carries 16 cruise missiles that can deliver nuclear warheads. It can travel about 12,000 miles from home and remain submerged, and undetected, for up to 60 days. **France sold the first submarine to Pakistan in roughly 2000.** But Pakistan does not require this weapon system for an adequate defense against India, its main rival. **This stealth submarine is capable of striking coastal cities almost anywhere in the world.** Pakistan also induced France to show the Pakistanis how to build a shipyard where they have already built their second submarine. In 18 months Pakistan will have its third stealth submarine. **Professor Bloom reminds us that the Moslems in Pakistan are highly radicalized--not all Moslems, but a very significant percentage. He also reminds us that historically a small number of radicals can seize control of a government away from the majority.** It has happened before, in the 1930's with both Germany and Japan, for example. We recently learned that even under the "moderate" Musharef, Pakistan was proliferating nuclear weapons technology to other Moslem regimes. **Bloom argues that bin Laden might wait until submarine number three is ready to then topple Musharef, seize power, and acquire Pakistan's 40+ nuclear warheads for mounting on the submarine's cruise missiles.** At this point we will have "intent plus capability." **Osama bin Laden could then direct these submarines to incinerate some of our coastal cities such as Boston, New York, Washington, San Francisco, Los Angeles, etc.** And in case we had any ideas about retaliation we could be advised that they have a lot more nukes ready to launch in case we do not immediately surrender. Prof. Bloom has discussed all this with our intelligence people. Some take it seriously, some are highly skeptical and others say not to worry because our government is monitoring the situation. **As Prof. Bloom says on his web site: "9/11 woke us up, a nuclear 9/11 could shut us down."** Americans need to be asking tough questions of our government right now and demanding straight answers. **What in the world is France doing selling these stealth submarines to Pakistan? Why does Pakistan need such a dangerous weapons system when it makes no sense regarding any threat from India? Why is the U.S. government allowing this potential threat to develop?** The stakes keep getting higher and higher. **We cannot afford a nuclear 9/11 but realistically what are the chances that America will act in time?** History is not encouraging. We failed to stop Pakistan from going nuclear and now we learn that Pakistan was also proliferating nuclear technology to other Arab states and to Iran. If the picture looks ominous it is not because all the good news is being withheld. Some will complain and attack the messenger. **But are we better off pretending that this massive danger does not exist? This story is not a secret. There are a lot of people among our leadership who purport to be wise and courageous. Now is their time to come forward and lead this nation** (Neuwirth, 2004).

**Date:** July 11, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida Nukes Already In U.S.*

**Abstract:** According to captured al-Qaida leaders and documents, the plan is called the "**American Hiroshima**" and involves the **multiple detonation of nuclear weapons already smuggled into the U.S. over the Mexican border** with the help of the MS-13 street gang and other organized crime groups. **Al-Qaida has obtained at least 40 nuclear weapons from the former Soviet Union** – including suitcase nukes, nuclear mines, artillery shells and even some missile warheads. In addition, documents captured in Afghanistan show al-Qaida had plans to assemble its own nuclear weapons with fissile material it purchased on the black market. In addition to detonating its own nuclear weapons already planted in the U.S., military sources also say there is evidence to suggest al-Qaida is paying former Russian special forces Spetznaz to assist the terrorist group in locating nuclear weapons formerly concealed inside the U.S. by the Soviet Union during the Cold War. **Osama bin Laden's group is also paying nuclear scientists from Russia and Pakistan to maintain its existing nuclear arsenal and assemble additional weapons** with the materials it has invested hundreds of millions in procuring over a period of 10 years. **The plans for the devastating nuclear attack on the U.S. have been under development for more than a decade.** It is designed as a final deadly blow of defeat to the U.S., which is seen by al-Qaida and its allies as "the Great Satan." At least half the nuclear weapons in the al-Qaida arsenal were obtained for cash from the Chechen terrorist allies (WorldNetDaily, 2005).

**Date:** July 13, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Tancredo To Request Al-Qaida Nuke Briefing*

**Abstract:** Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., a staunch critic of the federal government's lax immigration and border enforcement policies, said yesterday he would request a **briefing from the Justice Department on information it has on plans revealed by WND this week for a nuclear attack on the U.S. by al-Qaida terrorists.** Tancredo said he was greatly alarmed by the report and would seek whatever information he could get from the nation's law enforcement authorities – either in classified or unclassified reports. Tancredo also plans to meet with the author of a book that provides **new evidence al-Qaida has used the insecure Mexican border to bring nuclear devices into the country along with thousands of sleeper agents.** **Al-Qaida's plans, known as "America's Hiroshima"** according to captured terrorists and terrorist documents, calls for the multiple detonation of nuclear weapons, already in the possession of Osama bin Laden's operatives currently inside the U.S. The agents and arms having been smuggled across the U.S.-Mexico border with the help of the MS-13 street gang and other organized crime groups, according to the report originating in Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin, a premium, online intelligence newsletter published by the founder of WND. **The attack is designed to kill at least 4 million Americans. Al-Qaida has obtained at least 40 nuclear weapons from the former Soviet Union** – including suitcase nukes, nuclear mines, artillery shells and even some missile warheads, according to the report. In addition, documents captured in Afghanistan show al-Qaida had plans to assemble its own nuclear weapons with fissile material it purchased on the black market. **In addition to detonating its own nuclear weapons already planted in the U.S.,** military sources also say there is evidence to suggest al-Qaida is paying former Russian Spetznaz, or special forces operatives, to assist the terrorist group in locating nuclear weapons formerly concealed inside the U.S. by the Soviet Union during the Cold War. **Bin Laden's group is also paying nuclear scientists from Russia and Pakistan to maintain its existing nuclear arsenal and assemble additional weapons with the materials it has invested hundreds of millions in procuring over a period of 10 years.** In response to the G2 Bulletin revelations, Chris Simcox, founder of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, a citizen action group demanding the U.S. government take control of its borders, said an immediate military presence on the borders is now imperative "to stop the overwhelming influx of unidentified, potentially hostile and seditious persons coming across at an alarming rate." **"Terrorists have carte blanche to carry practically anything they want across our national line at this time,"** he said. "As ordinary citizens have warned this government for years, the only surprising part about the new information reported here is that nothing apocalyptic from Mexican-border weapons trafficking has yet happened. **"At this point, the next attempt to attack America at home is just a matter of 'when,' not 'if.'** And our unsecured borders have surely contributed to this threat – yet our government officials continue to fiddle while our nation's margin of security and safety burns away. **The president and Congress had better wake up before they have to answer for another devastating terrorist incursion on our own soil"** (WorldNetDaily, 2005).

**Date:** July 18, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida's U.S. Nuclear Targets*

**Abstract:** Al-Qaida's prime targets for launching nuclear terrorist attacks are the nine U.S. cities with the highest Jewish populations, according to captured leaders and documents. **At least two fully assembled and operational nuclear weapons are believed to be hidden in the United States already,** according to G2 Bulletin intelligence sources and an upcoming book, "The al-Qaida Connection: International Terrorism, Organized Crime and the Coming Apocalypse," by former FBI consultant Paul L. Williams. The cities chosen as optimal targets are **New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Boston and Washington, D.C.** **New York and Washington top the preferred target list for al-Qaida leadership.** **Bin Laden's goal, according to G2 Bulletin sources, is to launch one initial attack, followed by a second on another city to simulate the U.S. bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.** The optimal dates for the attacks are Aug. 6, the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, Sept. 11 and May 14, the anniversary of the re-creation of the state of Israel in 1948. No specific year has been suggested, however, this Aug. 6 represents the 60th anniversary of the Hiroshima attack. **The captured terrorists and documents also suggest smaller attacks may take place on American soil before the nuclear incidents. They may include some involving automatic weapons at schools and shopping malls,** but will not include any airplane hijackings. Why? Because bin Laden does not want any failed efforts to overshadow "the success of Sept. 11." There will also not be any attacks on U.S. nuclear power plants. The rationale? The nuclear power plants can act as force multipliers when the

weapons of mass destruction are detonated. **Another requirement dictated from the top at al-Qaida is that the attacks take place in daylight, so that the whole world will be able to see the images of a mushroom cloud over an American city.** One of the sources for the information is Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the chief planner of the Sept. 11 attacks, who is now in U.S. custody. According to Williams' sources, **thousands of al-Qaida sleeper agents have now been forward deployed into the U.S. to carry out their individual roles in the coming "American Hiroshima" plan** (WorldNetDaily, 2005).

**Date:** August 1, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Chertoff Warns Of Nuclear Terror*

**Abstract:** Issuing yet the latest warning of the threat of nuclear terrorism in the U.S., Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said there are far worse security problems facing the country than bombings of mass-transit systems. In comments during a visit to Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in California this week, **Chertoff said the foremost concern for the nation's security now is the threat of a larger chemical, biological or nuclear attack.** Chertoff joins the growing list of public officials – including President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Chertoff's predecessor at Homeland Security, Tom Ridge – who have strongly hinted that **nuclear terrorism has moved center stage as the No. 1 security threat facing the U.S.** Referring to the London bombings, Chertoff said: "We can't let what happened two or three weeks ago beguile our concerns about what could happen in the future" (WorldNetDaily, 2005).

**Date:** August 2, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Nuke Terror To Strike U.S. By This Weekend*

**Abstract:** Intelligence gathered from captured al-Qaida documents and interrogations of captured operatives has provided the U.S. with some specific information about Osama bin Laden's favored dates for his decade-long plan for an "American Hiroshima" nuclear terrorist attack – **One of the most frequently cited dates is Aug. 6, the anniversary of the U.S. nuclear bombing of Hiroshima.** The Aug. 6 date and its association with Hiroshima was actually cited by captured al-Qaida operatives, according to U.S. military sources. "In addition to mentioning this date as a preferred target, **Al-Qaida operatives have made it clear they also prefer an attack during the daylight during the week to wreak maximum havoc and to be sure the entire world views the images of burning U.S. cities,**" said one knowledgeable military intelligence source. Other dates mentioned by other bin Laden watchers include Sept. 11 and May 14, the anniversary of the re-creation of the state of Israel in 1948. **But bin Laden also craves the element of surprise. Bin Laden has spent billions of dollars on the successful purchase and development of nuclear weapons** – money his al-Qaida terrorist network earned by directing poppy cultivation in the fields of Afghanistan, right under the noses of U.S. occupation forces. **The vast drug fortune has also aided al-Qaida in smuggling some of those nuclear weapons – along with thousands of sleeper agents – over the Mexican border with the help of the MS-13 criminal street gang, say the sources** (WorldNetDaily, 2005).



**Date:** August 10, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Author Says Prepare For Nuclear Terror*

**Abstract:** U.S. officials should get serious about nuclear terrorism by urging Americans to prepare for disaster by stockpiling food, water, building shelters and planning evacuation routes, says an author and former member of the Indiana House of Representatives. In response to reports al-Qaida is planning an "American Hiroshima" nuclear attack on the U.S. using weapons and operative already smuggled into the country, Don Boys, author of "Islam: America's Trojan Horse," says he is not trying to panic the public. **"In a few days or weeks, everyone who has not prepared for disaster will panic,"** he says. "I would like for you to realize that you may have already waited too long to properly prepare, and if you wait much longer, it will be too late to buy gold, guns, and groceries. ... **The name of the game will be survival, only survival.** Forget the job since it will be gone. Your Social Security or pension check? Don't count on it. Protection from local authorities? Probably not. You will be on your own." **Boys bases his advice on the words of U.S. officials – from President Bush to Vice President Dick Cheney to the directors of the FBI and Homeland Security – who have said nuclear terrorism is the greatest threat facing the nation and a virtual inevitability at some point.** "If U.S. officials are wrong and there is no danger from terrorists ... then breathe a sigh of relief, thank God for His mercy and continue with your life," he says. "However, if you are wrong (and U.S. officials are right), you and your family will be cold, hungry, and dependent on others to provide for your basic needs. Is it wise to take such an unnecessary risk?" Boys suggests Americans purchase non-electric tools, guns, ammunition, food and toilet paper. He says it would be wise to set aside small bills as well as quarters. **"A few boxes of No-Rad (potassium iodide anti-radiation tablets) will be more valuable than gold if you are in a contaminated area,"** he says. **"Get a supply today"** (WorldNetDaily, 2005).



**Date:** August 10, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Nunn Sees Nuke Terror Threat*

**Abstract:** Sam Nunn, former Democratic senator and chairman of the Senate Armed Service Committee, says the threat of nuclear terrorism is real and must be addressed. Nunn is on a personal mission to point out how easy it would be for organized criminals to bribe or shoot their way into storerooms containing nuclear weapons in the former Soviet Union. **He points out how simple it would be for those organized crime elements to sell the weapons to terrorists who could smuggle them into the U.S. – a possibility more intelligence sources say has already happened. Now Nunn's nightmare is being shared nationwide through a new documentary produced by the Nuclear Threat Initiative. Called "Last Best Chance," the docudrama is free to anyone who requests one at the film's website. "The threat of nuclear terrorism is real,"** Nunn said in a phone call played on speakerphone to about 300 people gathered for a screening of the film at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta on a recent rainy weeknight. **"We really want to raise public awareness."** The executive director of the Nuclear Threat Initiative, Nunn noted that about 40 nations have enough material to make a nuclear weapon. Since the end of the Cold War, he said, the United States has helped secure about half the available weapons grade nuclear material, mostly in the former Soviet Union. **That leaves a lot of potentially loose warheads, he said, pointing out that the 9/11 Commission concluded that al-Qaida has been trying to obtain a nuclear weapon for 10 years. "We're in a race around the world between cooperation and catastrophe,"** he said. The docudrama's producers have offered a free DVD version of the film to anyone who asks in hopes that people will educate themselves and take action. Nunn and his colleagues are talking with television networks about the possibility of them airing "Last Best Chance," which features Fred Thompson, the former U.S. senator and actor known to viewers of "Law & Order" as the Manhattan district attorney. **Both presidential candidates said during the recent election that the threat of nuclear terrorism constituted the most significant threat the United States faces** (World Net Daily, 2005).

**Date:** August 22, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida's Nuclear Efforts: 'Sophisticated, Professional'*

**Abstract:** The man who headed the Central Intelligence Agency's Osama bin Laden desk said he recognized al-Qaida's single-minded efforts to secure nuclear weapons for use against the U.S. nearly a decade ago, but multiple efforts to have the terror leader captured before Sept. 11, 2001, went unheeded. **"We had found that he and al-Qaida were involved in an extraordinarily sophisticated and professional effort to acquire weapons of mass destruction,"** Michael Scheuer told CBS News. "In this case, nuclear material, so by the end of 1996, it was clear that this was an organization unlike any other one we had ever seen." Scheuer was one of the CIA's foremost authorities on bin Laden. He was the senior intelligence analyst who created and then advised a secret CIA unit for tracking and eliminating bin Laden beginning in 1996. Scheuer said his bosses at the CIA were skeptical of the information about bin Laden's nuclear ambitions and ability. In a letter to the House and Senate Intelligence Committees earlier this year, **Scheuer says his agents provided U.S. government officials with about 10 opportunities to capture bin Laden. All of them were rejected. By 1999, Scheuer was in trouble at the CIA because of his persistence about getting bin Laden. "I think I became too insistent that we were not pursuing this target with enough vigor and with enough risk-taking – an unwillingness to take risks,"** said Scheuer. "I got relieved of the position I was in. I had a lovely sojourn in the library and then had other sojourns since." His exile ended shortly after the attacks of Sept. 11, when he was brought back to the bin Laden unit as a special adviser. Now, he says, the problems are greatly complicated. **He also says he fully anticipates bigger attacks on the U.S. – including the probability of a nuclear terrorist attack.** "One of the great intellectual failures of the American intelligence community, and especially the counterterrorism community, is to assume if someone hasn't attacked us, it's because he can't or because we've defeated him," said Scheuer. **"Bin Laden has consistently shown himself to be immune to outside pressure. When he wants to do something, he does it on his own schedule."** About the prospects of a nuclear terrorist strike on the U.S. by al-Qaida, he says: **"I don't believe in inevitability. But I think it's pretty close to being inevitable. ... Yes, I think it's probably a near thing."** Scheuer points out that bin Laden has announced his intentions. **"He secured from a Saudi sheik named Hamid bin Fahd a rather long treatise on the possibility of using nuclear weapons against the Americans,"** he said. **"Specifically, nuclear weapons.** Scheuer says the fatwa was issued in May 2003, "and that's another thing that doesn't come to the attention of the American people." He blames Sept. 11 on poor leadership from people like former CIA Director George Tenet, his chief deputy, Jim Pavitt, and former White House counterterrorism czar Richard Clarke. Scheuer also says the U.S. makes a mistake in not respecting the capabilities of bin Laden. **"I think our leaders over the last decade have done the American people a disservice in continuing to characterize Osama bin Laden as a thug, as a gangster, as a degenerate personality, as some kind of abhorrent individual,"** said Scheuer. "He surely does reprehensible activities, and we should surely take care of that by killing him as soon as we can. **But he's not an irrational man. He's a very worthy enemy. He's an enemy to worry about"** (WorldNetDaily, 2005).

**Date:** August 25, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily, National Terror Alert (DHS)

**Title/Headline:** *Meet Al-Qaida's Nuke Trigger Man*

**Abstract:** Meet Adnan el-Shukrijumah – the man behind al-Qaida's "American Hiroshima" nuclear terrorism plot against the U.S. You won't see his face on "America's Most Wanted." You won't see investigative reports on him on "60 Minutes." You won't even be cautioned by the government about this point man for Osama bin Laden whose whereabouts are unknown (World Net Daily, 2005).



**Date:** September 23, 2005

**Source:** Financial Sense, J. R. Nyquist

**Title/Headline:** *Does Al Qaeda Have Nuclear Weapons: Part One*

**Abstract:** Paul Williams is a journalist who has written two books on the nuclear terror threat. In 2004 he came out with *Osama's Revenge* in which he claimed that **al Qaeda was preparing a nuclear attack against America that would take place simultaneously at various locations throughout the country.** In 2005, Williams offered us *The Al Qaeda Connection*, in which he describes the relationship between **al Qaeda nuclear weapons and narcotics smuggling. Williams points to testimony from captured terrorists and borderland criminals who say that a mass nuclear attack on the U.S. is imminent.** Like many observers I'm not sure how to analyze the testimony of political fanatics who are told lies by their superiors as a matter of course. And I don't know much weight to give the testimony of narcotics traffickers. Piecing together testimony is tricky business. Furthermore, I am skeptical when it comes to the idea that a non-state actor (i.e., al Qaeda) possesses dozens of nuclear weapons and a counterintelligence capacity sophisticated enough to maintain and hide these weapons in various countries and, even more astounding, move them undetected from place to place in preparation for a mass assault on the United States. Opinions on the likelihood of this scenario differ, and the complex technical issues are many. I had the opportunity to interview Mr. Williams during the past week and found him to be passionate, persuasive and highly informed.

**Does Al Qaeda Have Nuclear Weapons?:** For a small group of fanatics to accomplish what many nations have been unable to accomplish (including Iraq under Saddam Hussein), one has to establish an economy of scale and a richness of talent equal to the task. To build dozens of nuclear weapons, with sufficient miniaturization, requires tools and brainpower that only nations can muster. What Williams therefore suggests is that Islam according to the Prophet Mohammed is a nation in its own right; and Osama bin Laden has won the hearts and minds of a majority within this nation. **The United States is not simply fighting a war against al Qaeda, Williams told me, but a host of Muslim organizations. The Declaration of War against the United States of February 23, 1998** was signed not only by Osama bin Laden but also Ayman al-Zawahiri, leader of the Jihad Group of Egypt; Abu Yasir Rifai Ahmad Taha, leader of the Armed Islamic Group (Algeria); Sheikh Mir Hamzah, secretary of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-e-Pakistan; and Fazlul Rahman, leader of the Jihad Movement in Bangladesh. The fatwah received support from Asbat al Ansar (Lebanon), Harakat ul-Ansar (Pakistan), al-Badar (Pakistan), the Saafi Group for Proselytism and Combat (Algeria), Talaa al Fath (Vanguards of Conquest), the Groupe Roubaix (Canada/France), Harakat ul Jihad (Pakistan), Jaish Mohammed (Pakistan), Hezbollah (Iran/Lebanon/Syria), Hamas (Israel/Palestinian Authority), al Gama'a al-Islamiyya (Egypt), al-Hadith (Pakistan), Bayt al-Imam (Jordan), Islamic Jihad (Palestinian Authority), Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, al-Jihad (Bangladesh), al-Jihad Group (Yemen), Laskar e-Toiba (Pakistan), Lebanese Partisans Group, Libyan Islamic Group, Moro Islamic Liberation Front (Philippines), Partisans Movement (Kashmir), Abu Sayff (Philippines), Al-Ittihad (Somalia), Ulema Union of Afghanistan, *et alia*. This goes to show that the jihad has widespread support among Muslims throughout the world. Nor is the war a war against terror. Terror is a tactic not a nation or militant body." **Williams seems to be saying that America hasn't properly identified its enemy.** Instead, we have evaded the task by declaring war on the enemy's tactics. According to Williams, the enemy of America is a specific militant religious group. The clash of faiths in the present conflict is therefore fundamental. Saudi Arabia, in short, is not much different than Afghanistan under the Taliban, Williams explained. This brings us to the crux of the problem. In 2001, the CIA conducted a poll which showed that over 90 percent of the Saudis between the ages of 25 and 45 support bin Laden and the jihad. Regarding the destructive power of al Qaeda, replied Williams, **bin Laden has been in search of nuclear weapons and materials since 1992 when he was in the Sudan.** At that time, he made several purchases from Pretoria. This was verified by testimony in federal court in New York, viz., *U.S. vs. Osama bin Laden* (1999). **Regarding the destructive capability of radical Islam, consider the fact that Pakistan is a member of the nuclear club and that eight assassination attempts already have been undertaken against President Musharref.** When Musharref goes he is, by all accounts, a dead man walking he will be replaced by the mullahs who are intent upon our destruction. Also, consider the situation in Iran, which is about to enter the nuclear club. Iran, of course, represents the opposite side of Islam the Shia. Then take into account that nuclear laboratories, thanks to Dr. A.Q. Khan, have been established in Egypt, Malaysia, Indonesia, Algeria, Kuwait, Myanmar and Abu Dhabi. We have never faced a threat of this magnitude. Put in these terms, of course, a catastrophic future is indicated. The danger is inarguable and, to make matters worse, the United States seems unable to admit what has occurred and formulate a new national security policy. Even after 9/11 the country is clearly unprepared. As a military expert told me two years ago, **America is wide open to a massive terrorist assault.** Like the majority of Americans today, President Bush will not accept the darker truths that underlie the situation. I asked Williams if he could prove that al Qaeda has nuclear weapons. **Yes, he said, there is undeniable proof that al Qaeda has nuclear weapons. In December 2001, as U.S. troops combed the tunnels near an al Qaeda base in Kandahar, they discovered uranium-238 in a lead-lined canister.** This was reported in every major U.S. newspaper, including *The New York Times*. In October 2001, an al Qaeda operative was arrested as he attempted to enter Israel through the checkpoint at Ramallah. **The operative had a bomb strapped to his back that Mossad first believed was a radiological devise but later discovered, as verified by UPI, that it was a tactical nuke.** Early in 2001, two British agents, as reported by BBC on Nov. 26, 2001, managed to infiltrate an al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan by posing as recruits from a London mosque. The agents eventually were sent to Herat where they saw nuclear weapons being manufactured. **Finally, Dr. Mahmood and Dr. Majid of the A.Q. Khan Research Facility in Pakistan admitted upon interrogation that they provided assistance to al Qaeda in developing nuclear weapons and that at least one weapon was forward deployed from Karachi to the United States.** You can check out this story by turning to A. Borchgrave, *Al Qaeda Nuclear Agenda Verified*, *Washington Times*, Dec. 10, 2001. There are numerous other instances in which proof has been provided but the above accounts should suffice to dispel all doubt (Nyquist, 2005).

**Date:** September 30, 2005

**Source:** Financial Sense Online, J. R. Nyquist

**Title/Headline:** *Does Al Qaeda Have Nuclear Weapons: Part Two*

**Abstract:** I interviewed Paul Williams about his claim that al Qaeda has nuclear weapons. Williams offers many facts in support of his

case, but facts are slippery. As reported last week, Williams recited how uranium-238 was discovered near an al Qaeda base in December 2001. But uranium-238 is better known as depleted uranium. It cannot be used to make a fission reaction. I asked Williams about the uranium-238 found in Afghanistan and he agreed that uranium-238 cannot be used for a tactical nuclear device but is a key ingredient for a dirty nuke. According to Williams, if a dirty nuke made from uranium-238 were detonated in New York City, thousands would die from the conventional explosion and thousands more would die from radioactive contamination, which is the worst kind of death imaginable. **The fact that al Qaeda would leave such material worth millions behind shows that the groups interest is in the serious bombs [i.e., tactical nukes].** Bin Laden has confirmed this himself as has al-Zawahiri, Mullah Omar, Abu Ghaith, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, etc. Any doubts about al Qaeda's possession of the real McCoy's tactical nukes should have been put to rest by Michael Scheuer, author of *Imperial Hubris*. Michael was the CIA operative in charge of the Alec file on bin Laden. On Nov. 14, 2004, he appeared on 60 Minutes to confirm that al Qaeda possesses an arsenal of tactical nukes and that a nuclear attack by al Qaeda is pretty close to being inevitable. Credible testimony about al Qaeda nukes is out there. Consider the Oct. 14, 2001 UPI report that Israeli officials had detained a Palestinian with a radiological backpack bomb attempting to enter Jerusalem from Ramallah. This journalistic tidbit comes from UPI intelligence reporter Richard Sale. On Dec. 20, 2001, Sale wrote an even more astonishing UPI story in which he noted: **Initially, there were conflicting reports as to whether the pack contained a radiological weapon [i.e., dirty bomb] or a nuclear system [i.e., fission bomb]. UPI re-interviewed the sources who saw the [CIA] Daily Report item, and they insisted that the weapon was nuclear, not radiological.** American officials make various and conflicting statements to reporters. Some say the al Qaeda nuclear attack story is bunk. Others say it is probably true. If Israeli security officials caught a Palestinian with a Soviet backpack, no official acknowledgment would be expected because governments are responsible entities and no democratic government could successfully govern a nation that *seriously* expects a large-scale nuclear attack in the near term. Imagine the investment climate under such a government. Imagine what would happen to employment, opportunity, currency and consumer goods. People would begin hoarding food and other necessities. They would dump paper money for gold and silver. Economic collapse would surely follow. **I asked Williams if an al Qaeda nuclear attack on America might trigger a reciprocal war of annihilation between Christian and Muslim nations?** Yes, he said. I then asked if the Muslim world is being successfully radicalized by bin Laden. Williams replied: Radical Islam is mainstream Islam. Wahhabism, the most radical manifestation of the teachings of the Prophet, became the official religion of Arabia when the Saud family established its dynasty in 1932. Life in Saudi Arabia is little different from life in Afghanistan under the Taliban. Women must wear long, black abaya gowns with their heads covered; witchcraft, apostasy and blasphemy remain capital crimes; and crucifixion remains a common form of punishment. The practices of religions other than Islam are not tolerated; virtual servitude exists for Hindu workers; and non-Muslims cannot be buried within the country. And yes, according to a Gallup poll, the majority of the Islamic world expresses admiration for bin Laden and support for the Jihad. According to Williams, **a war of mass destruction between Christian and Muslim is already on its way. The sides have been drawn.** Furthermore, the United States cannot be defended at the outset of this war because its social system is incompatible with the requirements of defense. This is the implication of Williams's work. A consumer-oriented, multicultural society, sensitive to Muslim rights, cannot effectively oppose a Muslim nuclear insurgency. The apparent inaction of the U.S. government and the complacency of the public is easily explained. (1) Serious protective measures, in themselves, would cause a severe recession with predictable social and political consequences. The "negative" attitudes attending the proposed maximum security state are economically depressive, not only in terms of closing the borders, restricting trade and the free movement of people between countries, but also in terms of investment and public spending. (2) **Citizens are not going to accept facts, logic or testimony that effectively forces them to relinquish their life style or limit their choices.** Surrendering the consumer economy and the shopping mall regime is not an option. (3) One of the issues that the president and many other U.S. leaders have emphasized is that they are not simply defending the country. They are also defending a "life style." **In other words, the United States government is not properly oriented to defend the United States of America. It is oriented to defend a particular life-style.** (4) A close analysis of political criminality (in the nuclear context) suggests that liberal free market institutions with minimal internal security are unworkable and destined for collapse. (This is the main argument of my book, *Origins of the Fourth World War*.) The slowness, ineptness, sloth, corruption, narcissism and radical individualism of the shopping mall regime precludes and disdains strict and serious security measures needed to defend the country against nuclear threats whether from terrorists hiding in caves or communists sitting in Beijing. This is the situation America finds itself in today. **It would be preferable if the United States government, with wisdom and foresight, amended the laws and structure of American society in advance of a nuclear attack on the cities.** But the U.S. government is not free to halve the standard of living, curtail liberties and expel millions of resident aliens. **As elastic as America's system is, in economic terms, American society cannot be adapted to today's nuclear threat environment short of a political revolution (initiated by the president and/or Congress). Such a revolution cannot occur before a mass nuclear attack because the public will not be persuaded of the danger and the politicians dare not say that a retreat from consumerism is necessary** (Nyquist, 2005).

**Date:** October 8, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida Nuke Reactor Threat*

**Abstract:** An Internet posting at an Islamic forum relayed what purports to be a command to the al-Qaida organization in America to strike nuclear power plants inside the country. U.S. Central Command, which translated the original message, says it is skeptical of the authenticity of the message, calling it a "fantasy threat" that would "go unfulfilled." Aug. 8, 2005, al-Zawahiri said: "What you have seen, O Americans, in New York and Washington and the losses you are having in Afghanistan and Iraq, in spite of the blackouts by your media, are only the losses of the initial clashes. You will soon experience horrors that will make you forget the horrors you have encountered in Vietnam. **The fate of the world for the next Islamic year, if bin Laden has his way, will include the nuclear destruction of the United States**" (WorldNetDaily, 2005).

**Date:** January 26, 2006

**Source:** Mirror World, Greg Szymanski

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Attack In America*

**Abstract:** The January air is again filled with rumblings about an imminent nuclear attack on American soil, as ominous signs are popping up all over the place indicating the "dropping of the real potato" is right around the corner. Sources inside the military and close to the action this week warned areas of "nuclear concern" within the next 10 to 90 days include Texas City, Tex., the Houston metro area, Charleston, S.C., Los Angeles, Ca., and Kansas City, Ka. "I am worried," said Jon Watkins of Texas City. "My family is right in the middle of it. I have asked two police officers to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity during the next 10 days. I also am sending a copy to the FBI of the interview I heard today on Greg Szymanski's, Investigative Journal, where his guest, **Army Capt. Eric May, presented compelling evidence that a nuclear attack, created by the Bush Cabal, could very well take place on or near Jan. 31, 2006, right here in Texas City.**" And From east coast to west, people like Watkins from all walks of life, including **military and civilian, are coming forward with stories about "an impending disaster," most of them linking the insidious Bush Cabal pushing the "nuke buttons," not the fictitious and Illuminati-created Al Qaeda terrorists. Cheney's direct orders to Strategic Command (STRATCOM), had specific plans to nuke Iran "if a nuclear blast occurred on American soil."** At that time, sources in the military stationed at Ft. Monroe, VA, warned how **a planned nuclear test exercise scheduled for the waters around Charleston, S.C., "may go live,"** the leak in the military saying this probably led to the strange firing of Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, who may have gotten wind of the backdoor military nuclear plan. Other sources since have come forward, saying **Gen. Byrnes, head of the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), was actually fired for not keeping "a better lid" on the nuclear plans, since the leaked information circulated heavily on the internet and other places drew too much attention for the Bush administration plans to go ahead with scheduled plans to "nuke its own country. Gen. Byrnes, one of the few military four star generals ever to be fired, was replaced Oct. 13, 2005, with Gen. William S. Wallace, now heading TRADOC and any future nuclear exercises at FT. Monroe.** "Remember how the Bush Cabal works," added Capt. May. **"Every attack has to be greater than first like sequels in a horror movie. Also remember the way they use names. First Oklahoma City, Okla., next New York City, N.Y. and what's next Texas City, Texas?"** (Szymanski, 2006).

**Date:** February 22, 2006

**Source:** Global Research, Michel Chossudovsky

**Title/Headline:** *Is The Bush Administration Planning A Nuclear Holocaust?*

**Abstract:** While the 2001 Nuclear Posture Review sets the stage for the preemptive use of nuclear weapons in the Middle East, specifically against Iran, **the Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations goes one step further in blurring the distinction between "defensive" and "offensive" military actions: "The new triad offers a mix of strategic offensive and defensive capabilities that includes nuclear and non-nuclear strike capabilities,** active and passive defenses, and a robust research, development, and industrial infrastructure to develop, build, and maintain offensive forces and defensive systems ..." (Ibid) (key concepts indicated in added italics) **The new nuclear doctrine, however, goes beyond preemptive acts of "self-defense", it calls for "anticipatory action" using nuclear weapons against a "rogue enemy" which allegedly plans to develop WMD at some undefined future date: Responsible security planning requires preparation for threats that are possible, though perhaps unlikely today.** The lessons of military history remain clear: unpredictable, irrational conflicts occur. Military forces must prepare to counter weapons and capabilities that exist or will exist in the near term even if no immediate likely scenarios for war are at hand. **To maximize deterrence of WMD use, it is essential US forces prepare to use nuclear weapons effectively and that US forces are determined to employ nuclear weapons if necessary to prevent or retaliate against WMD use.** Nukes would serve to prevent a non-existent WMD program (e.g. Iran) prior to its development. **This twisted formulation goes far beyond the premises of the 2001 Nuclear Posture Review and NPSD 17. which state that the US can retaliate with nuclear weapons if attacked with WMD: "The United States will make clear that it reserves the right to respond with overwhelming force – including potentially nuclear weapons – to the use of [weapons of mass destruction] against the United States, our forces abroad, and friends and allies" (NSPD 17).**

**"Integration" Of Nuclear & Conventional Weapons Plans:** The Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations outlines the procedures governing the use of nuclear weapons and the nature of the relationship between nuclear and conventional war operations. The DJNO states that the: **"Use of nuclear weapons within a [war] theater requires that nuclear and conventional plans be integrated to the greatest extent possible".** The implications of this "integration" are far-reaching because once the decision is taken by the Commander in Chief, namely the President of the United States, to launch a joint conventional-nuclear military operation, **there is a risk that tactical nuclear weapons could be used without requesting subsequent presidential approval.** In this regard, execution procedures under the jurisdiction of the theater commanders pertaining to nuclear weapons are described as "flexible and allow for changes in the situation": "Geographic combatant commanders are responsible for defining theater objectives and developing nuclear plans required to support those objectives, including selecting targets. When tasked, CDRUSSTRATCOM, as a supporting combatant commander, provides detailed planning support to meet theater planning requirements. All theater nuclear option planning follows prescribed Joint Operation Planning and Execution System procedures to formulate and implement an effective response within the timeframe permitted by the crisis. **Since options do not exist for every scenario, combatant commanders must have a capability to perform crisis action planning and execute those plans.** Crisis action planning provides the capability to develop new options, or modify existing options, when current limited or major response options are inappropriate. Command, control, and coordination must be flexible enough to allow the geographic combatant commander to strike time-sensitive targets such as mobile missile launch platforms."

**Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization:** The planning of the aerial bombings of Iran started in mid-2004, pursuant to the formulation of CONPLAN 8022 in early 2004. In May 2004, National Security Presidential Directive NSPD 35 entitled Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization was issued. **The contents of this highly sensitive document remains a carefully guarded State secret.** There has been no mention of NSPD 35 by the media nor even in Congressional debates. **While its contents remains classified, the presumption is that NSPD 35 pertains to the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons in the Middle East war theater in compliance with CONPLAN 8022.** In this regard, a recent press report published in Yeni Safak (Turkey) suggests that the United States is currently: **"deploying B61-type tactical nuclear weapons in southern Iraq as part of a plan to hit Iran from this area if and when Iran responds to an Israeli attack on its nuclear facilities"**. (Ibrahim Karagul, "The US is Deploying Nuclear Weapons in Iraq Against Iran". **What the Yenbi Safak report suggests is that conventional weapons would be used in the first instance, and if Iran were to retaliate in response to US-Israeli aerial attacks, tactical thermonuclear B61 weapons could then be launched.** This retaliation using tactical nuclear weapons would be consistent with the guidelines contained in the 2001 Nuclear Posture Review and NSPD 17.

**Israel's Stockpiling Of Conventional & Nuclear Weapons:** Israel is part of the military alliance and is slated to play a major role in the planned attacks on Iran. Confirmed by several press reports, **Israel has taken delivery, starting in September 2004 of some 500 US produced BLU 109 bunker buster bombs.** The first procurement order for BLU 109 [Bomb Live Unit] dates to September 2004. In April 2005, **Washington confirmed that Israel was to take delivery of 100 of the more sophisticated bunker buster bomb GBU-28 produced by Lockheed Martin ( Reuters, April 26, 2005).** The GBU-28 is described as **"a 5,000-pound laser-guided conventional munitions that uses a 4,400-pound penetrating warhead."** It was used in the Iraqi war theater: The Pentagon [stated] that ... the sale to Israel of 500 BLU-109 warheads, [was] meant to "contribute significantly to U.S. strategic and tactical objectives." Mounted on satellite-guided bombs, BLU-109s can be fired from F-15 or F-16 jets, U.S.-made aircraft in Israel's arsenal. This year Israel received the first of a fleet of 102 long-range F-16Is from Washington, its main ally. "Israel very likely manufactures its own bunker busters, but they are not as robust as the 2,000-pound (910 kg) BLUs," Robert Hewson, editor of Jane's Air-Launched Weapons, told Reuters. (Reuters, 21 September 2004) **The report does not confirm whether Israel has stockpiled and deployed the thermonuclear version of the bunker buster bomb. Nor does it indicate whether the Israeli made bunker buster bombs are equipped with nuclear warheads.** It is worth noting that this stock piling of bunker buster bombs occurred within a few months after the Release of the NSPD 35, Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization (May 2004). **Israel possesses 100-200 strategic nuclear warheads.** In 2003, Washington and Tel Aviv confirmed that they were collaborating in "the deployment of US-supplied Harpoon cruise missiles armed with nuclear warheads in Israel's fleet of Dolphin-class submarines." (The Observer, 12 October 2003) . **In more recent developments, which coincide with the preparations of strikes against Iran, Israel has taken delivery of two new German produced submarines "that could launch nuclear-armed cruise missiles for a "second-strike" deterrent"** (Newsweek, 13 February 2006). Israel's tactical nuclear weapons capabilities are not known. Israel's participation in the aerial attacks will also act as a political bombshell throughout the Middle East. It would contribute to escalation, with a war zone which could extend initially into Lebanon and Syria. The entire region from the Eastern Mediterranean to Central Asia and Afghanistan's Western frontier would be affected..

**Building a Pretext For A Preemptive Nuclear Attack:** The pretext for waging war on Iran essentially rests on two fundamental premises, which are part of the Bush administration's National Security doctrine.

- 1) Iran's alleged possession of "Weapons of Mass Destruction" (WMD), more specifically its nuclear enrichment program
- Iran's alleged support to "Islamic terrorists"

**These are two interrelated statements which are an integral part of the propaganda and media disinformation campaign.** The "Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)" statement is used to justify the "pre-emptive war" against the "State sponsors of terror", --i.e. countries such as Iran and North Korea which allegedly possess WMD. Iran is identified as a State sponsor of so-called "non-State terrorist organizations". The latter also possess WMDs and potentially constitute a nuclear threat. Terrorist non-state organizations are presented as a "nuclear power". **"The enemies in this [long] war are not traditional conventional military forces but rather dispersed, global terrorist networks that exploit Islam to advance radical political aims. These enemies have the avowed aim of acquiring and using nuclear and biological weapons to murder hundreds of thousands of Americans and others around the world."** (2006 Quadrennial Defense Review ), In contrast, Germany and Israel which produce and possess nuclear warheads are not considered "nuclear powers". In recent months, the pretext for war, building on this WMD-Islamic terrorist nexus, has been highlighted ad nauseam, on a daily basis by the Western media. In a testimony to the US Senate Budget Committee, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice accused Iran and Syria of destabilizing the Middle East and providing support to militant Islamic groups. **She described Iran as the "a central banker for terrorism", not withstanding the fact amply documented that Al Qaeda has been supported and financed from its inception in the early 1980s by none other than the CIA.** "It's not just Iran's nuclear program but also their support for terrorism around the world. They are, in effect, the central banker for terrorism" (Statement to the Senate Budget Committee, 16 February 2006).

**"Second 9/11": Cheney's "Contingency Plan":** While the "threat" of Iran's alleged WMD is slated for debate at the UN Security Council, Vice President Dick Cheney is reported to have instructed USSTRATCOM to draw up a contingency plan **"to be employed in response to another 9/11-type terrorist attack on the United States"**. This "contingency plan" to attack Iran uses the pretext of a **"Second 9/11" which has not yet happened, to prepare for a major military operation against Iran.** The contingency plan, which is characterized by a military build up in anticipation of possible aerial strikes against Iran, is in a "state of readiness". **What is diabolical is that the justification to wage war on Iran rests on Iran's involvement in a terrorist attack on America, which has not yet occurred:** The plan includes a large-scale air assault on Iran employing both conventional and tactical nuclear weapons. Within Iran there are more than 450 major strategic targets, including numerous suspected nuclear-weapons-program development sites. Many of the targets are hardened or are deep underground and could not be taken out by conventional weapons, hence the nuclear option. As in the case of Iraq,



the response is not conditional on Iran actually being involved in the act of terrorism directed against the United States. Several senior **Air Force officers involved in the planning are reportedly appalled at the implications of what they are doing—that Iran is being set up for an unprovoked nuclear attack—but no one is prepared to damage his career by posing any objections.** (Philip Giraldi, Attack on Iran: Pre-emptive Nuclear War, The American Conservative, 2 August 2005) Are we to understand that US military planners are waiting in limbo for a Second 9/11, to launch a military operation directed against Iran, which is currently in a "state of readiness"? Cheney's proposed "contingency plan" does not focus on preventing a Second 9/11. **The Cheney plan is predicated on the presumption that Iran would be behind a Second 9/11 and that punitive bombings would immediately be activated, prior to the conduct of an investigation, much in the same way as the attacks on Afghanistan in October 2001, allegedly in retribution for the role of the Taliban government in support of the 9/11 terrorists.** It is worth noting that the bombing and invasion of Afghanistan had been planned well in advance of 9/11. As Michael Keefer points out in an incisive review article: **"At a deeper level, it implies that "9/11-type terrorist attacks" are recognized in Cheney's office and the Pentagon as appropriate means of legitimizing wars of aggression against any country selected for that treatment by the regime and its corporate propaganda-amplification system** (Keefer, 2006). Keefer concludes that "an attack on Iran, which would presumably involve the use of significant numbers of extremely 'dirty' earth-penetrating nuclear bombs, might well be made to follow **a dirty-bomb attack on the United States, which would be represented in the media as having been carried out by Iranian agents**" (Keefer, February 2006 )

#### **Five Basic Types Of U.S. Military Plans:**

- **Campaign Plan (CAMPLAN):** A plan for a series of related military operations aimed at accomplishing a strategic or operational objective within a given time and space (e.g., campaign plan for Iraq incorporating a number of subordinate specific plans).
- **Operations Plan (OPLAN):** A completed plan required when there is compelling national interest, when a specific threat exists, and/or when the nature of the contingency requires detailed planning (e.g., North Korea). OPLANs contains all formatted annexes (see below), and Time Phased Force and Deployment Data (TPFDD), a database containing units to be deployed, routing of deploying units, movement data of forces, personnel, logistics and transportation requirements. An OPLAN can be used as a basis for development of an Operations Order (OPORD).
- **Operations Plan in Concept Form Only (CONPLAN):** An operations plan in an abbreviated format prepared for less compelling national interest contingencies than for OPLANs and for unspecific threats. A CONPLAN requires expansion or alteration to convert into an OPLAN or OPORD. It normally includes a statement of Strategic Concept and annexes A-D and K (see below). CONPLANs that do have TPFDDs are usually developed because of international agreement or treaties.
- **Functional Plans (FUNCPLAN):** An operations plan involving the conduct of military operations in a peacetime or non-hostile environment (e.g., disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, counter-drug, or peacekeeping operations).
- **Theater Security Cooperation and Theater Engagement Plans (TSCPs and TEPs):** Day-to-day plans to set the initial conditions for future military action in terms of multinational capabilities, U.S. military access, coalition interoperability, and intelligence (Chossudovsky, 2006).

**Date:** April 4, 2006

**Source:** Infowars, Bob Dacy

**Title/Headline:** *Chairman Of 9/11 Whitewash Commission Sets Stage For Al Qaeda Nuke Attack*

**Abstract:** Thomas Kean, the chairman of the 9/11 Commission, gave a lecture at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. In his speech to the throngs of students, **Mr. Kean kept stressing his biggest fear...that the terrorists would smuggle a nuke into this country and set it off.** He recommended biometric ID cards for everyone! **Keane did make a few very telling remarks though, repeating over and over again that the biggest threat right now is small nuclear devices being smuggled in across our completely unsecured borders and setting off the next escalation of the so-called war on terror.** The source of the material to make these fearsome nuclear devices would be none other than the former Soviet Union. **The plans for horrible terrorists to make these bombs would be easy to come by on the internet** or so says the honorable Keane. **By repeating over and over again that terrorists can get the plans to make nukes on the internet, he is encouraging people to fear the internet and bring along the even more corporate, sanitized and controlled internet2** (Dacy, 2006).



**WIRED**

**Date:** June 15, 2006

**Source:** Wired Magazine, Bruce Schneier

**Title/Headline:** *The Scariest Terror Threat of All*

**Abstract:** For a while now, I have been writing about our penchant for "movie-plot threats" -- terrorist fears based on very specific attack scenarios. Terrorists with crop-dusters, terrorists exploding baby carriages in subways, terrorists filling school buses with explosives -- these are all movie-plot threats. They're good for scaring people, but it's just silly to build national security policy around them. But if we're going to worry about unlikely attacks, why can't they be exciting and innovative ones? **If Americans are going to be scared, shouldn't they be scared of things that are really scary? "Blowing up the Super Bowl" is a movie plot, to be sure, but it's not a very good movie.** I decided to raise the stakes. So I announced a Movie-Plot Threat Contest on my blog: Entrants are invited to



submit the most unlikely, yet still plausible, terrorist attack scenarios they can come up with. **Your goal: Cause terror. Make the American people notice. Inflict lasting damage on the U.S. economy. Change the political landscape, or the culture.** The more grandiose the goal, the better. Assume an attacker profile on the order of 9/11: 20 to 30 unskilled people, and about \$500,000 with which to buy skills, equipment, etc. The contest spread across the internet. Even *The New York Times* wrote about it. By the end of the month, the blog post had 782 comments. I printed them all out and spiral-bound them so I could read them more easily. **The cover read: "The Big Book of Terrorist Plots."** I tried not to wave it around too much in airports. The submissions fell into several broad categories. **The first was attacks against our infrastructure: the food supply, the water supply, the power infrastructure, the telephone system.** The idea is to cripple the country by targeting one of the basic systems that make it work. The second category was of big-ticket plots. **Either they have very public targets -- blowing up the Super Bowl, the Oscars -- or they have high-tech components: nuclear waste, anthrax, chlorine gas, a full oil tanker.** And they are often complex and hard to pull off. This is the 9/11 idea -- a single huge event that affects the entire nation. The third category was low-tech attacks that go on and on. Several people imagined a version of the D.C.-sniper scenario, but with multiple teams. **The teams would slowly move around the country, perhaps each team starting up after the previous one was captured or killed. Other people suggested a variant of this with small bombs in random public locations around the country.** A fourth category had actual movie plots, often comical or unrealistic, some with science-fiction premises. That wasn't what I was looking for, so I mostly ignored them.

**The best ideas tap directly into public fears. In my book, *Beyond Fear*, I discuss five different tendencies people have with evaluating risks:**

- People exaggerate spectacular but rare risks and downplay common risks
- People have trouble estimating risks for anything not exactly like their normal situation
- Personified risks are perceived to be greater than anonymous risks
- People underestimate risks they willingly take and overestimate risks in situations they can't control
- People overestimate risks that are being talked about and remain an object of public scrutiny

**The best plots leverage one or more of those tendencies. Big-ticket attacks leverage the first.** Infrastructure and low-tech attacks leverage the fourth. And every attack tries to leverage the fifth, especially those attacks that go on and on. I almost don't want to pick a winner, because the real point is the enormous list of them all. And because it's hard to choose. But after careful deliberation, I chose the winning entry by Tom Grant. [Read it](#); it's chilling. **Although planes filled with explosives is already a cliché, destroying the Grand Coulee Dam is inspired. The chain reaction destroys most of the other dams on the Columbia River, taking out the West Coast power grid for months.** Congratulations, Tom. If you think Tom's entry is scary, consider that I received a bunch of e-mails from people with ideas they thought too terrifying to post publicly. Some of them wouldn't even tell them to me. **I also received e-mails from people accusing me of helping the terrorists by giving them ideas.** Both of these reactions make the same erroneous assumption: that terrorist attacks are easy, and all terrorists need are a few good ideas. **But if there's one thing this contest demonstrates, it's that good terrorist ideas are a dime a dozen. Anyone can figure out how to cause terror.** The hard part is execution. Some of the submitted plots require minimal skill and equipment. "Twenty guys with cars and guns" -- that sort of thing. Reading through them, you have to wonder why there have been no terrorist attacks in the United States since 9/11. I don't buy the "[flypaper theory](#)" that the terrorists are all in Iraq instead of in the United States; it just doesn't make any sense. And I don't buy that our post-9/11 security programs have made it impossible for terrorists to operate within the United States -- although I do believe that our successes in intelligence and investigation have made it harder. But mostly, **I think terrorist attacks are much harder than most of us think. It's harder to find willing recruits than we think. It's harder to coordinate plans. It's harder to execute those plans. It's easy to make mistakes. Terrorism has always been rare, and for all we've heard about 9/11 changing the world, it's still rare** (Schneier, 2006)

**Date:** June 28, 2006

**Source:** *Asia Times*, Michael Scheuer

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaeda's Nuke Plot: Facts And Failures*

**Abstract: Time magazine has caused a spike in US and Western worries over al-Qaeda's intentions and ability to use weapons of mass destruction (WMD) against the United States.** Prompting the concern is Time's excerpt of journalist Ron Suskind's new book, *The One Percent Doctrine*, which describes al-Qaeda's apparently successful development of a portable device that can be used to disperse cyanide gas. **The gas kills upon inhalation, and Suskind claims that a cyanide-gas attack on New York City's subway system was within 45 days of occurring when al-Qaeda's deputy commander, Ayman al-Zawahiri, called off the attack.** Media coverage of the book excerpt so far has focused on how many casualties such an attack might have caused - first estimates are in the September 11, 2001, range of 3,000 dead - and whether or not the dispersal device would have actually worked. **Al-Qaeda, he says, will incrementally increase the pain that its attacks cause the United States until it forces Washington to change its policies toward Israel and the Muslim world.** While the graphing of al-Qaeda attacks since 1996 would not display a straight ascending line, the clear trend of the line would be upward; each attack has indeed been more destructive to US citizens and material interests than the last. If 3,000 Americans killed by chemical weapons in the New York subway system were not enough for al-Qaeda, what sort of attack did Zawahiri - and, implicitly, Osama bin Laden and his *shura* council - decide to wait for patiently? **The answer, unfortunately for Americans, may well be the detonation of a nuclear weapon of some sort.** While there is no definitive evidence that al-Qaeda has such a device, the group has had a specialized unit - staffed by scientists and engineers - that has sought one since at least 1992, and events over the past year suggest that such a possibility remains current. In the mid-1970s, the US Congress's Office of Technology Assessment found that **"a small group of people, none of whom have ever had access to nuclear material, could possibly design and build a crude nuclear device."** Media reporting and scholarly writings since the 1970s have reinforced this finding, and just in the past year the full-range of proliferation

activities of Pakistani nuclear scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan has come to light. **Some reports suggest that Khan and/or some of his senior engineers have met with senior al-Qaeda leaders.** In addition, the availability of unemployed nuclear-weapons-related scientists and engineers has increased exponentially since the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union and the destruction of the Iraqi state in 2003. Indeed, some Iraqi WMD scientists were released from custody by US authorities last year when no charges could be brought against them. Al-Qaeda's supporters, too, have played a hand in the proliferation of nuclear knowledge by mounting a website **on the Al-Firdaws Forum dedicated to providing detailed instructions on how to make nuclear "dirty and biological bombs"**. First appearing on the Internet last October, the site had 57,000 views just one month later, and a physics professor at the Imperial College in London said after studying the site that it was "more like a proper instruction manual" than the other more generic sites he had reviewed. When asked by Congress in February 2005 whether he could assure Americans that no nuclear weapons were available to terrorists, then-director of central intelligence Porter Goss replied, **"No, I can't make that assurance. I can't account for some of the [Former Soviet Union's (FSU) nuclear] materials, so I can't make the assurance about its whereabouts."** The US National Intelligence Council also categorically assessed that **"undetected smuggling [of nuclear materials] has occurred, and we are concerned about the total amount of material that could have been diverted or stolen [from the FSU] in the last 13 years"**. A former Soviet military officer said that "small tactical nuclear loads" had been found missing from the Soviet army's inventory in the 1990s. **Bin Laden himself has made clear that al-Qaeda has been shopping in the FSU's nuclear arms bazaar. "It is a fact," bin Laden wrote to Mullah Omar on June 5, 2002, "that the [FSU's] Islamic Republics region is rich with significant scientific experiences in conventional and non-conventional military industries, which have a great role in the future jihad against the enemies of Islam."** Since May 2003, al-Qaeda's intention to use nuclear weapons against the United States has had religious sanction. In that month, a respected Salafi Saudi cleric named Sheikh Nasir Bin Hamd al-Fahd **concluded that the use of nuclear weapons in the United States was theologically justified on the basis of reciprocity.** "Anyone who considers American aggression against Muslims and their lands during the last decades," Fahd wrote, **"will conclude that striking her [with nuclear weapons] is permissible merely on the rule of treating as one has been treated.** Some brothers have totaled the number of Muslims killed directly or indirectly and come up with a figure of nearly 10 million." More recently, the respected cleric and spiritual leader of Indonesia's Jemaah Islamiya, Sheikh Abu Bakar Ba'asyir - who was freed from prison recently - said **Muslims must embrace nuclear weapons "if necessary" because "in places like London and New York there must be other calculations [than conventional attacks]. In battle it is best to cause as many casualties as possible."** With the necessary nuclear knowledge and materials available, and with religious approval in hand, Suskind's book also suggests **that al-Qaeda still possesses the discipline and command-and-control capabilities that would be required to stage a sophisticated, September 11-type attack that included the use of WMD.** The New York subway operation was scheduled for spring 2003, at a time when many Western authorities were asserting that bin Laden and Zawahiri were completely isolated and cut off from their fighters stationed outside South Asia. Suskind, however, describes how on January 2003 the operation's commander - Yusef al-Ayeri, then head of al-Qaeda on the Arabian Peninsula - easily traveled from Saudi Arabia to Zawahiri's location, where Zawahiri listened to the description of the proposed attack and decided that it should be canceled. Ayeri then returned to Saudi Arabia and ordered the operation terminated. Suskind's book also shows that the al-Qaeda fighters tasked with executing the subway operation beat US immigration and border controls and easily entered New York City from North Africa in the autumn of 2002, more than a year after the September 11 attacks. All told, Suskind's book appears to present a gripping account of a viable WMD attack that was canceled by Zawahiri. More important, however, the book suggests that several judgments about al-Qaeda that are now accepted in the United States and the West as common wisdom - **such as al-Qaeda's inability to stage large, complicated attacks in the United States;** that bin Laden and Zawahiri are isolated and cannot exercise command and control over al-Qaeda; and that US border security is greatly improved since September 11 - need to be re-examined and debated (Scheuer, 2006).

**The following is a conversation that took place on July 27, 2006, between Fox Television anchors Allan Colmes and Sean Hannity with Cham Dallas, the Director for the Center for Mass Destruction Defense at the University of Georgia.**

**Date:** July 27, 2006

**Source:** Fox News, Cham Dallas

**Title/Headline:** *Hannity & Colmes: The Nuclear Threat*

#### **Abstract:**

**Cham Dallas:** Sometime in the future there's going to be a nuclear weapon used in the United States - certainly a radiological device is going to be used and a lot of radioactivity is going to fall on American citizens.

**Alan Colmes:** You say that like it's a certainty, like there's no question it's going to happen.

**Cham Dallas:** There's no doubt in my mind that at some point in the future we will have a radiological device probably soon and a nuclear device at some point five or ten years after.

[Dallas fingered Pakistan and North Korea as the likely suppliers of nuclear weapons without informing the viewers that the receipts for this technology are in the hands of the US government - Rumsfeld fast-tracking nuclear capability to North Korea and the Bush family protecting A.Q. Khan's network.]

**Sean Hannity: (referring to Hezbollah and Al-Qaeda):** Do you doubt that these terror groups could get a weapon - if they did there's no doubt they would use it against Israel is there?

**Cham Dallas:** There's no doubt in mind that if I should say when one of these terror groups gets a weapon like Hezbollah - within the next decade - they will use it within a time of their choosing,

**Sean Hannity:** So the likelihood is that within ten years it would not be shocking to you in any way for people to turn on this news channel and find out that a nuclear device has gone off in a major city around the world?

**Cham Dallas:** **I'm certain of it.**

**Sean Hannity:** You're certain of it - you have no doubt?

**Cham Dallas:** **There's no doubt in my mind about it** (Fox News, 2006).

**The following is a conversation that took place July 27, 2006, on Fox Television's Big Story between anchor John Gibson and "Terror Analyst" Robert Strang, CEO of Investigative Management Group.**

**Date:** July 27, 2006

**Source:** Fox News, Robert Strang

**Title/Headline:** *Hezbollah And Al Queda Are Here In The USA And Ready To Spring At Any Moment*

**Abstract:** Gibson led the segment by asking if Osama bin Laden and al-Zawahiri were jealous of Hezbollah, or were they cheering on their brethren? Strang says they are brothers, going back more than ten years, and have fund-raised and trained together in the past. Hezbollah is out in front militarily now, but coupled with Al Queda they are a very powerful organization. **Right now both have cells in the US, and security people are worried about not just the active cells, but the "followers."** Ratcheting up the personal fear, he said it's a huge, growing problem, especially right now. Strang says Hezbollah does have a large presence in the US, and they've been here since before Al Queda was here. Even if we defeat them here, (although so far we've been fighting them over there so we can ignore them over here) the worry behind the scenes is that Hezbollah will they reach out to Al Queda. Strang says that **"when we're watching what's happening in Israel and Lebanon, what we're really worried about is the potential for another terrorist attack on our own soil or a US interest overseas."** (Fox News, 2006)

**Date:** August 16, 2006

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Study: Nuke Attack On California Port Could Kill 60,000 Instantly, Irradiate 150,000 More*

**Abstract:** A nuclear explosion at the Port of Long Beach could kill 60,000 people immediately, expose 150,000 more to hazardous radiation and cause 10 times the economic loss of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, according to a new Rand Corp. study. The study released by the Santa Monica-based think tank was the latest to address concerns about the possible vulnerability of the nation's ports. It analyzed the possible effects of terrorists detonating a 10-kiloton nuclear bomb in a shipping container unloaded onto a Long Beach pier. In addition to the human casualties, **such a blast might destroy the infrastructure and every ship at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, which together handle about one-third of the nation's imports, the study said.** Damage at port-area refineries could create critical shortages. The two ports have taken steps to tighten security. In 2005, the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles received the second- and third-largest security grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, \$12.7 million and \$11.4 million, respectively. The money is to go for protecting ports from small craft and underwater attacks and enhance explosive detection capabilities. Efforts are also under way to design a facility within the Port of Los Angeles where agents could thoroughly inspect suspicious cargo. Currently, customs officials screen cargo with radiation monitors and X-ray machines at the docks then truck suspicious containers to a warehouse six miles away for closer inspections (Fox News, 2006).



The  
New York  
Times

**Date:** October 29, 2006

**Source:** The New York Times, Noah Feldman

**Title/Headline:** *Islam, Terror and the Second Nuclear Age*

**Abstract:** As nuclear technology spreads, terrorists will enjoy increasing odds of getting their hands on nuclear weapons. If an Islamic state or Islamic terrorists used nuclear weapons against Israel, the United States or other Western targets, like London or Madrid,

the guaranteed retaliation would cost the lives of thousands and maybe millions of Muslims. But after 9/11, we can no longer treat the possibility as fanciful. **The Islamic discussion of nuclear weapons is profoundly intertwined with a parallel discussion of suicide bombing that is also taking place in the Muslim world.** When it came to the killing of civilians, bin Laden's thought developed more gradually. In early pronouncements, before 9/11, he spoke as if the killing of women and children was inherently an atrocity. "Nor should one forget," he admonished an interviewer in 1996, "the deliberate, premeditated dropping of the H bombs [sic] on cities with their entire populations of children, elderly and women, as was the case with Hiroshima and Nagasaki." After 9/11, however, the argument changed. Now **bin Laden began to suggest that American civilians were fair game.** In a document titled "A Treatise on the Law of the Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction Against the Unbelievers," written in 2003 by a brilliant Saudi dissident named Sheik Nasir bin Hamad al-Fahd, he states that **"If the unbelievers can be repelled . . . only by using" weapons of mass destruction, then "their use is permissible, even if you kill them without exception.** Some Brothers have added up the number of Muslims killed directly or indirectly by [American] weapons and come up with a figure of nearly ten million," the treatise states. This total, Fahd concludes, would authorize the use of weapons of mass destruction to kill 10 million Americans: indeed, "it would be permissible with no need for further [legal] argument." The report went on to state that **Bin Laden has called for Muslims to acquire nuclear weapons, and in the 1990's reportedly tried to acquire them himself** (Feldman, 2006).

**Date:** October 29, 2006

**Source:** San Francisco Chronical, Matthew B. Stannard

**Title/Headline:** *New Tools For A New World Order: Nuclear Forensics Touted As Method To Trace Bomb Materials, Deterrent For Rogue Nations*

**Abstract:** Amid all the frightening uncertainties of the decades-long Cold War, one thing was reassuringly clear: **If a nuclear bomb ever fell on America, everybody would know where it originated, and retribution would be swift and sure.** That guarantee was called "mutually assured destruction." The promise that a nuclear attack, however devastating, would trigger an equally devastating response was a critical component of Cold War deterrence. And it worked. "Deterrence ... as a matter of practice, was successful," said Allen Weiner, a professor at Stanford's Institute for International Studies and a State Department attorney from 1990 to 2001. "It was even successful more ambitiously -- not only was the development of nuclear arsenals on both sides sufficient to deter a nuclear attack by the adversary, but (it) was essentially successful in deterring conventional attacks." At a time when nuclear devices are increasingly the weapons of choice for weaker nations rather than superpowers, can deterrence still work? **Can it restrain emerging nuclear powers such as North Korea and Iran, or even smugglers and thieves and rogue scientists who sell plutonium to the highest bidder?** A growing number of respected nuclear scientists want more attention focused on the esoteric field of nuclear forensics as a means of keeping track of fissionable material and -- they hope -- enhance deterrence in an era of international terrorism and defiant nationalism. "We need our government to develop an effective policy around that ... technical tool," said Charles Ferguson, a science and technology fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. **"I think people maybe could sleep more rested at night knowing we have a better capability to deal with this extreme act of terrorism."** The science of nuclear forensics is capable of revealing a great deal about the fissile material at the heart of a nuclear device, even if scientists arrive only after the explosion, said Michael May, the former director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, which was a pioneer in the science in the 1980s. **"The atoms all survive. They get transmuted, but they don't suddenly disappear," May said. "You only need micrograms, milligrams. You need very small amounts, and there's going to be kilograms of it spread around."** From those tiny samples, May said, nuclear detectives can extract a wealth of data in a few days or weeks. Ratios of certain isotopes of plutonium can show how long the material was in a reactor, and how long since it was removed. Ratios of isotopes in uranium can suggest where the element was mined. **Other clues, such as the presence of impurities like gadolinium, a rare-earth metal used in some reactors, can tell what kind of reactor was used to produce the fissile material or give hints of how the bomb was constructed.** The science has already had successes. Early nuclear forensic analysis of airborne debris collected near China in 1949 confirmed the Soviet Union's first nuclear test, just as air samples taken over North Korea this month confirmed its entry into the nuclear club. In 1999, Bulgarian customs officials detained a man in possession of a lead container and documents suggesting the container was filled with uranium-235. Livermore scientists were able to identify the material -- sealed inside a glass tube and cushioned with wax -- as highly enriched uranium oxide originating in Eastern Europe. But even modern forensics only takes you so far, May said. "If you want to identify (material) uniquely, then you need some samples to compare it with," he said. "Otherwise, you're like someone with a DNA sample and no DNA bank." **That limitation has led scientists to call for an international database of nuclear material from around the world, a resource that could help them quickly and accurately identify -- to the limits of the science -- where the fissile material in a smuggler's pouch or a terrorist nuclear device originated.** "There is an important linkage between our technical capabilities and what is ultimately some sort of deterrence or, more precisely, a dissuasion policy," said Page Stoutland, radiological and nuclear countermeasures division leader for the Livermore lab's Nonproliferation, Homeland and International Security Directorate. Some contend that the Cold War model of mutually assured destruction still has validity. "If Iran is bound and determined to have nuclear weapons, let it," journalist Ted Koppel wrote in a recent New York Times op-ed. "But this should also be made clear to Tehran: **If a dirty bomb explodes in Milwaukee ... the return address will be predetermined, and it will be somewhere in Iran.**" Scott Sagan, director of the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford, said he found Koppel's premise "very disturbing." **The problem, he and other experts say, is that a future nuclear attack on America may not come in the form of easily traceable intercontinental ballistic missiles, but more likely as a jury-rigged bomb smuggled into port inside a cargo container or across the border in a backpack.** "People too easily jump to the conclusion that if a terrorist organization used a dirty bomb and/or a nuclear weapon, that we would know where it came from," he said. **"The question is: Would we be able to identify that material and say, 'This came from X'?" The answer to that is: Maybe.** Forensic identification has its limits -- the science is much better at ruling out a possible origin than in positively identifying that point of origin with 100 percent certainty, May said. What's more, Ferguson noted, the presence of a specific country's fissile material in the hands of a terrorist group doesn't guarantee that the material was handed over intentionally -- or even knowingly. **"What if," he said, "terrorists got highly enriched uranium from reactors that were supplied by the United States?"** -- perhaps reactors in the United States, or reactors sold for peaceful energy production to nations that are U.S. allies, but not so good at security. **"You can imagine a terrorist group conceivably could go around to several of these research reactors, getting bits and pieces of highly enriched uranium, and finally get enough to**



**make a gun-type bomb,"** Ferguson said. "The bomb goes off, and who do we blame? ... Do we retaliate against ourselves?" Nevertheless, Ferguson and other experts believe that even if a nuclear forensic database can't form the backbone of a modern form of mutually assured destruction, it still helps close enough nuclear proliferation gaps to make it worthwhile. At a minimum, such a system could help in cases of nuclear smuggling, said Sagan, who served as a consultant to the office of the secretary of defense and at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Increasing the ability to trace material to its source could encourage nuclear nations to be a little more careful about security, May said. **"The clearer it is that there is an attribution capability that is accepted internationally, the stronger the incentive for people in Pakistan, for instance -- which is a major place of worry -- or for some of the republics in Central Asia to make sure that nothing happens there that can be traced back to them,"** he said. "That's one of the principal positive effects. Compared to biological and chemical agents, these (nuclear) things exist in comparatively few places -- too many, but probably a hundred or fewer instead of hundreds of thousands. The bulk of them should be under pretty thorough security -- lock and key. I mean, we have not seen any theft of gold from Fort Knox, and it should be that kind of security." Even if the forensics can't prove that a country intentionally sold or gave fissile material to smugglers or terrorists, it still gives the United States or United Nations a powerful weapon to discourage rogue states from letting fissile material fall into the wrong hands, Weiner said. **"The most important thing is to enable us to go in and say, 'We know it's you. You no longer have plausible deniability. We're not going to nuke you, but this is now a very, very serious foreign policy issue between us,'"** Weiner said. "This fundamentally changes the calculation, where we can say, 'There is proof. So stop it. Now.' " Policymakers see the value of nuclear forensics. **Both the U.S. Department of Defense and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations' nuclear watchdog, have written plans to collect forensic evidence after a nuclear event,** and the Department of Homeland Security has created a domestic nuclear detection office, whose budget in fiscal year 2007 includes \$17.7 million for nuclear attribution and forensics at Livermore and other research labs. Significant obstacles remain to assembling the kind of database that experts say would be most useful. Perhaps the greatest is convincing the nuclear powers to give up information about their programs -- which most nations hold among their highest secrets. **"The question is: Does the threat of global nuclear terrorism pose such a high threat to these countries that they'd be willing to open up some of their nuclear facilities in order to reduce that threat?** Because if it's just a matter of reducing the threat to the United States, that might not be enough of an incentive," Sagan said. **It might be preferable for the United Nations, not the United States, to take the lead in creating a response team and forensic database,** experts said. One possibility would be for the Security Council to follow up on its 2004 resolution calling on member states to prevent nonstate actors from obtaining weapons of mass destruction with a new or expanded resolution. "As part of some kind of nonproliferation protocol, one could ultimately say that if you intend to possess highly enriched uranium, the international community believes that a sample should be placed in such-and-such a database to aid in forensics and attribution, should there be a loss of control of the material," Stoutland said. "Doing that kind of thing could lead to people better controlling the material; it could lead to people not having (highly enriched uranium)." The permanent five members of the U.N. Security Council, all nuclear powers, could take the lead in providing material for the database as a form of mutual self-defense, suggested Harold Smith, professor at the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley, who oversaw nuclear, chemical and biological defense programs during the Clinton administration. "This is to our mutual benefit -- to at least have samples of the P-5 material if for no other reason than to show it did not come from a Russian arsenal, a U.S. arsenal, etc. At least there's the process of elimination," Smith said. "Let's at least take the small step." **In the event of a nuclear explosion, radiochemists would try to obtain tiny quantities of debris from the nuclear device on the ground near the point of impact and/or in the atmosphere.** They would first separate the atoms into groups of chemically similar elements and then measure the radioactivity of each group. Three types of atoms are of particular interest in a forensic analysis: Atoms of fissile material that did not undergo fission. Examining them allows scientists to identify the material used to make the device and, when compared to the number of fission fragments, to measure the efficiency or sophistication of the weapon. New atoms created by fission and by other nuclear reactions within the fissile material. When scientists compare these, they can obtain considerable insight into the nuclear processes that were involved during the explosion. Atoms of material near the fissioning core that were subjected to an intense bombardment of neutrons during the explosion and became radioactive as a consequence. These atoms provide insight into the components of the weapon and the energy of the neutrons that activated the components (Stannard, 2006).

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**Title/Headline:** *Baggage Claim: The Myth Of "Suitcase Nukes".*

**Abstract:** Like everyone else rushing off the Washington subway one rush-hour morning, Ibrahim carried a small leather briefcase. No one paid him or his case much mind, except for the intern in the new Brooks Brothers suit who pushed past him on the escalator and banged his shin. **"What do you have in there? Rocks?" Ibrahim's training had taught him to ignore all provocations. You will see, he thought.** The escalator carried him up and out into the strong September sunlight. It was, as countless commentators would later say, a perfect day. As he walked from the Capitol South metro stop, he saw the Republican National Committee headquarters to his right. Two congressional office buildings loomed in front of him. Between the five-story structures, the U.S. Capitol dome winked in the sun. It was walled off in a mini-Green Zone of jersey barriers and armed police. He wouldn't trouble them. **He was close enough. He put the heavy case down on the sidewalk and pressed a sequence of buttons on what looked like standard attaché-case locks. It would be just a matter of seconds. When he thought he had waited long enough, he shouted in Arabic: "God is great!" He was too soon. Some passersby stared at him. Two-tenths of a second later, a nuclear explosion erased the entire scene. Birds were incinerated midflight. Nearly 100,000 people--lawmakers, judges, tourists--became superheated dust.** Only raindrop-sized dollops of metal--their dental fillings--remained as proof of their existence. In tenths of a second--less time than the blink of a human eye--the 10-kiloton blast wave pushed down the Capitol (toppling the Indian statue known as "Freedom" at the dome's top), punched through the pillars of the U.S. Supreme Court, smashed down the three palatial Library of Congress buildings, and flattened the House and Senate office buildings. **The blast wave raced outward, decapitating the Washington Monument, incinerating the Smithsonian and its treasures, and reducing to rubble the White House and every office tower north to Dupont Circle and south to the Anacostia River.** The secondary, or overpressure, wave jumped over the Potomac, spreading unstoppable fires to the Pentagon and Arlington, Va. Planes bound for Reagan and Dulles airports



tumbled from the sky. **Tens of thousands were killed instantly. By nightfall, another 250,000 people were dying in overcrowded hospitals and impromptu emergency rooms set up in high school gymnasiums. Radiation poisoning would kill tens of thousands more in the decades to come.** America's political, diplomatic and military leadership was simply wiped away. As the highest-ranking survivor, the agriculture secretary took charge. **He moved the capital to Cheyenne, Wyoming. That is the nightmare--or one version, anyway--of the nuclear suitcase.** In the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, this nuclear nightmare did not seem so fanciful. **A month after September 11, senior Bush administration officials were told that an al Qaeda terrorist cell had control of a 10-kiloton atomic bomb from Russia and was plotting to detonate it in New York City.** CIA director George Tenet told President Bush that the source, code-named "Dragonfire," had said the nuclear device was already on American soil. After anxious weeks of investigation, including surreptitious tests for radioactive material in New York and other major cities, Dragonfire's report was found to be false. New York's mayor and police chief would not learn of the threat for another year.

**The Suitcase Bomb:** The specter of the nuclear suitcase bomb is particularly potent because it fuses two kinds of terror. The horrible images of Hiroshima and the suicide bomber, the unseen shark amid the swimmers. **The fear of a suitcase nuke, like the bomb itself, packs a powerful punch in a small package. It also has a sense of inevitability. A December 2001 article in the Boston Globe speculated that terrorists would explode suitcase nukes in Chicago, Sydney and Jerusalem . . . in 2004.** Every version of the nuclear suitcase bomb scare relies on one or more strands of evidence, two from different Russians and one from a former assistant secretary of defense. The scare started, in its current form, with **Russian general Alexander Lebed, who told a U.S. congressional delegation visiting Moscow in 1997--and, later that year, CBS's series "60 Minutes"--that a number of Soviet-era nuclear suitcase bombs were missing.** It was amplified when Stanislav Lunev, the highest-ranking Soviet military intelligence officer ever to defect to the United States, told a congressional panel that same year that Soviet special forces might have smuggled a number of portable nuclear bombs onto the U.S. mainland to be detonated if the Cold War ever got hot. **The scare grew when Graham Allison, a Harvard professor who served as an assistant secretary of defense under President Clinton, wrote a book called "Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe."** In that slim volume, Mr. Allison worries about stolen warheads, self-made bombs and suitcase nukes. Published in 2004, the work has been widely cited by the press and across the blogosphere. Let's walk back the cat, as they say in intelligence circles. The foundation of all main nuclear suitcase stories is a string of interviews given by Gen. Lebed in 1997. **Lebed told a visiting congressional delegation in June 1997 that the Kremlin was concerned that its arsenal of 100 suitcase-size nuclear bombs would find their way to Chechen rebels or other Islamic terrorists. He said that he had tried to account for all 100 but could find only 48. That meant 52 were missing. He said the bombs would fit "in a 60-by-40-by-20 centimeter case"--in inches, roughly 24-by-16-by-8--and would be "an ideal weapon for nuclear terror.** The warhead is activated by one person and easy to transport." It would later emerge that none of these statements were true. Later that year, the Russian general sat down with Steve Kroft of "60 Minutes." **The exchange could hardly have been more alarming.**

**Steve Kroft:** Are you confident that all of these weapons are secure and accounted for?

**Alexander Lebed:** (through a translator) Not at all. Not at all.

**Steve Kroft:** How easy would it be to steal one?

**Alexander Lebed:** It's suitcase-sized.

**Steve Kroft:** You could put it in a suitcase and carry it off?

**Alexander Lebed:** It is made in the form of a suitcase. It is a suitcase, actually. You can carry it. You can put it into another suitcase if you want to.

**Steve Kroft:** But it's already in a suitcase.

**Alexander Lebed:** Yes.

**Steve Kroft:** I could walk down the streets of Moscow or Washington or New York, and people would think I'm carrying a suitcase?

**Alexander Lebed:** Yes, indeed.

**Steve Kroft:** How easy is it to detonate?

**Alexander Lebed:** It would take twenty, thirty minutes to prepare.

**Steve Kroft:** But you don't need secret codes from the Kremlin or anything like that.

**Alexander Lebed:** No.

**Steve Kroft:** You are saying that there are a significant number that are missing and unaccounted for?

**Alexander Lebed:** Yes, there is. More than one hundred.

**Steve Kroft:** Where are they?

**Alexander Lebed:** Somewhere in Georgia, somewhere in Ukraine, somewhere in the Baltic countries. Perhaps some of them are even outside those countries. One person is capable of actuating this nuclear weapon--one person.

**Steve Kroft:** So you're saying these weapons are no longer under the control of the Russian military.

**Alexander Lebed:** I'm saying that more than one hundred weapons out of the supposed number of 250 are not under the control of the armed forces of Russia. I don't know their location. I don't know whether they have been destroyed or whether they are stored or whether they've been sold or stolen. I don't know.

**Contradictions:** Nearly everything Lebed told visiting congressmen and "60 Minutes" was later contradicted, sometimes by Lebed himself. In subsequent news accounts, he said 41 bombs were missing, at other times he pegged the number at 52 or 62, 84 or even 100. When asked about this disparity, he told the Washington Post that he "did not have time to find out how many such weapons there were." If this sounds breezy or cavalier, that is because it is. Indeed, Lebed never seemed to have made a serious investigation at all. A Russian official later pointed out that Lebed never visited the facility that houses all of Russia's nuclear weapons or met with its staff. And Lebed--who died in a plane crash in 2002--had a history of telling tall tales. As for the small size of the weapons and the notion that they can be detonated by one person, those claims also been authoritatively dismissed. The only U.S. government official to publicly admit seeing a suitcase-sized nuclear device is Rose Gottemoeller. As a Defense Department official, she visited Russia and Ukraine to monitor compliance with disarmament treaties in the early 1990s. The Soviet-era weapon "actually required three footlockers and a team of several people to detonate," she said. "It was not something you could toss in your shoulder bag and carry on a plane or bus". Lebed's onetime deputy, Vladimir Denisov, said he headed a special investigation in July 1996--almost a year before Lebed made his charges--and found that no army field units had portable nuclear weapons of any kind. All portable nuclear devices--which are much bigger than a suitcase--were stored at a central facility under heavy guard. Lt. Gen. Igor Valynkin, chief of the Russian Defense Ministry's 12th Main Directorate, which oversees all nuclear weapons, denied that any weapons were missing. "Nuclear suitcases . . . were never produced and are not produced," he said. While he acknowledged that they were technically possible to make, he said the weapon would have "a lifespan of only several months" and would therefore be too costly to maintain. Gen. Valynkin is referring to the fact that radioactive weapons require a lot of shielding. To fit the radioactive material and the appropriate shielding into a suitcase would mean that a very small amount of material would have to be used. Radioactive material decays at a steady, certain rate, expressed as "half-life," or the length of time it takes for half of the material to decay into harmless elements. The half-life of the most likely materials in the infinitesimal weights necessary to fit in a suitcase is a few months. So as a matter of physics and engineering, the nuclear suitcase is an impractical weapon. It would have to be rebuilt with new radioactive elements every few months. Gen. Valynkin's answer was later expanded by Viktor Yesin, former chief of staff of Russia's Strategic Missile Forces. Mr. Yesin was asked by Alexander Golts, a reporter at the Russian newspaper Ezhenedelny Zhurnal: "The nuclear suitcases--are they myth or reality?" Let's start by noting that "nuclear suitcase" is a term coined by journalists. Journalistic parlance, if you wish. The matter concerns special compact nuclear devices of knapsack type. Igor Valynkin, commander of the 12th Main Directorate of the Defense Ministry responsible for nuclear ordnance storage, was absolutely honest when he was saying in an interview with Nezavisimaya Gazeta in 1997 that "there have never been any nuclear suitcases, grips, handbags or other carryalls." As for special compact nuclear devices, the Americans were the first to assemble them. They were called Special Atomic Demolition Munitions (SADM). As of 1964, the U.S. Army and Marine Corps had two models of SADM at their disposal--M-129 and M-159. Each SADM measured 87 x 65 x 67 centimeters [34 by 26 by 26 inches]. A container with the backpack weighed 70 kilograms [154 pounds]. There were about 300 SADMs in all. The foreign media reported that all these devices were dismantled and disposed of within the framework of the unilateral disarmament initiatives declared by the first President Bush in late 1991 and early 1992. The Soviet Union initiated production of special compact nuclear devices in 1967. These munitions were called special mines. There were fewer models of them in the Soviet Union than in the United States. All of these munitions were to be dismantled before 2000 in accordance with the Russian and American commitments concerning reduction of tactical nuclear weapons dated 1991. [When the Soviet Union collapsed, Boris Yeltsin reiterated the commitment in January 1992.] Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said at the conference on the Nuclear Weapons Nonproliferation Treaty in April 2000 that Russia had practically completed dismantling "nuclear mines." It means that Russia kept the promise Yeltsin once made to the international community. Mr. Yesin added that all "portable" nuclear weapons were strictly controlled by the KGB in the Soviet era and were held in a single facility on Russian soil, where they were regularly counted before they were dismantled. The special mines that the press calls "nuclear suitcases" are no more. American officials, including Ms. Gottemoeller, insist that there is no evidence that any are missing, stolen or sold. American experts charged with monitoring the destruction of these weapons have repeatedly testified to Congress that no special mines are unaccounted for. What about the Russian army units trained to use the special mines? Is it possible that a few such weapons remain in their hands? According to Mr. Yesin, "they always used simulators and dummy weapons. Needless to say, the latter looked like the real thing--the same size and weight, the same control panel. Instead of nuclear materials, however, they contained sand." Despite Lebed's many changing accounts, his reputation for exaggeration, and the denial of nearly every Russian official with knowledge of Russian nuclear weapons, his tale lives on in breathless newspaper articles and Web posts. Perhaps the most amusing was an article in London's Sunday Express claiming that al Qaeda bought twenty "nuclear suitcases for 25 million pounds" (roughly \$45 million) from "Boris" and "Alexy." What, not Natasha? Still, Graham Allison puts his faith in Lebed's story. How does Mr. Allison account for the high-level rebuttals? He makes two brief arguments. "Moscow's assurance that 'all nuclear weapons are accounted for' is wishful thinking, since at least four nuclear submarines with nuclear warheads sank and were never recovered by the Soviet Union." (One was recovered by the U.S. in 1974.) This is true, but beside the point; the subs were carrying nuclear missiles, not nuclear suitcases.

**Osama Bin Laden & Al Qaeda:** No one seriously doubts Osama bin Laden's intense desire for nuclear weapons, suitcase-size or otherwise. Michael Scheuer, the former head of the CIA's bin Laden station (and an outspoken critic of the Bush administration's conduct of the war on terror), said that the CIA was aware of "the careful, professional manner in which al Qaeda was seeking to acquire nuclear weapons" since 1996. There is a plethora of human and documentary intelligence to support Mr. Scheuer's conclusion. Perhaps

the most chilling is a fatwa that bin Laden asked for and received from Shaykh Nasir bin Hamid al-Fahd in May 2003. It was called "A Treatise on the Legal Status of Using Weapons of Mass Destruction Against Infidels." The Saudi cleric concludes: "If a bomb that killed 10 million of them and burned as much of their land as they have burned Muslims' land were dropped on them, it would be permissible." Fatwas are not enough. There are only three ways for al Qaeda to realize its atomic dreams: buy nuclear weapons, steal them or make them. Each approach is virtually impossible. **Buying the bomb has not worked out well for al Qaeda. The terror organization has tried and, according to detainees, been scammed repeatedly.** In Sudan's decrepit capital of Khartoum, an al Qaeda operative paid \$1.5 million for a three-foot-long metal canister with South African markings. Allegedly it was uranium from South Africa's recently decommissioned nuclear program. According to Jamal al-Fadl, an al Qaeda leader later detained by U.S. forces, bin Laden ordered that it be tested in a safe house in Cyprus. **It was indeed radioactive, but not of sufficient quality to be weapons-grade. One American intelligence analyst said that he believed the material was taken from the innards of an X-ray machine. It is not clear what it actually was, but the canister was ultimately discarded by al Qaeda.** Al Qaeda's next attempt to buy bomb-making material involved Mamduh Mahmud Salim, a nuclear engineer. He was captured in Germany in 1998, before he could obtain any nuclear material. In a third case, al Qaeda paid the Islamic Army of Uzbekistan for some radioactive material. It turned out that the uranium al Qaeda received was not sufficiently enriched to create an atomic blast, though it could be used in a "dirty bomb." **For what it is worth, there are actually no documented cases of the Russian Mafia or Russian officials selling nuclear weapons or material.** Given that Russian gangsters have sold everything from small arms to aircraft carriers, this might seem surprising. Michael Crowley and Eric Adams, writing in Popular Science magazine, theorize that Russian security forces may be less tempted by money than is commonly assumed or that Russian mobsters find other illicit material more profitable than nuclear material. **Whatever the reason, there is simply no known case of the Russian mob selling nuclear devices or parts to anyone, let alone to al Qaeda.**

**What About Theft?: Stealing a bomb--or its component parts--is far more difficult than it sounds. The International Atomic Energy Agency maintains a detailed database of thefts of highly enriched uranium, the kind needed to make an atomic bomb.** There have been 10 known cases of highly enriched uranium theft between 1994 and 2004. Each amounted to "a few grams or less." **The total loss is less than eight grams, and even these eight grams, which have differing levels of purity, could not be productively combined.** To put these quantities in perspective, it takes some 15,900 grams--roughly 35 pounds--to make a highly enriched uranium bomb. Stealing highly enriched uranium is extremely difficult. Every nation with an active nuclear weapons program guards access to its breeder reactors and enrichment plants. Employee backgrounds are scrutinized and workers are under near-constant surveillance. **Transporting radioactive material invites detection and is a constant danger to those moving it without shielding. If it were shielded, the immense weight of the small container would be a giveaway to authorities. Could terrorists storm a reactor and steal the radioactive material? Not likely.** An investigation by Forbes magazine reveals the difficulties: Assuming attackers could shoot their way past the beefed-up phalanx of armed guards, traffic barriers and guard towers that now surround every nuclear plant, they'd still have to fight their way into the reactor building through multiple levels of remote-activated blast doors--where access requires the right key card and palm print--to get to the spent-fuel pond, says Michael Wallace, president of Constellation Energy's generation group, which operates five nuclear reactors. The pond where highly radioactive used fuel rods sit in 14-foot-long stainless steel assemblies cooling under 40 feet of water. **Terrorists couldn't just grab this stuff and run because, unshielded, it gives off a lethal dose of radiation in less than a minute. To avoid exposure, terrorists would have to force workers to use a giant crane inside the reactor to load the assemblies into huge transfer casks, then open the mammoth doors of the reactor building and use another crane to lift the cask onto a waiting truck--all the while being shot at by the National Guard.** It may be easier to steal radioactive material outside the U.S.--but not much. What about hijacking a plane and crash-diving it into a nuclear reactor? It would make a spectacular movie scene, but as Forbes explains, it would not cause much harm to those outside the plane: **Assume that terrorists could get past tightened airport security and fight off passengers to get through new, improved cockpit doors and take control of a plane. Even then they'd have to crash the jet directly into a reactor to have any chance of breaking containment.** In 2002 the Electric Power Research Institute performed a \$1 million computer simulation to assess such a risk. Conclusion: **A direct hit from a 450,000-pound Boeing 767 flying low to the ground at 350 mph would ruin a plant's ability to make electricity but not break the reactor's cement shield. Reason: A reactor, smaller in profile than the Pentagon or World Trade Center, would not absorb the full force of the plane's impact.** And, for all the force behind it, a plane, built of aluminum and titanium, has far less mass than the 20-foot-thick steel-and-concrete sarcophagus enclosing a nuclear reactor. It would be like dropping a watermelon on a fire hydrant from 100 feet. Another problem with theft is fencing the goods. **Most uranium thieves have been caught when they tried to sell the small amounts of radioactive material they have stolen. And the difficulties of theft do not end once al Qaeda gets its prize. Even if al Qaeda terrorists managed to steal a nuclear device or bought one from those standby villains of choice, Russian mobsters, they would still have to figure out how to break the codes and overturn the fail-safes.** All Russian and American devices have temperature and pressure sensors to defeat unauthorized use. Since intercontinental missiles are designed to pass through the upper atmosphere before descending to their targets, the terrorists would have to find a laboratory facility that could mimic the environment of the outer stratosphere. Good luck. **Council on Foreign Relations fellow Charles Ferguson told the Washington Post that "you don't just get it [a nuclear weapon] off the shelf, enter a code, and have it go off."**

**So Could Al Qaeda Make Its Own Bomb?: It appears that the terror network has tried and failed. In August 2001, bin Laden was envisioning attacks bigger than what happened on September 11. Almost a month before the attacks on New York and Washington, bin Laden and his deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri met with Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmood and Abdul Majeed, two officials once part of Pakistan's nuclear program. Mr. Mahmood had supervised the plant that enriched uranium for Pakistan's first bomb and later managed efforts to produce weapons-grade plutonium. Both scientists were arrested on Oct. 23, 2001. They remain under house arrest in Pakistan. At their meeting with bin Laden, they discussed plans to mine uranium from plentiful deposits in Afghanistan and talked about the technology needed to turn the uranium into bomb fuel. It was these scientists who informed bin Laden that the uranium from Uzbekistan was too impure to be useful for bomb making. Al Qaeda will keep trying, no doubt. But there is no evidence that they are near succeeding. A wide array of documents and computer hard drives found in al Qaeda safe houses reveals a serious effort to build weapons of mass destruction. The U.S. military also obtained a document with the sinister title of "Superbomb."**

In addition, CNN discovered a cache of documents at an al Qaeda safe house that outlined the terror network's WMD plans. David Albright, a physicist and president of the Institute for Science and International Security, was retained by CNN to evaluate the al Qaeda documents. **In "Al Qaeda's Nuclear Program: Through the Window of Seized Documents," a research paper for a think tank linked to the University of California at Berkeley, Albright concluded: "Whatever al Qaeda had accomplished towards nuclear weapon capabilities, its effort in Afghanistan was 'nipped in the bud' with the fall of the Taliban government. The international community is fortunate that the war in Afghanistan set back al Qaeda's effort to obtain nuclear weapons."** For now, suitcase-sized nuclear bombs remain in the realm of James Bond movies. Given the limitations of physics and engineering, no nation seems to have invested the time and money to make them. Both U.S. and the USSR built nuclear mines (as well as artillery shells), which were small but hardly portable--and all were dismantled by treaty by 2000. Alexander Lebed's claims and those of defector Stanislev Lunev were not based on direct observation. **The one U.S. official who saw a small nuclear device said it was the size of three footlockers--hardly a suitcase. The desire to obliterate cities is portable--inside the heads of believers--while, thankfully, the nuclear devices to bring that about are not** (Miniters, 2006).

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**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida Plotting Nuclear Attack On UK, Officials Warn*

**Abstract:** British intelligence officials believe that al-Qaida is determined to attack the UK with a nuclear weapon. The announcement, from an officially organized Foreign Office counter-terrorism briefing for the media, was the latest in a series of bleak assessments by senior officials and ministers about the terrorist threat facing Britain. **UK officials have detected "an awful lot of chatter" on jihadi websites expressing the desire to acquire chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons.** Asked whether there was any doubt that al-Qaida was trying to gain the technology to attack the west, including the UK, with a nuclear weapon, a senior Foreign Office counter-terrorism official said: **"No doubt at all."** The official explained: "We know the aspiration is there, we know the attempt to get material is there, we know the attempt to get technology is there." **For Al-Qaida and jihadis, a devastating nuclear attack on Britain, not just the use of a "dirty bomb", would be part of the desire and agenda to cripple the west, sources said. The network of the rogue Pakistani scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan, which is feared to have sold nuclear technology to Libya, Iran and North Korea, was broken up three years ago, but there are fears that other illegal networks may exist. British counter terrorism officials believe plots they have thwarted and plots they claim are being hatched have strong links to Pakistan.** They say hundreds of Britons travelled in the past year to Pakistan for terrorism activity, including training in camps and acting as couriers for messages. Officials also believe Britons are taking cash to terrorists in Pakistan (Dodd, 2006).

**Date:** March 30, 2007

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *America Unprepared For 'Likely' Nuke Attack*

**Abstract:** The most extensive study of the effects of nuclear detonations in four major U.S. cities paints a grim picture of millions of deaths, overwhelmed hospitals and loss of command-and-control capability by government. But the three-year study by researchers at the Center for Mass Destruction Defense at the University of Georgia says a concerted effort to teach civilians what to do in the event of a nuclear attack is the best – perhaps only – thing that could save an untold number of lives that will otherwise be needlessly lost. **"If a nuclear detonation were to occur in a downtown area, the picture would be bleak there," said Cham Dallas, director of the program and professor in the college of pharmacy.** "But in urban areas farther from the detonation, there actually is quite a bit that we can do. In certain areas, it may be possible to turn the death rate from 90 percent in some burn populations to probably 20 or 30 percent – and those are very big differences – simply by being prepared well in advance." While America was once prepared for nuclear war with civil defense shelters stocked with food and supplies and educational programs on how to react to a detonation, the report says the threat of a nuclear attack within the U.S. has grown significantly in recent years. **"The likelihood of a nuclear attack in an American city is steadily increasing, and the consequences will be overwhelming,"** said Dallas. "So we need to substantially increase our preparation." **The study looked at the impact of nuclear detonations of two sizes in New York, Washington, Chicago and Atlanta.** Both 20-kiloton and 550-kiloton blasts were modeled in what the authors claim is the most advanced and detailed simulation published in open scientific literature. The entire report, which also takes into account prevailing weather patterns and block-level population data from the U.S. Census Bureau, is published in the March issue of the International Journal of Health Geographics. **In the study's worst-case scenario, one 550-kiloton detonation in New York City was shown to result in a fallout plume extending the length of Long Island, resulting in the deaths of 5 million.** A similar weapon detonated in the nation's capital would destroy hospitals in Washington, but its fallout cloud would also incapacitate hospitals as far away as Baltimore, a city 40 miles from the District of Columbia. Even a relatively small 20-kiloton blast in a downtown area would result in almost unimaginable devastation – leaving debris tens of feet thick in streets with buildings 10 stories or higher. Roughly half the population in those areas would be killed, mainly from collapsed buildings. Most of those surviving the initial blast would be exposed to a fatal dose of radiation. The larger bomb would create additional and substantial casualties from burns. **Mass fires would consume cities, reaching out nearly four miles in all directions from the detonation site.** "The hospital system has about 1,500 burn beds in the whole country, and of these maybe 80 to 90 percent are full at any given time," said William Bell, senior research scientist and a faculty member of the college of public health. "There's no way of treating the burn victims from a nuclear attack with the existing medical system." The report points out hospitals, trauma centers and other medical assets are likely to be in "the fatality plume," rendering them essentially inoperable in the crisis. **"Among the consequences of this outcome would be the probable loss of command-and-control, mass casualties that will have to be treated in an unorganized response by hospitals on the periphery, as well as other expected chaotic outcomes from inadequate administration in a crisis,"** says the report. "Vigorous, creative and accelerated training and coordination among the federal agencies tasked for WMD response, military resources, academic institutions and local responders will be critical for large-scale WMD events involving mass casualties." Bell said a 20-kiloton nuclear weapon could be manufactured by

terrorists and countries such as North Korea and Iran. **The larger warhead is commonly found in the nuclear arsenal of the former Soviet Union and is likely to be stolen by terrorists.** The report confirms other findings that America is extremely vulnerable to a nuclear attack and unprepared to deal with its aftermath. In a July 31, 2005, confidential memo to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon analyst John Brinkerhoff concluded: **"The United States is unprepared to mitigate the consequences of a nuclear attack. We were unable to find any group of office with a coherent approach to this very important aspect of homeland security."** In other words, **after having spent more than \$300 billion to protect the homeland in the last five years, America is no closer to a civil defense strategy for a nuclear strike by terrorists.** "This is a bad situation," wrote Brinkerhoff. "The threat of a nuclear attack is real, and action is needed now to learn how to deal with one." Dallas is scheduled to address the United Nations for the second time in as many years where he will discuss options for repairing the crumbling sarcophagus surrounding the reactor that triggered the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986. He will also talk about the consequences of a nuclear attack and what nations can do about it. "We want to try to encourage people to pay attention to this, because it's not all the end of the world," said Dallas. **"There are actually steps that one can take to save lives. But we're running out of time"** (World Net Daily, 2007).

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**Source:** Huffington Post, Charles Perrow

**Title/Headline:** *The Likelihood Of Nuclear Terror*

**Abstract:** The threat of nuclear terrorism is having an upsurge. Terrorist expert Brian Jenkins, in an op-ed piece in the conservative *Washington Times* was cautious but saw the **possibility of a nuclear terrorist attack as real.** Another essay in that paper speculated that the **A.Q. Khan nuclear network in Pakistan could easily be activated.** All these sources emphasized foreign terrorists and rogue states, presumably because domestic terrorists are not inclined to radiological suicide. **The threat is, of course, real,** and the recommendation of sensible and well-informed people such as Michael May in the paper he circulated at the closed conference should be published and taken seriously. For one thing, **May argues that, in contrast to what many of us believe, most residents will survive a nuclear attack upon a major city.** The real danger is that **terrorists may realize the potential for massive kills by releasing the Weapons of Mass Destruction we have in or adjacent to our large cities,** such as the concentration of hazardous materials in our chemical plants, nuclear power plants, on our rail tracks, or the concentrations in our food industry. We have almost no defense against these (Perrow, 2007)

**Date:** May 31, 2007

**Source:** NewsMax

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida Plans Nuclear Attacks On 7 U.S. Cities*

**Abstract:** Among the explosive revelations in "The Day of Islam":

- **In 1996, al-Qaida's "paymaster" and a top lieutenant for bin Laden walked into a U.S. embassy in Africa and spilled the beans on the terror group's activities — including that al-Qaida had purchased nuclear material in the Sudan.**
- The incredible story of a Brooklyn, N.Y., mosque that was receiving "stipends" from Uncle Sam for more than \$2 million a year up until 1993 — when it was discovered the mosque was the nerve center for the first attack on the World Trade Center.
- The fact that despite the hoopla about the war on terror, only one member of bin Laden's shura — or high command — has been killed.
- The case of a Chicago charity that raised millions for bin Laden and even paid for one of his operatives whose sole job was to acquire nuclear weapons.
- **Evidence the Saudi intelligence service claims bin Laden has an arsenal of between 40 and 70 tactical nuclear weapons. Russian sources that claim bin Laden bought 12 to 15 fully assembled nuclear weapons.**
- Ties between al-Qaida and the Chechen rebels who allegedly acquired nuclear suitcase devices.
- **Bin Laden's claim to a Pakistani journalist two months before 9/11 that acquiring nuclear was "not difficult" — claiming they were available from Russia for between \$10 million and \$20 million.**
- **Author Tom Clancy's revelations he was "first bemused, then stunned" to find how easy it is for a wealthy person to develop a nuclear device equal to that dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.**
- **How atomic blueprints are available from Amazon.com! Evidence bin Laden spent between \$60 and \$100 million to build nuclear devices with the help of scientists from Pakistan, Russia, and China.**
- The damage even a low yield "junk" nuclear device would do to New York — with an estimated 250,000 dead in several days.
- The remarkable story of two British secret agents who penetrated al-Qaida's camps in Afghanistan — and reported to Britain that the terror group was finishing work on radiological weapons.
- **The stunning admission of the head of Britain's MI5 who confirmed that "renegade" scientists had provided al-Qaida with the knowledge they needed to build a nuclear device.**
- **New Jersey: the strange case of a Pakistani who died of radiological poisoning soon after 9/11, a man who had apparently served as a "mule" to transport the deadly material into the U.S.**
- **Axis of Evil: the secret alliance between al-Qaida and Iran that brings together two religious groups with one common goal: destroying the U.S. (NewsMax, 2007)**

**Date:** June 4, 2007

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Feds Hoped To Snag Bin Laden Nuke Expert In JFK Bomb Plot*

**Abstract:** Al Qaeda's so-called nuclear whiz kid - a "tantalizing terror figure" with a \$5 million bounty on his head - was the radical big



shot investigators had hoped to snag in their 18-month JFK-plot probe. The name of "invisible hand" **Adnan Gulshair el-Shukrijumah**, reportedly the man **Osama bin Laden** tapped to lead a previous scheme to detonate nuclear bombs simultaneously in several U.S. cities, came up at several points in taped conversations during the probe, according to law-enforcement sources familiar with the investigation. **Three Muslim men were nabbed in the alleged plan to attack John F. Kennedy International Airport** - the "chicken farm," as they dubbed it - which involved exploding a jet-fuel pipeline. A fourth suspect is at large. Given Shukrijumah's notoriety in the terror world and the fact that he grew up in Guyana, as did three of the suspects, probes immediately homed in on him. "Eyebrows went up," said one law-enforcement source. **"We thought he could be the invisible hand. He's always in the shadows, particularly in [the Caribbean].** He's passed through it, he's known, his name came up in the conversations. "He would have been the prize." So the feds allowed the probe to continue until the last moment, which came when **one of the suspects boarded a plane in Trinidad headed for Venezuela** - where the United States has no extradition agreement. Authorities weren't willing to risk losing him, so they "pulled the trigger" on the arrests, one source said (Fox News, 2007).

**Date:** June 11, 2007

**Source:** NewsMax, Robert Mueller

**Title/Headline:** *FBI's Mueller: Al-Qaida Has Intent To Use Nuclear Weapons*

**Abstract:** Robert S. Mueller, Director of the FBI, spoke this morning at the Global Initiative Nuclear Terrorism Conference in Miami: **We are here to discuss one of the most dangerous and deadly threats we face: nuclear terrorism.** Few threats fall into the same class in terms of sheer devastation, damage, and loss. Few strike such fear in the hearts of the public. And few threats are so appealing to terrorists around the world, for the same reasons. **It has been said that the September 11th attacks were a "failure of imagination." We cannot fail to imagine the consequences of a nuclear terrorist attack. Nor can we fail to imagine that there are those for whom such an event is the end game.** Prevention must be our end game. Should there be a nuclear attack anywhere in the world, it would mean in some sense that we have failed in our mission. That is why we are here this week. This morning, **I want to talk about the threat of nuclear terrorism. I want to touch on our collective efforts in the United States to keep our citizens safe. And I want to discuss what we in the international community must do to contain this threat.** Our roadmap is clear. We must start with the source: we must secure loose nuclear material. We must share intelligence about those who wish to buy and sell such material, and we must stop those who do. **Most importantly, we must stand strong together, for nuclear terrorism is a global threat that requires a global response. By some estimates, there is enough highly enriched uranium in global stockpiles to construct thousands of nuclear weapons.** And it is safe to assume that there are many individuals who would not think twice about using such weapons. The economics of supply and demand dictate that **someone, somewhere, will provide nuclear material to the highest bidder, and that material will end up in the hands of terrorists. Al Qaeda has demonstrated a clear intent to acquire weapons of mass destruction. In 1993, Osama bin Laden attempted to buy uranium from a source in the Sudan. He has stated that it is Al Qaeda's duty to acquire weapons of mass destruction.** And he has made repeated recruiting pitches for experts in chemistry, physics, and explosives to join his terrorist movement. Bin Laden is no small thinker. Prior to 2001, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed – the mastermind of the September 11th attacks – suggested flying a small plane filled with explosives into CIA Headquarters. As noted by the 9/11 Commission, bin Laden reportedly asked him, "Why do you use an axe when you can use a bulldozer?" **If 9/11 was the "bulldozer" of which bin Laden spoke, we can only imagine the impact of a full-scale nuclear attack.** Unfortunately, Al Qaeda central is not our only concern. We face threats from other terrorist cells around the world, and from homegrown terrorists who are not affiliated with Al Qaeda, but who are inspired by its message of hatred and violence. **Several rogue nations – and even individuals – seek to develop nuclear capabilities. Abdul Khan, for example, was not only the father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb, he peddled that technology to North Korea, Libya, and Iran. Khan was one of many to prove that it is indeed a seller's market in the so-called atomic bazaar. We have often said that the next terrorist attack is not a question of if, but when.** If we up the ante to a nuclear terrorist attack, we know it is a question of if, but we cannot let it become a question of when. Now is the time to act. Together, we are training our foreign partners in WMD detection, border security, undercover investigations, nuclear forensics, and crisis management. **To date, we have trained more than 5,000 participants from more than 23 countries. We all face the prospect that at some point in the near future, a terrorist will steal, smuggle, buy, or build a nuclear weapon.** We must focus on prevention; we cannot afford to wait for a calling card to announce an attack. **Our greatest weapon is unity.** That unity is built on intelligence and interagency cooperation. It is built on the idea that, together, we are smarter and stronger than we are standing alone. **No person, no police officer, no agency, and no country can prevent a nuclear terrorist attack on its own. There are too many unlocked doors and unknown players, too many ports and porous borders.** Yet together, we can stop the smuggling of nuclear material. We can stop those who seek to buy such material on the black market. **And we can stop terrorists from using this technology to threaten our citizens. We can, and we must.** Indeed, the greatest danger for each of us here today would be to do nothing. We must take action. And we must do so together. **Our safety can only be secured with the help of the international community. Years ago, we stood across from one another, divided by walls and different ways of life. Today, we stand together in this Global Initiative. We are united in a common cause.** It is my sincere hope that in the years to come, we will have no need to meet to address this threat. Let us begin to make that hope a reality (NewsMax, 2007).

**Date:** June 28, 2007

**Source:** Harvard Kennedy School, Graham Allison

**Title/Headline:** *No Loose Nukes: Preventing A Terrorist Nuclear Attack On The U.S.*

**Abstract:** Before 9/11 most Americans found the idea that international terrorists could mount an attack on their homeland and kill thousands of innocent citizens not just unlikely but inconceivable. After nearly six years without a second attack on U.S. soil, some skeptics suggest that 9/11 was a 100-year flood. **The view that terrorists are preparing even more deadly assaults seems as far-fetched to them as the possibility of terrorists crashing passenger jets into the World Trade Center did before that fateful Tuesday morning.**

**To assess the threat of nuclear terrorism, it is necessary to answer five questions:**

**1. Who could be planning a nuclear terrorist attack?:** Al-Qaida remains a formidable enemy with clear nuclear ambitions. Former CIA director George Tenet wrote in his memoirs that al-Qaida's leadership has remained "singularly focused on acquiring weapons of mass destruction" and willing to "pay whatever it would cost to get their hands on fissile material."

**2. What nuclear weapons could terrorists use?:** They could acquire an existing bomb from one of the nuclear weapons states or construct an elementary nuclear device from highly enriched uranium (HEU) made by a state. Theft of a warhead or material would not be easy, but attempted thefts in Russia and elsewhere are not uncommon. **Once a terrorist group acquires about 100 pounds of HEU, terrorists could conceivably construct a bomb such as the one dropped on Hiroshima.**

**3. Where could terrorists acquire a nuclear bomb?:** Russia is the most likely source of materials used for a nuclear attack. North Korea is a close second. Pyongyang has boasted that it not only possesses nuclear weapons but might export them, saying, "It's up to you whether we ... transfer them." **Furthermore, research reactors in 40 developing and transitional countries still hold the essential ingredient for nuclear bombs.**

**4. When could terrorists launch the first nuclear attack?:** If terrorists bought or stole a nuclear weapon in good working condition, they could explode it today. If the weapon had a lock, detonation would be delayed for several days. If terrorists acquired 100 pounds of HEU, they could have a working elementary nuclear bomb in less than a year.

**5. How could terrorists deliver a nuclear weapon to its target?:** The illicit economy for narcotics and illegal immigrants has built up a vast infrastructure that terrorists could exploit. **Based on current trends, a nuclear terrorist attack on the United States is more likely than not in the decade ahead.** To see what such an event would mean in your neighborhood, enter your ZIP code at [www.nuclearterror.org](http://www.nuclearterror.org). As horrific as that vision is, the most important but largely unrecognized truth is that this ultimate catastrophe is preventable

**I have proposed a strategy for a no-loose-nukes agenda under a "Doctrine of Three No's":**

- 1) No unsecured nuclear weapons and weapons-usable material; they should be locked down as quickly as possible.
- 2) No new domestic capabilities to enrich uranium or reprocess plutonium.
- 3) No expansion of the nuclear club beyond its current 8.5 members (the half being North Korea).

**Faced with the possibility of an American Hiroshima, many Americans are paralyzed by a combination of denial and fatalism. Either it hasn't happened so maybe it's not going to happen or, if it is going to happen, there's nothing we can do to stop it.** Both propositions are wrong. Citizens must press their elected officials to adopt a clear agenda for action and then hold them accountable for following through (Allison, 2007).

**Date:** July 21, 2007

**Source:** Rense, Webster G. Tarpley

**Title/Headline:** *Cheney Determined To Strike In US With WMD This Summer*

**Abstract:** The Cheney doctrine, which calls for a new super 9/11 with weapons of mass destruction in the US, to be used as the pretext for a nuclear attack on Iran and for martial law at home. Those who think the Republicans cannot hold the White House in 2008 have forgotten that neocons always prefer a coup d'etat to an election. As Cheney told Bob Schieffer of CBS's Face the Nation on April 15, 2007: **"The greatest threat now is "a 9/11 occurring with a group of terrorists armed not with airline tickets and box cutters, but with a nuclear weapon in the middle of one of our own cities."** Michael Chertoff's rationale was illuminated by an interview with Lt. Colonel Doug Delaney, the chair of the war studies program at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, a NATO intelligence center. Delaney was addressing the problems raised by the rising Canadian losses in Afghanistan, but he provided a valuable window into the minds of military planners when he observed, in the words of the interviewer: **"It may well be that the key to bolstering Western resolve is another terrorist attack like 9/11 or the London transit bombings of two years ago, he says. If nothing happens, it will be harder still to say this [Canadian meddling in Afghanistan] is necessary."** In other words, it may be time for a new false flag synthetic terror operation to gin up hysteria in North America to permit the present bankrupt elites to retain power and further grind down any spirit of popular resistance to such irrational rule. **Chertoff's fear-mongering was backed up by ousted Republican senator and notorious scoundrel Rick Santorum, who told a radio interviewer that "between now and November, a lot of things are going to happen, and I believe that by this time next year, the American public is going to have a very different view of this war."** Chertoff's reckless and inflammatory ventriloquism was the harbinger of the new US National Intelligence Estimate issued on July 17, 2007. The main thesis is that al Qaeda branches around the world are striving to infiltrate more operatives into the US for terror attacks on the US "homeland:" **"Although we have discovered only a handful of individuals in the United States with ties to al Qaeda senior leadership since 9/11, we judge that al Qaeda will intensify its efforts to put operatives here,"** opines the declassified summary of the underlying secret screed. **"As a result, we judge that the United States currently is in a heightened threat environment."** In a July 19 interview with Thomm Hartmann of Air America, Roberts cited Bush's July 17 executive order, which allows the US regime to seize the property of anyone found to be interfering with the reconstruction of Iraq. This radio warning was reported by the RIA-Novosti news agency of Moscow in numerous languages. The Moscow summary, dated July 20, begins: **"A former Reagan official has issued a public**

warning that the Bush administration is preparing to orchestrate a staged terrorist attack in the United States, transform the country into a dictatorship, and launch a war with Iran within a year." Also warning of new war provocations was Cindy Sheehan, who was traveling towards Washington DC to declare her challenge to failed House Speaker Pelosi. **She commented that there was a "distinct possibility" that America will be hit with another staged terror attack that will allow Bush to enact the martial law provisions he recently imposed by executive order.** These measures allow Bush to declare a domestic state of emergency in response to virtually any minor incident anywhere in the world. The Democratic Party Congressional leadership has known all about Cheney's plans for six months or more, as can be shown from the public record. On February 1, 2007, Zbigniew Brzezinski warned the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of ongoing machinations designed to procure war with Iran and beyond: **"A plausible scenario for a military collision with Iran involves Iraqi failure to meet the benchmarks, followed by accusations of Iranian responsibility for the failure; then by some provocation in Iraq or a terrorist act in the US blamed on Iran;** culminating in a 'defensive' US action against Iran that plunges a lonely America into a spreading and deepening quagmire eventually ranging across Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan" (Tarpley, 2007).

**Date:** 2008

**Source:** Harvard Square Library Review, Dr. Jonathan Dolhenty

**Title/Headline:** *Against Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** Graham Allison is one of America's leading experts on nuclear weapons and national security. He has served in the Department of Defense as assistant secretary of defense for policy and plans, is the director of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and a professor at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. **In other words, when this man speaks and writes on an issue where he has the expertise, it is prudent, very prudent, to pay attention to what he has to say.** And he has a lot to say in his new book entitled "Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe." I am a great fan of suspense thrillers and novels about spies, espionage, and international crises and disasters. How I wish that Allison's book was just another of my exciting leisure-time fictional entertainments! **But, unfortunately, this book is nonfiction: a serious, indeed extremely serious, and sober, discussion of the threat we face called "nuclear terrorism."** For example, one "dirty bomb," which simply consists of conventional explosives dispersing radioactive materials, exploded in downtown Manhattan, would make the island uninhabitable for years and result in many thousands of deaths from the immediate blast, from radiation poisoning over time, and from the immediate panic it would cause at the outset. And note: these radioactive materials are readily available in many medical and industrial facilities and, of course, explosives are so easy to obtain that they often fall into the hands of knowledgeable teenagers. Scary? Of course. But that's not the worst possibility that Allison discusses in his book. **Just suppose the bomb is a ten-kiloton nuclear weapon and it is smuggled into New York City,** not all that difficult to do since not every package container or usable vehicle can be searched or inspected. On the other hand, maybe it's already there, smuggled in long before this, just waiting to be activated. What would happen if it was detonated? Well, **according to Allison, if the bomb were set off in Times Square, up to a million people would probably die instantly. Thousands upon thousands more would be killed by collapsing buildings, fires, and the effects of radiation. Life and living, as New Yorkers have known it, would be changed forever in a matter of milliseconds. If you think it would be too difficult for a terrorist group to build a nuclear weapon, think again.** According to Allison, the only real difficulty to creating a nuclear weapon is getting one's hands on the fissionable material necessary to produce the nuclear explosion. This material is highly enriched uranium (HEU) or plutonium. Think that it's almost impossible for a would-be terrorist to obtain such material? Consider these facts the author has uncovered: In 1993, a Russian Navy captain entered a shipyard through an unguarded gate, broke into a building used to store nuclear submarine fuel, and stole three pieces of reactor core containing about ten pounds of HEU; In 1994, Czech police seized over eight pounds of HEU in the city of Prague, which was found inside a metal container in the back-seat of a car parked on a side street; In 2000, four Georgian nationals were arrested with about two pounds of HEU outside Batumi, the capital of the chaotic Adzhariya Autonomous Republic in Georgia. These are just a few examples. **Allison provides a lot more, even showing how such material could be stolen within the United States at certain nuclear storage sites.** After a chapter devoted to showing how easy it would be to acquire fissionable material, Allison devotes the next chapter to the question: **"When could terrorists launch the first nuclear attack?" You'll be surprised at the answer, I guarantee it.** The reader should pay particular attention to the sub-topic in this chapter about "Building It Yourself." The author even includes diagrams for a simple "gun-type" nuclear bomb and an implosion-type nuclear bomb. Is he being irresponsible? No, these diagrams are easily available to anyone elsewhere! Following this discussion, in the next chapter, Allison discusses the question, "How could terrorists deliver a nuclear weapon to its target?" A number of scenarios are offered and he shows how easy it would be to smuggle a nuclear device into the United States and, of course, into New York City or anywhere else. Now go back and read paragraphs two and three in this review. **So, is it hopeless? The first half of Allison's book would lead one to believe that this is the case.** But the author spends the second half of his book arguing that nuclear terrorism is preventable. And he provides a framework, a schematic of sorts, for a program of policies to prevent nuclear terrorism. First, there must be the "Three No's": No loose nukes, no new nascent nukes, and no new nuclear weapons states. Second, there must be the "Seven Yeses": Making the prevention of nuclear terrorism an absolute national priority, fighting a strategically focused war on terrorism, conducting a humble foreign policy, building a global alliance against nuclear terrorism, creating the intelligence capabilities required for success in the war on nuclear terrorism, dealing with dirty bombs, and constructing a multilayered defense. For the details of these no's and yeses, you'll just have to read the book. I think you'll find them reasonable and necessary. While Allison suggests a blueprint for prevention, it will ultimately be up to Americans and their government, hopefully in accord and alliance with other peoples of the world and their governments, to implement the policies he recommends. **"Nuclear Terrorism" is a book which needs to be read by every person who is concerned by the unprecedented threats which surround our lives today in a world which stands on the brink of a possible nuclear disaster.** Graham Allison has defined the problem, provided the facts, and suggested a solution. Now it is up to the rest of us to help create the climate wherein the solution he proposes can be implemented (Dolhenty, 2008).



Los Angeles  
Times

**Date:** January 6, 2008

**Source:** Los Angeles Times, Ralph Vartabedian

**Title/Headline:** *How The U.S. Seeks To Avert Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** About every three days, **unknown to most Americans, an elite team of federal scientists hits the streets in the fight against nuclear terrorism.** The deployments are part of an effort since 2001 to ratchet up the nation's defenses. **More than two dozen specialized teams have been positioned across the nation to respond to threats of nuclear terrorism, and as many 2,000 scientists and bomb experts participate in the effort.** Spending on the program has more than doubled since it was launched. And an evolving national policy aims to create a system of nuclear forensics, in which scientific analysis **could quickly identify the source of a nuclear attack or attempted attack.** The counter-terrorism efforts are becoming routine. Scientists in specially equipped helicopters and airplanes use radiation detectors to scan cities for signs of weapons. They blend into crowds **at major sporting events,** wearing backpacks containing instruments that can identify plutonium or highly enriched uranium. "After everything else fails, we come in," said Deborah A. Wilber, the scientist who directs the Office of Emergency Response at the Energy Department's National Nuclear Security Administration. **"I don't believe it is a question of if it will happen. It is a question of when."** The scientists are also experts in the rapidly evolving field of nuclear forensics, which aims to track nuclear materials to their country of origin. **Even if a bomb detonates, fallout can be analyzed to identify the terrorists and their state sponsors. A retaliatory strike could be the response.** The idea is to force other nations to take better care of their own nuclear fuels or else find themselves in the cross hairs of the U.S. nuclear arsenal. **A successful terrorist nuclear attack would trigger the so-called national response plan.** Many federal agencies would swing into action, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Defense Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice, as would myriad obscure offices unknown to the vast majority of Americans. For example, the National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center, based at the Livermore lab, would run advanced computation models of fallout patterns to provide evacuation plans for potentially millions of people. **Whether so many federal agencies could work together in the chaos of a nuclear attack, all while coordinating with state and local officials, is a matter of grave concern in Congress.** "If you tell 100 million people to go east, 25 million will go west because they don't trust the government," said Jay C. Davis, a retired weapons scientist who is working on the forensics study. The forensics study is trying to assess how authoritative the U.S. could be in **attributing a nuclear device to a particular source and in making its case to the American public and the rest of the world.** Davis said it was hoped that nuclear forensics could determine the size of a detonation within one hour; the sophistication of the bomb design within six hours; how the fuel was enriched within 72 hours; and the peculiar details of national design -- **"Does this look like a Russian, a Chinese or a Pakistani device, or something we have never seen before?"** -- within a week. What next? That part of the strategy is still evolving. **Retaliation is one option that counter-terrorism officials have suggested in congressional testimony.** Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Pasadena), who has sponsored legislation to increase funding for nuclear forensics, suggested that any policy had to be flexible. "It would be left to the administration in office to determine what the repercussions would be," he said. Deterrence might depend simply on the perception that the U.S. could respond with a counterstrike. But if nuclear fuel were traced back to Russia, would the U.S. start a nuclear exchange? And what if the nuclear materials came from the U.S.? (Vartabedian, 2008).

**Date:** February 27, 2008

**Source:** ABC News, Brian Ross, Vic Walter, Eric Longabardi

**Title/Headline:** *9/11 Redux: 'Thousands Of Aliens' In U.S. Flight School Illegally*

**Abstract:** Richard A. Horn, a regional security official from the Transportation Security Administration stated that, **"Some of the very same conditions that allowed the 9-11 tragedy to happen in the first place are still very much in existence today,"** and that, "Thousands of aliens, some of whom may very well pose a threat to this country, are taking flight lessons, being granted FAA certifications and are flying planes." Former FAA inspector Bill McNease validated Horn's concern and stated that, **"TSA's enforcement is basically nonexistent."** McNease said that in 2005 alone, he found some **8,000 foreign students in the FAA database that got their pilot licenses without ever being approved by the TSA** (Ross, Walter, & Longabardi, 2008).

**Date:** February 27, 2008

**Source:** Sky News, Haydon Wallace

**Title/Headline:** *White House Fears Of Nuclear Terrorist Threat*

**Abstract:** **There are real fears in White House circles that Al Qaeda could get hold of a nuclear bomb from Pakistan.** Former US Ambassador to the UN, John Bolton, a confidante of the Administration declared: **"I think there is a very real threat that if Musharraf falls or is assassinated, that a radical Islamic government will take control."** Then you would have a very grave threat of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal being used for international terrorist purposes." The report went on to state that Osama bin Laden has always said he hopes to detonate a nuclear device in Western cities. **Pakistan has enough material for 70 nuclear weapons, an unstable military regime, strong Islamic fundamentalism in military and government circles and groups like Al Qaeda on its territory** (Wallace, 2008)



**Date:** March 7, 2008

**Source:** CBS News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Commander Warns Of Homeland Terror Threat*

**Abstract:** Al Qaeda terrorists may be plotting more urgently to attack the United States to maintain their credibility and ability to recruit followers, the U.S. military commander in charge of domestic defense said. Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart, chief of the U.S. Northern Command, also told reporters that he has not seen any direct threats tied to the U.S. presidential elections. But he said it would be rash to think that such threats are not there. "We need only to look at Spain and see that they're certainly willing to try to do something that is significant that could affect an election process," Renuart said. **"I think it would be imprudent of us to let down our guard believing that if there's no credible threat that you know of today, there won't be something tomorrow."** While he said that U.S. authorities have thwarted attacks on a number of occasions, he said **terrorist cells may be working harder than ever to plot high-impact events.** He did not point to any specific intelligence that authorities have received but said the "chatter" they are hearing **"gives me no reason to believe they're going to slow down" in their efforts to target the U.S.** "If an organization like that is to maintain credibility and continue to grow more of its extremists, it has to show tangible results," Renuart said. "So I think there may be a certain sense of urgency among that organization to have an effect. So it would tell me that they're trying harder." Asked about the terror threat, Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said, **"There continues to be no credible information telling us about an imminent threat to homeland at this time."** In July, U.S. intelligence analysts, in a threat assessment, concluded that al Qaeda had rebuilt its operating capability to a level not seen since just before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. **The report said the terror network had regrouped along the Afghan-Pakistan border,** but it also noted that officials knew of no specific credible threat of an attack on U.S. soil. About the same time, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff raised eyebrows when he said he had a **"gut feeling" that the United States faced a heightened risk of attack.** Later, Chertoff said the U.S. has successfully lowered the risk of a large-scale domestic terrorist attack for the near future. **"We have significantly reduced the risk of a major attack in the short term,"** Chertoff told a group of editors at The Washington Post in a report posted online. The chatter, which included public audio and video tapes released on the Internet by **al Qaeda leaders, suggests that they are looking for a way to have a big impact again,** he said. Pressed for details, he said the chatter was more common but "whether that's louder or more ominous, I'm not sure I'm ready to draw that conclusion." He did, however, repeat his assertion - which he first made in July - that **he believes there are al Qaeda cells or sympathizers within the United States.** President Bush, in a speech said the United States remained under threat from terrorists. Marking the fifth anniversary of the creation of the Homeland Security Department, Bush said that in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks **"it was hard to imagine that we would reach this milestone without another attack on our homeland."** Yet he said, **"On this anniversary, we must also remember that the danger to our country has not passed. Since the attacks of 9/11, the terrorists have tried to strike our homeland again and again. We've disrupted numerous planned attacks - including a plot to fly an airplane into the tallest building on the West Coast and another to blow up passenger jets headed for America across the Atlantic Ocean."** Mr. Bush said the lesson is clear: **"The enemy remains active, deadly in its intent - and in the face of this danger, the United States must never let down its guard"** (CBS News, 2008).



**Date:** April 2, 2008

**Source:** USA Today, Mimi Hall

**Title/Headline:** *Experts To Testify Of 'Growing' Nuke Threat To U.S*

**Abstract:** The government must act to reduce the threat of nuclear terrorism in a major U.S. city, senior government officials and top terrorism experts are scheduled to tell the Senate. Testifying as part of a months-long Senate investigation into the government's ability to prevent a nuclear attack, the experts will paint **a chilling picture of a post-nuclear America: hundreds of thousands of dead, \$1 trillion in damage, and panic nationwide.** **"The prospect of terrorists detonating a nuclear device on American soil sometime within the next quarter-century is real and growing,"** according to prepared testimony from Gary Anthony Ackerman, research director of the Homeland Security Department-funded National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. **"Such a calamitous attack would represent a game-changing event far exceeding the impact of 9/11 on the nation."** Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, director of the Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, outlined several steps the government has taken to mitigate the threat. Among them are working with other governments to try to eliminate and secure nuclear stockpiles. **"Today, al-Qaeda's nuclear intent remains clear,"** his testimony says. The near-monthly reports of people trying to smuggle "real or purported" nuclear materials means "that we collectively have not done enough to suppress trafficking and ensure the security of all nuclear materials worldwide," according to his testimony. The Senate committee is conducting the government's first investigation into nuclear terrorism and the needs and plans for responding. Committee Chairman Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., said Tuesday that the hearing "is not to encourage unnecessary fear but to confront the threatening realities so that we can then deal with them in defense of our country and people." Charlie Allen, intelligence chief at the Homeland Security Department, said, **"One of our gravest concerns is the entry of a nuclear device or materials into the U.S."** In testimony, Allen said he does not believe that any terrorist group has a nuclear device in hand, but "the terrorist threat is dynamic and constantly evolving" (Hall, 2008).



**Date:** April 5, 2008

**Source:** NDTV News, Lalit K. Jha

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida Nuclear Attack In Planning Stages*

**Abstract:** **Al-Qaida's nuclear attack against the US is in planning stages**, top American intelligence officials have said. Deposing before a Congressional Committee on Homeland Security early this week, **these US intelligence officials told US lawmakers that the threat of nuclear attack by the Taliban was growing and there is need to enhance its security measures.** Charles Allen, Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis and Chief Intelligence Officer at the Department of Homeland Security; and Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, the director of Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence for the Department of Energy testified before this key Congressional committee on nuclear terrorism on April 2, 2008. **"There's been a long-term effort by Al-Qaida, to develop an improvised nuclear device,"** Allen said. "I have no doubt that Al-Qaida would like to obtain nuclear capability. **I think the evidence in their statements that they've made over many years publicly indicate this,**" he argued in his testimony. Giving details of the Al-Qaida preparation, based on years on intelligence inputs, Mowatt-Larssen said: **"An Al-Qaida nuclear attack would be in the planning stages at the same time as several other plots, and only Al-Qaida's most senior leadership will know which plot will be approved."** In keeping with Al-Qaida's normal management structures such as the role of Khalid Sheikh Muhammad in the 9/11 attacks, Mowatt-Larssen said there is probably a single individual in charge, overseeing the effort to obtain materials and expertise. **The intelligence officials commented that some nuclear experts / scientists may have joined Al-Qaida years ago, long before the world began paying adequate attention to the proliferation of the kinds of technologies that could yield a terrorist nuclear weapon.** Referring to the planning of the 9/11 attack, Mowatt-Larssen said it was operationally very straightforward. **"It had a very small footprint, was highly compartmented. Al-Qaida's nuclear effort would be just as compartmented and probably would not require the involvement of more than a small number of operatives who carried out 9/11,"** he said. Mowatt-Larssen then went out to divulge his information about a prototypical Al-Qaida nuclear attack plot. This would have, he said, approval and oversight from Al-Qaida's most senior leadership, with possible assistance from other groups and a planner responsible for organizing the material, expertise and fabrication of a device; operational support facilitator, responsible for arranging travel, money, documents, food and other necessities for the cell; assets in the United States or within range of other Western targets to case locations for an attack and to help move the attack team into place; and finally, the attack team itself. **This hearing was followed by another classified session wherein other details about the possible nuclear attack by the Al-Qaida terrorist network were possibly explained to the US lawmakers in details.** "Beyond the basics I have outlined here, we do not know what a terrorist plot might look like. There is, however, a chokepoint in a terrorist effort to develop a nuclear capability. It is impossible to build a nuclear weapon without fissile material," he said. The officials said that the task for the intelligence community is not easy. **"We must find something that is tactical in size but strategic in impact. We must find a plot with its networks that cut across traditional lines of counter proliferation and counterterrorism. We must stop something from happening that we have never seen happen before,"** he said. Mowatt-Larssen said the US successes against Taliban in Afghanistan have yielded volumes of information that completely changed its view of Al-Qaida's nuclear program. **"We learned that Al-Qaida wants a weapon to use, not a weapon to sustain and build a stockpile, as most states would,"** he said. "The nuclear threats that surfaced in June 2002 and continued through the fall of 2003 demonstrated that Al-Qaida's desire for a nuclear capability may have survived their removal from their Afghanistan safe haven," he said. Observing that the Al-Qaida's nuclear intent remains clear, he said it obtained a fatwa in May 2003 that approved the use of weapons of mass destruction. Al-Qaida spokesman Suleyman Abu Ghayth declared that it is Al-Qaida's right to kill four million Americans in retaliation for Muslim deaths that Al-Qaida blames on the United States. **"Osama bin Laden said in 1998 that it was an Islamic duty to acquire weapons of mass destruction. In 2006, bin Laden reiterated his statement that Al-Qaida will return to the United States. He said Al-Qaida has a track record of returning to finish a job they started. They failed at the World Trade Center in 1993. They came back in 2001. They canceled plans for chemical attacks in the US in 2003. "We do not yet know when and where they intend to strike us next, but our past experience strongly suggests they are seeking an attack more spectacular than 9/11,"** he said. "To delve a little into how they may be thinking about the nuclear option, at any given moment, Al-Qaida probably has attack plans in development. Nine-eleven was planned when the USS Cole was attacked in Yemen and when our embassies in Dar es Salaam and Tanzania were attacked in Africa," he said. In his testimony Dr. Matthew Bunn, a senior research associate for the Project on Managing the Atom at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's School of Government said **there is greater chance than ever that the Al-Qaida would get the material and manage to make it into a bomb. "I think then the next question is if they got the material, and they managed to make it into a bomb, could they somehow deliver it to Washington, or New York, or another major city somewhere around the world. I think, in my view, the answer is yes,"** he said. Bunn said in case a bomb goes off there would be blackmailing tactics from these terrorists' organizations. **"One has to recall that the moment after a nuclear bomb goes off, someone -- either the perpetrator or another terrorist group -- is going to call up and say, "I've got five more, and they're already hidden in U.S. cities, and I'm going to start setting them off unless you do X, Y and Z." And one bomb having just gone off, they will have substantial credibility,"** he argued. "The prospect for panic, uncontrolled mass evacuation of our cities, economic chaos and disruption is, I think, very great." Deposing before the Congressional committee, Gary Ackerman, research director for the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism at the University of Maryland said at present the efforts of non-state actors seeking to acquire and use nuclear weapons are growing in size and scope. **"Jihadists have, since the mid 1990s, made at least 10 statements advocating the possession or use of nuclear weapons, and there have been at least a dozen reports of jihadists' attempts to acquire nuclear weapons, fissile material or technical knowledge,"** he said. **"As an initial indicator of this trend, a recent analysis of online jihadist documents that deal explicitly with nuclear weapons has revealed that while their knowledge is still below par, there have been significant advances in the understanding of nuclear issues within the general jihadi community in only a few short years,"** Ackerman said (NDTV News, 2008).

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**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda Supporters' Tape To Call For Use Of WMDs*

**Abstract:** Intelligence and law enforcement sources tell ABC News they are expecting **al Qaeda supporters will post a new video on the Internet in the next 24 hours, calling for what one source said is "jihadists to use biological, chemical and nuclear weapons to attack the West."** "There have been several reports that al Qaeda will release a new message calling for the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) against civilians," FBI spokesman Richard Kolko told ABC News in an e-mail. "Although there have been similar messages in the past, the FBI and [Department of Homeland Security] have no intelligence of any specific plot or indication of a threat to the U.S.," the e-mail said. "The FBI and U.S. intelligence community will review the message for any intelligence value." While there is no evidence of any direct threat, the FBI sent a bulletin to 18,000 law enforcement agencies across the country, out of an abundance of caution (Thomas & Cook, 2008).

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**Title/Headline:** *Going Ballistic: Saving L.A. From Nuclear Terror*

**Abstract:** These days, working as a policy wonk on nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament, **I am sometimes asked whether the danger of nuclear terror is "real" – or whether, instead, certain modern-day Machiavellis are manipulating our most nightmarish fears, to promote their own cynical political agendas.** "How do you know," I am inclined to reply, "that it isn't both?" **Nuclear Terror – Mission Impossible?** During the Cold War, it became commonplace to observe that "mutually assured destruction," or MAD, was surely the most appropriate acronym in human history. But I have always preferred the label given to fun characters like me who study these things, "nuclear use theorists," whom one can hardly resist acronyming as NUTS. The NUTS today usually identify four broad scenarios that can loosely be called "nuclear terror." (This is the framework adopted, for example, by the excellent 2005 book *The Four Faces of Nuclear Terrorism* by Charles D. Ferguson and William C. Potter.) In one, perpetrators obtain – through theft, bribery, a paramilitary operation, pick your poison – an intact nuclear warhead. There are probably more than 25,000 worldwide. **Then, they find a way to transport it to a "high-value target" (e.g., a large American city). Then, they find a way to set it off. The sudden and unexpected vaporization of a major American city, without any warning whatsoever, by your everyday garden-variety nuclear warhead, would kill tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, possibly even more than a million.** All in the blink of an eye, the snap of a finger, the single beat of a human heart. Many thousands more would die slow and agonizing deaths from radiation poisoning in the weeks that followed – and all our modern medical marvels will do little even to alleviate their suffering, let alone to save their lives. It could also plunge the planet into a worldwide depression. **It could plunge the U.S. into martial law. It could plunge the nation into military responses – without evidence any state was behind the dastardly deed – that could take us from nuclear terror to nuclear war.** In which case, the death and devastation would increase by a factor of 10. Or 100. Or more. (Khrushchev famously observed that after a nuclear exchange, "the survivors will envy the dead.") In another scenario, perpetrators obtain – through similar methods – weapons-usable plutonium or highly enriched uranium (HEU). (The latter is far more likely, since HEU is easier to handle, easier to procure, and easier to design a bomb around.) Then they manage to assemble it into a crude nuclear device, transport it to the target (unless they had actually built it in, oh, a warehouse in Culver City), and set it off. If successfully constructed with a large enough yield, such an act could have identical consequences. In another scenario, perpetrators attack or sabotage a nuclear power plant, causing not a nuclear explosion but a release of radioactivity. Such an act could kill thousands, and contaminate hundreds of square miles for many years to come. Finally, perpetrators obtain a bit of radioactive material, assemble a conventional explosive around it, and set it off in a concentrated urban area – discharging radioactivity in all directions. That's the "dirty bomb" you have heard so much about. While such a bomb could kill hundreds, contaminate several square miles, and impose a widespread psychological shock, its consequences would be nothing like those of an actual nuclear explosion. Our focus today is on the first two scenarios. They are probably less likely than the last two scenarios. Nevertheless, they are enormously, almost inconceivably, more catastrophic. In a disturbing article in the November/December 2006 issue of *Foreign Policy* magazine, Peter D. Zimmerman and Jeffrey G. Lewis constructed a chillingly plausible nuclear terror scenario. Zimmerman and Lewis argued that such a project could be undertaken **by as few as 19 terrorist operatives, including a few nuclear physicists, a few expert machinists, an experienced metallurgist, perhaps one or two ballistics specialists, and perhaps a couple of electrical engineers. This team, the authors claim, in the space of a year, for a cost of less than \$5.5 million, could easily construct the kind of simple gun-like device that killed more than 100,000 people at Hiroshima.** But only if, first, they had managed to procure the necessary HEU. Is that possible? Let's ask Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency and winner of the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize. In a speech in Munich in February, he said that his agency tackles 150 cases of illicit nuclear trafficking every year. **Some of the material reported stolen has never been recovered, he said, and "a lot of the material recovered has never been reported stolen."** Right next to *Foreign Policy* on the newsstands that same month, in the November/December 2006 issue of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, Nick Schwellenbach and Peter D.H. Stockton presented a terrifying new nuclear nightmare. **Suicide terrorists might launch a lightning paramilitary operation on an American nuclear facility, barricade themselves inside, and quickly improvise a nuclear detonation right there. How? Unbelievably, simply by holding 100 pounds of HEU six feet above a similar mass, and letting go – giving disturbing new meaning to the phrase "dropping the atom bomb."** Luis Alvarez, Nobel Laureate in Physics, said famously more than two decades ago, "With modern weapons-grade uranium, terrorists, if they have such material, would have a good chance of setting off a high-yield explosion simply by dropping one half of the material onto the other half. Most people seem unaware that if separated U-235 is at hand, it's a trivial job to set off a nuclear explosion." But surely, the American nuclear laboratories must be among the most extraordinarily secured facilities anywhere on the planet! If there are any American assets that we can guarantee terrorists will never infiltrate, it must be these, right? Not according to the people responsible for testing such security. **In 2004, a U.S. government team of mock terrorists breached the boundaries of Oak Ridge, and managed to "kill" the entire lab security force in 90 seconds.** Similar episodes have apparently taken place at Los Alamos as well. Richard Levernier, who led several such mock attacks there, says, "In

more than 50 percent of our tests ... we got in, captured the plutonium, got out again, and in some cases didn't fire a shot because we didn't encounter any guards." That astonishing revelation suggests the "dropping the bomb" scenario needn't take place in a nuclear lab. It could just as easily be done in that Culver City garage.

**Osama bin Laden: Scratching A Nuclear Itch:** Osama bin Laden's thirst for the atom bomb dates back at least to 1992, when he reportedly tried to purchase nuclear materials in South Africa. Al Qaeda operatives have apparently sought intact nuclear warheads from both Chechen separatists and Pakistani scientists – the latter most alarmingly in a chilling meeting in Afghanistan just weeks prior to the attacks of September 11, 2001. American troops in Afghanistan discovered drawings of rudimentary nuclear devices in Al Qaeda sanctuaries. **The 9/11 Commission concluded, "Al Qaeda has tried to acquire or make nuclear weapons for at least 10 years [...] and continues to pursue its strategic goal of obtaining a nuclear capability."** After his organization had murdered nearly 3,000 innocent souls on 9/11, Al Qaeda spokesman Sulaiman Abu Ghaith alleged that American policies, over the decades, had killed many more Muslims than that. He then drew what was for him a logical conclusion: **"We have not yet reached parity with them. We have the right to kill four million Americans – two million of them children."** Al Qaeda, of course, has its share of internal dissensions and disagreements. Lawrence Wright, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his masterful study *The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*, discussed some of them in the June 2 issue of *The New Yorker*. Wright described an ideological and theological civil war inside the worldwide terrorist organization. He pointed to the transformation of longtime bin Laden colleague Sayyid Imam al-Sharif, known as "Dr. Fadl," who – **writing from an Egyptian prison – now conclusively rejects all Islamic justification for Al Qaeda's terror attacks, and also insists that 9/11 itself was, on balance, "a catastrophe for Muslims."** However, it scarcely needs saying that complete internal unity and ideological unanimity are hardly essential to pulling off a successful nuclear terror attack on an American city. **Zimmerman and Lewis say that no more than 19 individuals could pull it off!** Few things could be more fatuous than to read the reports of investigative journalists like Wright and conclude that because some within the jihadist world have foresworn the terrorist road, no one else remains on the march.

**MAD World:** The United States has immense military capabilities, including thousands of nuclear weapons of unimaginable destructive power. Surely, our massive nuclear arsenal will cause bin Laden, and his acolytes or imitators, to rethink aspirations for nuclear mass murder, and to step back from the atomic abyss. Won't it? Of course not. **Because our nuclear weapons, and our nuclear doctrines, are all directed at the power of states. And Al Qaeda is not a state. Osama bin Laden does not control any territory. Terrorists are non-state actors. And our vast, bristling nuclear arsenal can do nothing, absolutely nothing, to deter a non-state actor.** There are at least five fundamental reasons why this is so. First, if the terrorist does not control any territory, then there is no infrastructure, no capital city, no place to threaten to retaliate against. This is the crucial difference between Osama bin Laden and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. For all the current turmoil about the mere possibility that Iran might someday acquire a few nuclear weapons, it is inconceivable that Ahmadinejad could ever actually use one, without ensuring both personal and national suicide. But bin Laden does not face such a constraint. Mohamed ElBaradei, in his February 2008 speech in Munich, stated this as clearly as anyone. **"This, to me, is the most danger we are facing today,"** he said. **"Because any country, even if they have nuclear weapons, would continue to have a rational approach. They know if they use a nuclear weapon, they will be pulverized. For an extremist group, there is no concept of deterrence. If they have it, they will use it."** Second, if the terrorists are not traditional "rational actors" wanting to preserve their own lives, then threatening them with nuclear obliteration is no discouragement at all. As we saw on 9/11, and in many horrific terrorist episodes since, many are quite willing to commit suicide to serve their odious aims. Third, if the terrorist does want to preserve his own life and we seek to deter him by threatening to kill him, we can do that in any conceivable circumstance with conventional weaponry alone. Fourth, **we may not know where the perpetrators are. After all, we still cannot locate bin Laden nearly seven years after the horror of 9/11.** Finally, we may not even know who the perpetrators are. Some terror attacks in recent years have been followed by no claims of responsibility at all. Imagine it's the day after, the month after, the year after the sudden vanishing of an American city, and we never get any idea at all who did it. **The U.S. Army didn't protect us on 9/11. The U.S. Air Force didn't protect us on 9/11. The U.S. Navy, with its 11 "aircraft carrier battle groups" (no other country has even one), didn't protect us on 9/11.** And the thing that protected us the least on 9/11 was our swollen atomic stockpile, our so-called "nuclear deterrent," our arsenal of the apocalypse. **More than 10,000 American nuclear warheads, of incomprehensible destructive force. And they failed utterly to deter 19 men armed with box cutters. Nor will they deter the nuclear terrorists.** What are we going to do, threaten to fire a nuclear cruise missile through the balcony window of their \$750-a-month bachelor apartment in suburban Las Vegas? **The Los Angeles office of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR, the American affiliate of my own organization, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, winner of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize) projected the results of an atomic warhead the size of the Hiroshima bomb – about 15 kilotons – detonating at noon on a weekday in downtown Los Angeles. They concluded that more than 117,000 people would perish instantly, more than 15,000 more would die within a few hours, and more than 96,000 after that would slowly wither away. Similarly, the RAND Corporation released a study in August 2006 calculating the effects of a 10-kiloton device exploding shortly after unloading onto a pier at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the busiest in the United States. They concluded that 60,000 people would die at once, 150,000 would be directly exposed to hazardous radiation, and 2 to 3 million would have to relocate immediately because their homes would be hopelessly contaminated. The aspiring nuclear terrorists are probably not in a hurry. Time is on their side. Everything we have learned since 9/11 about those in the inner circles of terror indicates that they are tough, smart, implacably dedicated, and in it for the long haul. (Recall the enormous flap when television host Bill Maher, immediately after 9/11, asserted that men who rationally chose to slam themselves into concrete buildings could hardly be called cowards.) That is not to say that a successful nuclear terror attack will be easy for aspiring nuclear terrorists to make happen. Many may try but fall short along the way. But if those who aspire to pull off the necessary sequence of events fail 999 times out of 1,000, but manage just a single time to obtain an atom bomb, or to build an atom bomb, and then to transport it into the heart of a large American city, we lose. "You have to be lucky every single time," the Irish Republican Army used to say. "We have to be lucky just once." So is there anything we can do to prevent the nightmare of nuclear terror? Indeed. There are answers in the short term, answers in the medium term, and answers – most importantly**

– in the long term. Because the only long-term solution to the threat of nuclear terror – and to all the other worrisome nuclear scenarios we can conjure – is the abolition of nuclear weapons.

**Short-Term Fixes:** In the short term, we must do everything possible to ensure that no nuclear warheads or materials find their way into the clutches of Al Qaeda or anyone else with similar mass murder ambitions. Michael Levi's important 2007 book *On Nuclear Terrorism* provides grounds for optimism. The physicist argues that nuclear terror will likely be quite a bit more difficult to pull off than some (often with political motives) have argued. Levi argues that while the "lucky every time/lucky once" framework is not untrue when considered over the course of many plots, each individual plot can be tackled from precisely the opposite perspective. **The aspiring nuclear terrorists, he argues, have to succeed at every step of a complex and difficult process. The authorities, on the other hand, only need to nab them once.** Consequently, Levi advocates a systematic, interactive, many-layered strategy of prevention, one that integrates "controls over nuclear materials and weapons, military power, diplomacy, intelligence, covert action, law enforcement, border security, and consequence management," all seeking to disrupt the aspiring nuclear terrorist at many potential chokepoints along the way. For all our worries about North Korea, Iran, and the several states that may eventually follow their lead, priority number one in the nuclear terror realm has to be Russia. **Russia today has several thousand nuclear weapons, and hundreds of tons of nuclear material, at perhaps as many as 250 sites.** "The actual amount of weapon-usable nuclear material in Russia," says national security expert Joseph Cirincione, "may not even be known by the Russian government." In 1997, retired Soviet General Alexander Lebed claimed that when the USSR unraveled at the end of 1991, Soviet authorities lost track of more than 100 nuclear weapons roughly the size of a suitcase. Lebed's widely publicized claim has never been conclusively confirmed or refuted. But what he put forth was hardly an implausible scenario. Russia is not the only country where we have to worry about loose nuclear weapons and materials. **The long history of transfers of nuclear technology and knowledge by the now infamous A.Q. Khan network certainly suggests that Pakistan, or particular Pakistani individuals, could serve as a source for aspiring nuclear terrorists.** The martial law declared by President Pervez Musharraf in late 2007, followed soon thereafter by the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and subsequent electoral setbacks for Musharraf, set off a flurry of commentaries about the worrisome nuclear chaos inside Pakistan that – still – might ensue. Of course, enhancing port and border safeguards in the United States must remain a perpetually high priority. **The Bush administration, commendably, has made considerable progress in this regard since September 11, 2001. Before 9/11, not a single container crossing our border was screened for radioactivity. Today, more than 80 percent are.** Still, the sheer volume of global commerce makes this job almost impossibly big. To find smuggled nuclear materials in the vast sea of consumer goods shipped by container around the world is to seek the proverbial needle in a haystack. An article in the October 2006 issue of *Risk Analysis* magazine reported the results of a rigorous statistical evaluation of U.S. container screening capabilities, and concluded, **"The likelihood that the current screening system would detect a shielded nuclear weapon is quite low (around 10 percent)."** So it is beyond naive to imagine that these kinds of short-term steps, no matter how elaborate, can forestall the fateful day forever. Strict controls over all things nuclear may well save us in the short term. But in the medium term, we need to reduce not just the availability of nuclear weapons and materials, but also the motivations for nuclear terror.

**Medium-Range Ballistic Missions:** Western leaders would do well to recall that the very first word in the very first work of Western literature, Homer's *Iliad*, is *menis*. Anger. Wrath. Rage. During the Vietnam War, it was often said that every time we killed a Viet Cong guerrilla, we created two more. Isaac Newton's laws of action and reaction do not apply only to billiard balls. **The Bush administration has consistently rejected any suggestion that we consider what might motivate impressionable young Muslim men to show up on Al Qaeda's doorstep.** White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan blithely dismissed the "truce" that Osama bin Laden floated on January 19, 2006, indicating that President Bush had given it not a nanosecond's consideration. **"We do not negotiate with terrorists,"** he said. **"We put them out of business."** But can't we be more in the international arena than a hammer looking for nails? **Do Americans have even a clue about the depth of the bitterness, the scale of the humiliations, the extent of the resentments simmering around the planet toward us?** George Bush's foreign policies have made us new foreign enemies. George Bush's defense policies have weakened our defenses. **George Bush's responses to 9/11 have made future 9/11's – possibly far worse than the original 9/11 – far more likely to occur.** So much for Republicans being "strong on defense." **There are undoubtedly hard-core terror types out there who are determined to attack us no matter what.** Obviously, we must do everything we can to prevent them from acting, and to make sure that we get them before they get us. **But thousands more out there are still thinking about it. Thousands of young Muslim men are on the fence. They have perhaps spent their childhoods in madrasa Islamic religious schools. Their families have lived in poverty for as long as anyone can remember. They are unemployed and idle. They are looking for some purpose in life, some meaning, perhaps even some cause worth dying for. The next president must do more than simply threaten these potential perpetrators, if we want to dissuade them from marching down the dead end terrorist road.** Perhaps we could talk in a serious way about global economic inequality, about the cultural humiliations arguably at the root of the so-called "clash of civilizations." We might actually seek to dry up some of the swamps of hopelessness, exploitation, and despair around the world. We might offer the dispossessed some rewards for the better choice, some hope and opportunity, some promise of full participation in a prosperous and peaceful global civilization. **We might act on the world stage with a little less hubris and a little more humility.** We might recall the admonition of Abraham Lincoln as our Civil War wound to its bitter close, when he said, "The only lasting way to eliminate an enemy is to make him your friend." And he was a Republican. But even these kinds of steps, important though they are, are unlikely to save us indefinitely from the nightmare of nuclear terror. We need to do more than prevent the bad guys from gaining access to nuclear devices in the short term. We need to do more than reduce the motivations for seeking access to nuclear devices in the medium term. **In the long term, our only real hope for saving ourselves from the nightmare of nuclear terror is to get rid of the nuclear weapons themselves. Every last one.**

**The Long & Winding Road:** Some call it "America's nuclear hypocrisy," others the "nuclear double standard," others still "nuclear narcissism." Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad often calls it "nuclear apartheid." Why is it that some countries can possess thousands of nuclear weapons without a whisper of comment, while when others aspire to even one, it generates a torrent of righteous indignation? What's the principle? What's the argument? It is never said. And it cannot last. The Reverend William Sloane Coffin, one of the great peace activists of the 20th century, who died in 2006, liked to quote Mahatma Gandhi, who said, "A fat man cannot

speak persuasively to a skinny man about the virtues of not overeating.” **To much of the rest of the world, the nuclear double standard appears sanctimonious and self-righteous, and based on the notion that some are responsible enough to be “trusted” with these weapons of the apocalypse, while others are not.** President Bush himself, perhaps unwittingly, often manages to let slip this conceit of cultural superiority. “We owe it to our children,” he said in August of 2002, “to free the world from weapons of mass destruction in the hands of those who hate freedom.” **“We cannot allow the world’s most dangerous men,” he insisted at the end of 2005, “to get their hands on the world’s most dangerous weapons.”** Here, surely, we have the most candid, unvarnished answer to the \$64,000 nuclear question. Some are rational, sober, righteous ... and hence can be trusted with the nuclear prize. Others are simply too “dangerous,” or not sufficiently “freedom loving,” to be permitted the same. And who will decide? Who will render subjective, ad hoc, case-by-case verdicts on whether certain leaders or peoples can be trusted with nuclear weapons? Who will serve as prosecutor, judge, jury, and enforcer? **Why the Freedom Lovers, of course, in whose hands nuclear weapons already reside. The nuclear double standard is militarily unnecessary, morally indefensible, and politically unsustainable.** Try to imagine the human community in 2018, or 2045, or 2077, with the same small group of “great powers” still clinging to the nuclear chimera, still insisting that nuclear weapons are vital for their own national security but unnecessary for the national security of others. Then try to imagine all the other states in the world just placidly and permanently acquiescing to that – no bitterness, no resentment, no aspirations to challenge the nuclear status quo and obtain a few nuclear weapons of their own. The mere act of performing such a thought experiment demonstrates the wild improbability that such a future history might ever come to pass. If we refuse forever to relinquish our nuclear weapons, then we had better get used to a world not with nine nuclear weapon states, as today, but 18, or 45, or 77. That world will provide that many more opportunities for just one really bad nuclear warhead to find its way into the hands of just one group of really bad guys. And what will that mean for us, for Los Angeles? **It will mean we will simply have to await our fate, our date with our nuclear terror destiny. A comprehensive nuclear policy agenda, one fully integrating non-proliferation with disarmament, should become the most important immediate foreign policy priority for the new president who takes office on January 20, 2009.** Such a policy agenda should contain many of the kinds of short- and medium-term steps described above to diminish the danger of nuclear terror. **But that nuclear policy agenda should also state, unambiguously, that we are committed to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons – ours and everyone else’s. It must describe abolition not as some utopian fantasy, but instead as a concrete political goal. And it should begin to discern the path, and commence negotiations, toward a universal, verifiable, and enforceable Nuclear Weapons Convention requiring the phased dismantling and destruction of every nuclear weapon on Planet Earth, imposing strict worldwide controls with rigorous international inspection provisions over all things nuclear, and legally prohibiting nuclear weapons from ever being constructed again. Our best shot at dodging the nuclear terror bullet forever is to get serious, now, about moving toward a nuclear-weapon- free world.**

**An Inconvenient Choice:** On January 15, 2008, four lions of the American foreign policy establishment – Sam Nunn, William Perry, George Shultz, and Henry Kissinger – authored a landmark opinion piece in The Wall Street Journal, calling not just for greater attention to the nuclear peril, but also for **“turning the goal of a world without nuclear weapons into a practical enterprise among nations.”** This call to action from such mainstream figures, has, by all accounts, transformed the nuclear policy debate, and in a stroke expanded the parameters of political possibility. “The goal of a world free of nuclear weapons is like the top of a very tall mountain,” said the authors. **“From the vantage point of our troubled world today, we can’t even see the top of the mountain, and it is tempting and easy to say we can’t get there from here.”** Yet not only has the top of that mountain been painted in fine detail, but so too has the path we might take to march upward toward the summit. In 2007, a broad coalition of scientists, international lawyers, disarmament experts, and anti-nuclear organizations issued Securing Our Survival: The Case for a Nuclear Weapons Convention (available at [www.ipnw.org](http://www.ipnw.org)). **This extraordinary document contains an actual draft of a model nuclear weapons abolition treaty, with extensive commentary on both the components therein and on alternative processes by which it might come into being.** It provides perhaps the best description yet both of what a nuclear- weapon-free world might actually look like, and how we might actually get from here to there. **The American government can choose to go down something like the path advocated here. If it does not, the American people will probably simply have to await their fate.** Walt Kelly’s Pogo, in another context, said famously, **“We have met the enemy, and he is us.”** Today, in this context, we might say that we have met the victims of the device that we ourselves unleashed upon the world. And they are us. We are the ones who devised these weapons in the past. We are the ones contemplating the use of these weapons in the present **(several credible news reports have revealed that war planners in the bowels of the Pentagon have considered not just a preemptive military strike on Iran, but a preemptive nuclear strike).** We are the ones who vaingloriously insist that we – but not others – must perpetually possess these weapons indefinitely into the future. **And now, in what must surely be one of the greatest ironies in all of human history, we are the ones who may soon feel the menus of our own invention. We are the ones who may turn out to be the authors of our own annihilation. We can get it through our thick skulls that the only long-term solution to the threat of nuclear apocalypse is the abolition of nuclear weapons. If we do not, we may well be the ones, in the end, who are devoured by our own creation** (Daley, 2008).

**The following conversation occurred August 17, 2008, on Fox Television between anchor Sean Hannity and Cham Dallas, of the Center for Mass Destruction.**

**Date:** August 17, 2008

**Source:** YouTube, Fox News, Hannity’s America

**Title/Headline:** Nuclear Attack On USA

**Abstract:**

**Sean Hannity:** In the fight against terrorism many people believe we are at a greater risk than ever before of a nuclear attack but, are we prepared? Now according to Cham Dallas, of the Center for Mass Destruction, the unfortunate answer is a responding no. In fact, back in April, Dallas testified before a Senate



Committee about just how ill prepared our Nation's Capitol really is.

(Cham shows a charted simulation where a nuclear bomb is detonated in Washington D.C.)

**Sean Hannity:** What is the likelihood something like this could happen?

**Cham Dallas:** Well, my belief, and I said at the Senate committee, Homeland Security Committee, that if you go out 20 years, I say it's virtually a certainty.

**Sean Hannity:** That's frightening.

**Cham Dallas:** Inside of that it, of course are, the odds go down.

(Cham and Sean illustrate the nuclear detonation process by showing the television audience a mock nuclear bomb)

**Cham Dallas:** It's deceptively simple

(Cham and Sean proceed to detonate a plastic 1 kiloton plastic nuclear bomb on the set of Fox News. After Sean detonates the dummy bomb)

**Cham Dallas:** You have the blast, which is right there around the White House, which I showed in that simulation, and then you have thermal burn injuries which is the one I'm most concerned about, because it's hardest to respond to, and then you have that radiation plume going for miles.

**Sean Hannity:** Pretty chilling.

**Cham Dallas:** **It really is, and it's just around the corner** (Fox News, 2008).

**Date:** October 21, 2008

**Source:** Chicago Sun-Times, Lynn Sweet

**Title/Headline:** *Joe Biden At Seattle Fund Raiser Transcript Says Obama Will Be Tested*

**Abstract:** "Let me tell ya something, Pakistan already is bristling with nuclear weapons, all of which can hit Israel right now, all of which can strike the Mediterranean and well into the Indian Ocean"... **"And here's the point I want to make. Mark my words. Mark my words. It will not be six months before the world tests Barack Obama like they did John Kennedy. The world is looking. We're about to elect a brilliant 47-year old senator president of the United States of America. Remember I said it standing here if you don't remember anything else I said.** Watch, we're gonna have an international crisis, a generated crisis, to test the mettle of this guy. And he's gonna have to make some really tough - I don't know what the decision's gonna be, but I promise you it will occur. As a student of history and having served with seven presidents, I guarantee you it's gonna happen. I can give you at least four or five scenarios from where it might originate. And he's gonna need help. And the kind of help he's gonna need is, he's gonna need you, not financially to help him, we're gonna need you to use your influence, your influence within the community, to stand with him. **Because it's not gonna be apparent initially, it's not gonna be apparent that we're right. Because all these decisions, all these decisions, once they're made if they work, then they weren't viewed as a crisis. If they don't work, it's viewed as you didn't make the right decision, a little bit like how we hesitated so long dealing with Bosnia and dealing with Kosovo, and consequently 200,000 people lost their lives that maybe didn't have to lose lives. It's how we made a mistake in Iraq. We made a mistake in Somalia. So there's gonna be some tough decisions. They may emanate from the Middle East. They may emanate from the sub-continent. They may emanate from Russia's newly-emboldened position because they're floating in a sea of oil"** (Sweet, 2008).

**Date:** October 31, 2008

**Source:** War Is Crime, Michel Chossudovsky

**Title/Headline:** *US Military Planning A Second 9/11*

**Abstract:** For several years now, senior officials of the Bush administration including the President and the Vice President have intimated, in no certain terms, that there will be "a Second 9/11".

**"Second 9/11":** The presumption of a Second 9/11 has become an integral part of US military doctrine. America is under attack. The US military must respond preemptively. **In the immediate wake of the invasion of Iraq (April 2003), various national security measures were put in place focusing explicitly on the eventuality of a second attack on America. In fact these procedures were launched simultaneously with the first stage of war plans directed against Iran in May 2003 under Operation Theater Iran Near Term (TIRANT).**

**Military Doctrine:** General Franks was not giving a personal opinion regarding the role of civilian deaths. He was describing a central feature of a covert military-intelligence operation going back to Operation Northwoods. The triggering of civilian deaths in the Homeland is used as an instrument of war propaganda. The objective is to turn realities upside down. The aggressor nation is being attacked. **The USA**

is a victim of war by the State sponsors of Islamic terrorism, when in reality it is the perpetrator of a large scale theater war in the Middle East. The entire “Global War on Terrorism” construct is consistent with the logic of Operation Northwoods: **Civilian casualties in America resulting from the September 11 attacks are used as “a war pretext incident” to galvanize public support for a military intervention in Afghanistan and Iraq.** As of 2005, the presumption of a Second 9/11 had become an integral part of military planning. **Statements emanating from the White House, the Pentagon and the Department of Homeland Security point to a growing consensus on the necessity and inevitability of a second terrorist attack on a major urban area in the US.** In the month following the July 2005 London bombings, Vice President Cheney is reported to have instructed US Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) to draw up a contingency plan “to be employed in response to another 9/11-type terrorist attack on the United States”. The “contingency plan” uses the pretext of a “Second 9/11” to prepare for a major military operation against Iran. In April 2006, the Pentagon, under the helm of Donald Rumsfeld, launched a far-reaching military plan to “fight terrorism” around the World, with a view to retaliating in the case of a second major terrorist attack on America. **The presumption of the Pentagon project was that this presumed attack on America by an outside enemy would result in the loss of American lives, which in turn would be used to justify US military actions in the Middle East war theater.** The covert support of US intelligence to Islamic terrorist organizations (the outside enemy) slated to carry out the attacks, was of course not mentioned. Various “scenarios” of a second 9/11 attack on the Homeland were envisaged. According to the Pentagon a Second attack on America, would serve an important policy objective. The three Pentagon documents consisted of an overall “campaign plan” plus two “subordinate plans”. The second “subordinate plan” explicitly focused on the possibility of a “Second 9/11” and how a second major attack on American soil might provide “an opportunity” to extend the US led war in the Middle East into new frontiers: **“It sets out how the military can both disrupt and respond to another major terrorist strike on the United States. It includes lengthy annexes that offer a menu of options for the military to retaliate quickly against specific terrorist groups, individuals or state sponsors depending on who is believed to be behind an attack. Another attack could create both a justification and an opportunity that is lacking today to retaliate against some known targets, according to current and former defense officials familiar with the plan”** (Washington Post, 2006).

**Martial Law:** Since 2003, various procedures have been adopted regarding the enactment of Martial Law in the case of a so-called “National Catastrophic Emergency”. **Under martial law, the military would take over several functions of civilian government including justice and law enforcement.** Initiatives in the area of Homeland Security outlined the precise circumstances under which martial law could be declared in the case of a second 9/11. In May 2007, a major presidential National Security Directive was issued (National Security and Homeland Security Presidential Directive NSPD 51/HSPD 20) which explicitly envisaged the possibility of a Second 9/11: NSPD 51 is tailor-made to fit the premises of both the Pentagon’s 2006 “Anti-terrorist Plan” as well Vice President Cheney’s 2005 “Contingency Plan”. The directive establishes procedures for “Continuity of Government” (COG) in the case of a “**Catastrophic Emergency**”. The latter is defined in NSPD 51/HSPD 20, as “**any incident, regardless of location, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption severely affecting the U.S. population, infrastructure, environment, economy, or government functions.**” NSPD 51 is predicated on the notion that America is under attack and that the “Catastrophic Emergency” would take the form of a terror attack on a major urban area. **“Continuity of Government,” or “COG,” is defined in NSPD 51 as “a coordinated effort within the Federal Government’s executive branch to ensure that National Essential Functions continue to be performed during a Catastrophic Emergency.”** More recently, in May 2008, another National Security Presidential Directive was put forth by the White House entitled Biometrics for Identification and Screening to Enhance National Security (NSPD 59, HSPD 24). NSPD59 complements NSPD 51. The new directive is not limited to KSTs, which in Homeland Security jargon stands for “**Known and Suspected Terrorists**”, it includes various categories of domestic terrorists, the presumption being that these domestic groups are working hand in glove with the Islamists. **“The ability to positively identify those individuals who may do harm to Americans and the Nation is crucial to protecting the Nation.** Since September 11, 2001, agencies have made considerable progress in securing the Nation through the integration, maintenance, and sharing of information used to identify persons who may pose a threat to national security.” (NSPD 59) NSPD 59 goes far beyond the issue of biometric identification, it recommends the collection and storage of “associated biographic” information, meaning information on the private lives of US citizens, in minute detail, all of which will be “accomplished within the law” NSPD is explicitly directed against American citizens, who are now categorized as potential terrorists. **While “conspiracy theorists” have been accused of cogitating regarding the possibility of a Second 9/11, most of the insinuations emanate from official US sources including the White House, the Pentagon and Homeland Security. The fact that a “massive casualty producing events” could be used as part of a US foreign policy agenda is diabolical. The official statements are grotesque.**

**Consensus In The Election Campaign: “Al Qaeda Will Strike Again”:** While the presidential election campaign has avoided the issue of a Second 9/11, both candidates have acknowledged the dangers of a second attack. Both Barack Obama and John McCain have underscored their resolve to protect America against Al Qaeda: [Question: Who’s the enemy?] **“Al Qaeda, the Taliban, a whole host of networks that are bent on attacking America, who have a distorted ideology, who have perverted the faith of Islam, and so we have to go after them.”** (Barack Obama in response to Bill O’Reilly, John Gibson News, September 5, 2008 **“We have dealt a serious blow to al Qaeda in recent years. But they are not defeated, and they’ll strike us again if they can.”** (John McCain, Acceptance Speech, September 5, 2008).

**Mainstream Media: “The Need” For A Second 9/11:** While the Washington Post leaked the substance of the Pentagon’s classified documents pertaining to the “opportunity” of a Second 9/11, the issue has not been the object of mainstream commentary or analysis. It is worth noting, however, that in an August 2007 Fox News interview, “A Second 9/11” was heralded as a means to create awareness and unite Americans against the enemy. Broadcast on Fox News, Columnist Stu Bykofsky claimed that **America “needs” a new 9/11 to unite the American people, because they have “forgotten” who the enemy is. He also claimed that “there will be another 9/11”,** and Fox New Anchorman John Gibson concurred. Civilian casualties would contribute to uniting the country and creating awareness: **“It’s going to take a lot of dead people to wake America up,”** said John Gibson. While Stu Bykofsky’s controversial article in the Philadelphia Daily News (August 9, 2007) was, at the time, considered as outlandish, what Bykovsky was actually saying was not very different from **The**

Pentagon's ploy (modeled on Operation Northwoods) concerning the role of massive casualty producing events in triggering "a useful wave of indignation".

**The following transcript excerpt regarding nuclear terror is between columnist Stu Bykofsky and host television host John Gibson which originally aired on the "Big Story with John Gibson" on the FOX News Network, August 7, 2007, at 5PM, EST.**

**John Gibson:** In big security, to save America we need another 9/11. That's what one columnist is advocating as a way to unite America. **Nearly 6 years after the heinous terror attacks he says we have forgotten our enemy.** He says the Iraq war has divided the US, the Republicans and Democrats are on the attack over the war, we pulled together after 9/11 but he justifies his controversial statement by saying the united front just didn't last. And now, bloggers are outraged. **Some say the journalist should be fired from his job for suggesting we, quote, "need" another attack.** So is this just a means to shock or offend or does this columnist actually have a valid point? Well, he's here now live to explain: Philadelphia Daily news columnist Stu Bykofsky. So Stu, let me... let's just say it again. What do you say America needs at this point?

**Stu Bykofsky:** Well, my thesis here is that we're terribly divided, there's disunity in this country, and as a divided country we're weak. When I look back over what has pulled the country together over the past few years, 9/11 united the country and it remained united and we were all on the same team for at least a year or two.

**John Gibson:** Stu, but do you mean to say that we are going to be attacked again, we will be united again, there's a sort of inevitability to that or that in order to achieve this unity we actually need to suffer?

**Stu Bykofsky:** Uh, John, I didn't actually call for an attack on the United States. Uh, I can see where people read it that way but I didn't actually say it. **However, another attack on the United States is inevitable. I believe that, don't you?**

**John Gibson:** Yes, I do, actually, and I think that it's going to take a lot of dead people to wake America up. **I think the deal,** Steve, Stu, I'm sorry...

**Stu Bykofsky:** It's okay.

**John Gibson:** ...is the word "need". **If you say, well, it's gonna happen and it, you know, Americans are gonna die because we've let down our guard — one thing — but when you say we "need" an attack it... especially has riled relatives of the dead.**

**Stu Bykofsky:** John, uh, I can understand them being upset. Are you reading from the headline or from the text of my column which I don't have in front of me?

**John Gibson:** Well, that's a good point. Did you use the word "need" in the text or was it only the headline?

**Stu Bykofsky:** It's the headline.

**John Gibson:** So you don't actually, you don't endorse the word "need"?

**Stu Bykofsky:** Uh, no, I don't. There was a slight difference. Other people write headlines and it's not exactly what I was trying to say.

**John Gibson:** Alright, so...

**Stu Bykofsky:** But, but if you look at the context...

**John Gibson:** But, but what you are trying to say is, is that, that somehow we have been, we've let down our guard, we're fighting each other instead of the terrorists and that if we don't get it together people are going to die.

**Stu Bykofsky:** That's absolutely correct. **We're fighting like a group of rabid dogs and our attention should be turned elsewhere.** And I also say that the primary reason for that in my opinion is the, uh, the war in Iraq which has been conducted so horribly by the administration. (Chossudovsky, 2008).

**Date:** November 15, 2008

**Source:** The Sunday Times, Tom Baldwin, Michael Evans

**Title/Headline:** *Barack Obama Is Warned To Beware Of A 'Huge Threat' From Al-Qaeda*

**Abstract:** Security officials fear a 'spectacular' during the transition period. Barack Obama is being given ominous advice from leaders on both sides of the Atlantic to brace himself for an early assault from terrorists. General Michael Hayden, director of the CIA, this week acknowledged that there were dangers during a presidential transition when new officials were coming in and getting accustomed to the challenges. But he added that no "real or artificial spike" in intercepted transmissions from terror suspects had been detected. President Bush has repeatedly described the acute vulnerability of the US during a transition. **The Bush Administration has been defined largely by the 9/11 attacks, which came within a year of his taking office.** His aides have pointed to al-Qaeda's first assault on the World Trade Centre, which occurred little more than a month after Bill Clinton became President in 1993. There was an alleged attempt to bomb Glasgow airport in Gordon Brown's first days in Downing Street and a London nightclub attack was narrowly thwarted. Lord West of Spithead, the Home Office Security Minister, spoke recently of a "huge threat", saying: **"There is another great plot building up again and we are monitoring this."** Intelligence chiefs on both sides of the Atlantic have indicated that such warnings refer more to a general sense of foreboding than fear of an imminent or specific plan. Referring to the attacks in 1993 and 2001, General Hayden told a Washington think-tank on Thursday night: "For some people two data points create a trend line. For others, there may be more hesitation to call it that." **He said that the chief danger comes from remote areas in Pakistan that border Afghanistan. "Today virtually every major terrorist threat that my agency is aware of has threads back to the tribal areas. Whether it's command and control, training, direction, money, capabilities, there is a connection to the Fata [Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas]."** General Hayden said that al-Qaeda remained a "determined, adaptive enemy" operating "from its safe haven in Pakistan". He added: **"If there is a major attack on this country it will bear the fingerprints of al-Qaeda."** He said that the border region remained the base of al-Qaeda's leadership, which had developed a more durable structure and a deep reserve of skilled operatives. **"Al-Qaeda, operating from its safe haven in Pakistan's tribal areas, remains the most clear and present danger to the safety of the United States,"** General Hayden said. The hunt for al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden "is very much at the top of CIA's priority list," he added. "Because of his iconic stature, his death or capture clearly would have a significant impact on the confidence of his followers." **The CIA chief also suggested that the terror group was seeking to recruit Western-looking operatives who would not cause attention if they were standing in airport screening queues.** Hours after he spoke, a suspected US missile attack killed 12 people in Pakistan, including five foreigners. Such strikes are hugely controversial, with Islamabad claiming that they fuel anti-American extremist groups. But Mr Obama has been clear that he wants to pursue al-Qaeda aggressively across the Afghan border. In Britain, **security officials say that there is genuine concern that al-Qaeda will attempt a "spectacular" in the transition period,** but suggest that it may be aimed more at Mr Bush than Mr Obama. "As far as we know there is nothing from the intelligence world to indicate that anything has changed dramatically in recent months to put us on alert for an attack at the moment," a source said. The present threat level is "severe", which is the second-highest alert status. But a senior counterterrorism official suggested last month that this should be regarded as "the severe end of severe". This would point to Britain facing a terrorist threat nearly as high as the period in the summer of 2005 when terrorists killed 52 people on London's transport network on July 7 and attempted a similar attack on July 21. Britain and the US are sharing all intelligence on suspected terrorist activity because of the high risk of a plot involving transatlantic flights. **Al-Qaeda is understood still to be obsessed with mounting an attack using passenger airliners. There have also been warnings of al-Qaeda interest in developing a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear (CBRN) device.** The US has anti-CBRN units on constant patrol in main cities. **Al-Qaeda is known to be experimenting with biological agents, particularly anthrax, which they acquire from dead animals and then create cultures.** The key man involved in these experiments is Abou Kabbah al-Masri, who was engaged in the biological trials including tests on rabbits that were uncovered in Afghanistan when the Taliban were overrun after the US invasion in 2001. James Lewis, a security expert with the Centre of Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said that **al-Qaeda may wish to provoke a reaction from the next US Administration designed to show the rest of the world that "America is still the evil crusader".** Last month Joe Biden, the Vice-President-elect, told campaign donors: "Watch, we're going to have an international crisis, a generated crisis, to test the mettle [of Mr Obama]." Mr Lewis said that many Muslims were intrigued by Mr Obama's arrival in the White House and "there may be political downsides" in attacking America too early. **"It is hard to fathom the level of sophistication of their operatives and whether the chatter we intercept is dissent or intent. If they are going to do something, they may wait until after the inauguration."** "At present there are policemen standing on policemen at possible targets. That won't be the case three months into the new administration" (Evans, 2008).

**Date:** November 20, 2008

**Source:** ABC News

**Title/Headline:** *Report Urges Focus On Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** The report also noted that Pakistan, which has been unstable recently, had also made some progress. "Today, security upgrades in Russia are nearing completion, and there is significant progress in Pakistan." The report cited an alarming incident last year when armed men broke into the Pelindaba nuclear research facility, which houses a high-quality stockpile of highly enriched uranium, in South Africa. Intruders breached a 10,000-volt electric security fence, shot a guard in the chest and spent nearly 45 minutes in the facility's emergency control center before escaping, according to the report. Although three suspects were arrested in the breach of the facility they were later released with no charges brought. The report also cited a 2006 interdiction of a Russian national stopped in Georgia who was carrying 100 grams of radioactive cesium, which he sought to sell for \$1 million. **According to U.S. intelligence and counterterrorism officials, the greatest threat of radiological attack comes from Al Qaeda or another like-**

**minded terrorist group. In testimony before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Director of National Intelligence Michael McConnell said, "Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups are attempting to acquire chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons and materials. McConnell assess Al Qaeda will continue to try to acquire and employ these weapons and materials." Osama bin Laden has said that obtaining a weapon of mass destruction is a "religious duty." In 1993, according to the FBI, he sought to purchase uranium from a source in Sudan. In 2003, Saudi cleric Nasir bin Hamad al Fahd issued a fatwa titled "A Treatise on the Legal Status of Using Weapons of Mass Destruction against Infidels." The Harvard report noted that the incoming administration needed to bolster counterterrorism and intelligence efforts to develop an international focus on preventing a nuclear plot by disrupting terrorist groups and their fundraising while addressing anti-American sentiment. "The next U.S. president has an historic opportunity ... to reduce the danger of nuclear terrorism to a fraction of its current level during his first term in office," according to the report (Ryan, 2008).**

**Date:** December 2, 2008

**Source:** New York Times, Eric Schmitt

**Title/Headline:** *Panel Foresees Unconventional Terror Threat*

**Abstract:** An independent commission has concluded that terrorists will most likely carry out an attack with biological, nuclear or other unconventional weapons somewhere in the world in the next five years unless the United States and its allies act urgently to prevent that. **In a report to be released this week, the congressionally mandated panel found that with countries like Iran and North Korea pursuing nuclear weapons programs, and with the risk of poorly secured biological pathogens growing, unconventional threats are fast outpacing the defenses arrayed to confront them.** "America's margin of safety is shrinking, not growing," the bipartisan panel concluded. **"Were one to map terrorism and weapons of mass destruction today, all roads would intersect in Pakistan," the report states, citing the country's terrorist haven along the border with Afghanistan and its tense relations with its nuclear rival, India.** "Pakistan is an ally, but there is a grave danger it could also be an unwitting source of a terrorist attack on the United States - possibly with weapons of mass destruction," the report said. The report is the result of a six-month study by the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism, which Congress created last spring in keeping with one of the recommendations of the Sept. 11 Commission. The nine-member panel received classified briefings, conducted several site visits, including meetings in Russia, and interviewed more than 250 government and independent experts in several countries. **"Unless the world community acts decisively and with great urgency, it is more likely than not that a weapon of mass destruction will be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by the end of 2013,"** the report states in the opening sentence of the executive summary. Several of the recommendations are not new and have been pursued with varying degrees of success by the Bush administration. **On Pakistan, for example, the panel urges the Obama administration to work with Pakistan to eliminate that country's terrorist havens, secure its nuclear and biological materials, counter extremist ideologies and constrain a "nascent nuclear arms race in Asia** (Schmitt, 2008).

**Date:** January 8, 2009

**Source:** Prison Planet

**Title/Headline:** *Bob Chapman Warns Of False Flag Nuke Attack*

**Abstract:** International Forecaster Bob Chapman warned that, "Patriots in EU and US intelligence believe that the Gaza operation underway right now might have zero to do with Hamas missiles being fired into Israel—but instead might be an IDF WMD planting expedition—that can then be attributed to Hamas—followed by a "nuclear winter"—**type WMD event on US soil which will then be blamed on Hamas/Iran—which will then set the stage for a US nuclear attack on Iran**" (Prison Planet, 2009).

**Date:** February 4, 2009

**Source:** NY Daily News, James Gordon Meek

**Title/Headline:** *Former VP Dick Cheney Warns Of Nuclear Attack On United States Under President Obama*

**Abstract:** Former Vice President Dick Cheney stated that **there's a "high probability" the U.S. will get nuked by terrorists during President Obama's watch. "The ultimate threat to the country [is] a 9/11-type event where the terrorists are armed with something much more dangerous than an airline ticket and a box cutter - a nuclear weapon or a biological agent of some kind," Cheney went on to state that, "perhaps hundreds of thousands of people" would perish in such a strike, and that "there's a high probability of such an attempt."** Cheney also appeared to miss his role defending ex-President George W. Bush for "the dark side" of fighting terrorists. In his first interview since leaving office, Cheney described that effort to protect the country as "a tough, mean, dirty, nasty business." "We're not going to win this fight by turning the other cheek," Cheney added. The ex-veep had little kind to say about Obama's plan to shut down the terrorist prison at Guantanamo Bay. Cheney griped that Democrats "are more concerned about reading the rights to an Al Qaeda terrorist" than protecting the U.S. from Osama bin Laden's gang. Some think "if we just go talk nice to these folks, everything's going to be okay," he said. "They're optimistic . . . We were" (Meek, 2009).

**Date:** March 15, 2009

**Source:** Infowars, Kurt Nimmo

**Title/Headline:** *Michael "Savage" Weiner Predicts A "Reichstag Fire-Like Event*

**Abstract:** American radio host Michael "Weiner" Savage stated, "Right now what we have is a dictatorship run by a gang...It's a gang under Obama...Savage predicts: a **Reichstag fire-like event, sometime in the next year or two, in America, that will have been conducted by the government and blamed upon subversive elements in order to permit a dictatorship, a naked dictatorship, to emerge in this county [United States]"** (Nimmo, 2009).



**Date:** March 29, 2009

**Source:** Newsmax, Newt Gingrich, William Forstchen

**Title/Headline:** *A Single Nuke Could Destroy America*

**Abstract:** Iran launched a “communications satellite” into orbit. At this very moment, North Korea is threatening to do the same. The ability to launch an alleged communications satellite belies a far more frightening truth. **A rocket that can carry a satellite into orbit also can drop a nuclear warhead over any location on the planet in less than 45 minutes.** Far too many timid or uninformed sources maintain that a single launch of a missile poses no true threat to the United States, given our retaliatory power. A reality check is in order and must be discussed in response to such an absurd claim: **In fact, one small nuclear weapon, delivered by an ICBM can destroy the United States** by maximizing the effect of the resultant electromagnetic pulse upon detonation. An electromagnetic pulse (EMP) is a byproduct of detonating an atomic bomb above the Earth’s atmosphere. When a nuclear weapon is detonated in space, the gamma rays emitted trigger a massive electrical disturbance in the upper atmosphere. Moving at the speed of light, this overload will short out all electrical equipment, power grids and delicate electronics on the Earth’s surface. **In fact, it would take only one to three weapons exploding above the continental United States to wipe out our entire grid and transportation network. It might take years to recover from, if ever. This is not science fiction.** If you doubt this, spend a short amount of time skimming the Report of the Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack from April 2008. You will come away sobered. Even as the new administration plans to spend trillions on economic bailouts, it has announced plans to reduce funding and downgrade efforts for missile defense. **Furthermore, the United States’ reluctance to invest in a modern and credible traditional nuclear deterrent is a serious concern.** What good will a bailout be if there is no longer a nation to bail out? Fifty years ago, it was not Sputnik itself that sent a dire chill of warning around the world; it was the capability of the rocket that launched Sputnik. The rocket that lofted Sputnik into orbit also could have served as an ICBM. Yet for all its rhetoric, the Soviet Union was essentially a rational power that recognized the threat of mutual destruction and thus never stepped to the edge. **The world is different today. Intercontinental range missiles tipped with nuclear weapons in the hands of leaders driven by fanaticism, leaders that support global terrorism,** leaders that have made repeated threats that they will seek our annihilation . . . can now at last achieve that dream in a matter of minutes. Those who claim that there is little to fear from Iran or North Korea because “at best” they will have only one or two nuclear weapons ignore the catastrophic level of threat we now face from just “a couple” of nuclear weapons. Again: **One to three missiles tipped with nuclear weapons and armed to detonate at a high altitude — to achieve the strongest EMP over the greatest area of the United States — would create an EMP “overlay” that triggers a continent-wide collapse of our entire electrical, transportation, and communications infrastructure.** Within weeks after such an attack, tens of millions of Americans would perish. The impact has been likened to a nationwide Hurricane Katrina. Some studies estimate that 90 percent of all Americans might very well die in the year after such an attack as our transportation, food distribution, communications, public safety, law enforcement, and medical infrastructures collapse. We most likely would never recover from the blow.

#### **Two things need to be done now and without delay:**

- 1) Make clear in the strongest of terms that, if either Iran or North Korea launches a rocket on a trajectory headed toward the territory of the United States, we will shoot it down. The risk of not doing so is beyond acceptable. And if they construe this as an act of war, so be it, for they fired the first shot. The risk of sitting back for 30 minutes and praying it is not an EMP strike is beyond acceptable, beyond rational on our part.
- 2) Funding for EMP defense must be a top national priority. To downgrade or halt our missile defense program, which at last is becoming viable after 25 years of research, would be an action of criminal negligence.

Surely, with such a threat confronting us, a fair and open debate, with full public access and the setting aside of partisan politics, is in order. In the meantime, a policy must be stated today that we will indeed shoot down any missile aimed towards the United States that is fired by Iran or North Korea. America’s survival, your survival, and your family’s survival might very well depend on it. **Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich is a Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. William Forstchen is the author of "One Second After," an account of a town struggling to survive after an EMP weapon is used against the United States** (Gingrich & Forstchen, 2009).

**Date:** May 13, 2009

**Source:** Huffington Post, Sheldon Filger

**Title/Headline:** *Will Al-Qaeda Nuke America?*

**Abstract:** It has been nearly eight years since Al-Qaeda struck the United States on September 11, 2001. **In the aftermath of that transformational event, some have speculated that a future strike on the U.S. by Osama bin Laden would be more devastating, involving perhaps a nuclear weapon.** This apocalyptic scenario has been the plot of various novels, including my own nuclear terrorism thriller, "King of Bombs". However, the passage of nearly a decade has lulled some into a state of complacency. Could it be that George W. Bush and Dick Cheney were right in deciding to invade Iraq? After all, it was their rationale (after no weapons of mass destruction were found) that fighting in Iraq meant the United States did not have to fight Al-Qaeda in the homeland. **Could that be why Al-Qaeda has not launched a second attack on the homeland, after eight years?** In evaluating the possibility of future Al-Qaeda operations in the United States, it is useful to look back at an earlier plot that predated 9/11. On February 26, 1993 an Islamist radical cell linked to what would eventually be known as Al-Qaeda detonated 1,500 pounds of explosive material, consisting of oil and nitrates, in the underground parking garage at the World Trade Center. The resulting explosion killed six and injured more than 1,000. As destructive as this attack was, it did

not fulfill the tactical and strategic objectives of the perpetrators. The intention of the attackers was to bring down one of the Twin Towers in such a manner that it would topple over its twin, resulting in mass casualties and destruction. However, many mistakes were made by the plotters, ensuring that the detonation would not bring about the collapse of the building, while leaving a trail of forensic clues which would lead to the eventual apprehension of most of the plotters of the attack. It would be more than eight years before Al-Qaeda struck again, with vastly more devastating results. **Until 9/11, there was a level of complacency that inhibited American policymakers from correctly evaluating the threat of a jihadist cell striking at the American homeland, despite repeated and successful Al-Qaeda attacks directed at American targets overseas.** This intellectual myopia on the part of U.S. decision-makers would be described in the official report of the bipartisan 9/11 Commission as a "failure of imagination." Could history be repeating itself? **The American government, during the Clinton and subsequent Bush administrations, failed to recognize that Al-Qaeda was a transnational terrorist organization unlike any other.** Furthermore, policymakers ignored clear threats by the leadership of Al-Qaeda to attack the American homeland. Several of these warnings were issued personally by Osama bin-Laden to international journalists. Since 9/11, Al-Qaeda has launched dozens of attacks throughout the world. This figure does not include Iraq and Afghanistan, where the number certainly runs into the hundreds, if not thousands. The jihadist followers of Osama bin-Laden have struck targets in diverse regions including Europe, North and East Africa, Turkey, the Philippines and Indonesia. On October 12, 2002 a jihadist group linked to Al-Qaeda attacked three targets on the Indonesian Island of Bali, including a bar frequented by European and Australian tourists, killing more than 200. On March 11, 2004 Al-Qaeda set off multiple bombs on Spanish trains in Madrid, killing nearly 200. On July 7, 2005 Al-Qaeda operatives trained in Pakistan detonated bombs that struck London's transit system, resulting in 52 fatalities and hundreds of injuries. These are but a few of a long list of murderous terrorist operations successfully carried out by Al-Qaeda since 9/11. Based solely on operational tempo, Al-Qaeda's capability to mount attacks worldwide appears intact. There are indications that it may even have grown substantially. Experts who monitor Al-Qaeda believe two factors have contributed to the enhancement of this terrorist organization's capacity. In the first place, Al-Qaeda has developed a sophisticated capability to utilize the Internet as a recruitment tool as well as an operational asset. Thousands of jihadist websites spread the message of Osama bin-Laden's Islamist ideology to a large segment of disaffected Muslims, especially among immigrants in Europe. Secondly, the Iraq war is believed by many to have energized Al-Qaeda, and attracted support and sympathy throughout the Islamic world. Some defenders of the Bush administration's decision to invade and occupy Iraq maintain that the war has made America safer, by attracting jihadists who would otherwise come to America to wage warfare. However, in testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in 2005, then CIA Director Porter J. Goss stated that, **"these jihadists who survive will leave Iraq experienced and focused on acts of urban terrorism. They represent a potential pool of contacts to build transnational terrorist cells, groups and networks."** In 2007 the National Intelligence Estimate, reflecting the consensus view of America's intelligence gathering agencies, concluded that Al-Qaeda had reconstituted its command and control infrastructure in sanctuary areas inside Pakistan, astride the border with Afghanistan. Ominously, the NIE concluded that: **"We assess that Al-Qaeda's homeland plotting is likely to continue to focus on prominent political, economic, and infrastructure targets with the goal of producing mass casualties, visually dramatic destruction, significant economic aftershocks, and/or fear among the U.S. population. The group is proficient with conventional small arms and improvised explosive devices, and is innovative in creating new capabilities and overcoming security obstacles. We assess that Al-Qaeda will continue to try to acquire and employ chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear material in attacks and would not hesitate to use them if it develops what it deems is sufficient capability."** Looking back at the 8-year interval between the attacks on the World Trade Center and the subsequent eight years, we observe a number of key characteristics about Al-Qaeda and its leadership. **Osama bin-Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, are utterly committed to the victory of their interpretation of Islam,** which means the reestablishment of a united Islamic caliphate ruled under strict shariah law. An essential preliminary to achieving this historic triumph, in their view, is the expulsion of all "infidel" influence within the Islamic world, meaning principally the United States, and the emasculation of America's economic power. While this goal seems preposterous to an American mind, within the context of Islamist radicalism Osama bin-Laden has articulated a rational and cogent strategy for achieving his aims, **Al-Qaeda and its senior leadership think in terms of a long timeframe for achieving their goals. Patience characterizes their operational planning, particularly involving major targets.** Thus, in their mode of thinking, eight years was a reasonable period of time to improve upon their first attack on the World Trade Center mounted in 1993. The 9/11 attack displayed ruthless execution and bold planning. It also established a benchmark for future attacks on America, with a far higher threshold of destruction required than what Al-Qaeda customarily inflicts during its attacks in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Indonesia. Anytime since 9/11, Al-Qaeda could have attacked transit systems, shopping malls and other "soft targets" in the United States. However, such terrorist incidents would be purely tactical, lacking any strategic consequences. **Al-Qaeda has probably determined that any future attack on America, to be viewed as successful and strategic, must exceed the level of carnage inflicted on 9/11 by a significant degree.** That is probably why the National Intelligence Estimate released in 2007 emphasized the likelihood that Al-Qaeda is planning to hit the American homeland again, possibly with a weapon of mass destruction. When Osama bin-Laden attacked the World Trade Center and Pentagon on 9/11, he had a strategic objective clearly in mind. Mass casualties were the means to his goal, rather than the ends. By inflicting a shock on the American psyche of such dramatic proportions, he sought to induce the United States to militarily intervene in Afghanistan, repeating the experience of the former Soviet Union. He anticipated that a long, drawn-out war of attrition would demoralize the United States, cripple her economy and lead to its collapse, replicating what occurred to the Soviet Union. What he did not anticipate was that the U.S. would only send a small expeditionary force to Afghanistan, while devoting the bulk of its military resources towards the subjugation of Iraq, whose ruling regime had no connection with the events of September 11, 2001. In that sense, the strategic value of the consequences of 9/11 for Al-Qaeda probably exceeded their highest expectations. **In planning for its next attack on the United States, Al-Qaeda would seek to inflict a loss of such staggering proportions that it would again impel the United States into behaviors that would serve its ultimate existential goals.** To achieve such an aim with conventional means, such as ordinary explosives or airplanes (as on 9/11) is probably an unlikely scenario. **As suggested by the NIE on Al-Qaeda planning for a future operation on U.S. soil, it is likely that Osama bin-Laden is exploring ways of utilizing a weapon of mass destruction in a future attack.** The NIE speculates on the means of WMD that Al-Qaeda may be focusing on. Though biological and chemical weapons are possibilities, they are unlikely to be used by Al-Qaeda. These weapons are notoriously difficult to employ, as demonstrated in a terrorist attack on the Tokyo subway involving nerve gas. More importantly, while such weapons may, under certain circumstances, be deadly, they limit their effect to people, while leaving property intact. Al-Qaeda's methodology and doctrine stresses physical damage along with loss of human life. **The iconic image of the twin towers**

dissolving on 9/11 was more valuable to Al-Qaeda than the actual number of fatalities. For those same reasons, a radiological weapon, commonly dubbed a "dirty bomb," also would not be of much interest to Al-Qaeda. If Al-Qaeda is planning a future attack on America that will exceed 9/11 in its impact, there is a high probability that this operation would involve the detonation of a nuclear weapon in a major urban center within the continental United States. The capacity for even a crude nuclear weapon to inflict vast carnage and destruction within a densely populated city is unmatched by any other weapon or scenario that Al-Qaeda could conceivably employ. **Captured documents and other anecdotal information point to a very high level of longstanding interest by Osama bin Laden in nuclear weapons.** In recent years, both Osama bin-Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri have issued repeated warnings that America would face attacks worse than 9/11, unless it fulfilled all of Al-Qaeda's demands, including withdrawal of its physical presence from anywhere defined as Islamic territory. In an Internet broadcast message, al-Zawahiri warned, "You are facing the Islamic rage ... what awaits you, should you press on, is far worse than anything you have seen." In a macabre video marking the sixth anniversary of 9/11, Osama bin Laden offered a chilling message. Warning the American people that they were responsible for the continuation of the Iraq war by virtue of having reelected President Bush, he went on to propose two alternatives for ending America's involvement in Iraq: "The first is from our side, and it is to continue to escalate the killing and fighting against you. The second way is to reject America's democratic system and convert to Islam...I invite you to embrace Islam." **By fulfilling all of the theological requirements for a future attack on America, it appears that Osama bin-Laden is laying the groundwork for something "far worse" than 9/11.** While his call for Americans to "embrace Islam" seems irrational to a Western mindset, in the context of Osama bin-Laden's world this is a supremely rational act for a jihadist warrior to undertake. Having provided fair warning and an opportunity to convert to his enemy, **he no longer feels any moral restraint on inflicting the ultimate destruction on the American homeland.** As reflected in the NIE referred to earlier, **the American intelligence community has high confidence that if Al-Qaeda ever acquired a nuclear weapon, they would unquestionably use it against an American target.** Those within leadership circles who downplay the threat of nuclear terrorism from Al-Qaeda claim that it is beyond the capability of Al-Qaeda to manufacture or otherwise obtain such weapons. Unfortunately, there is much expert opinion that holds a contrary view. It may be difficult for Al-Qaeda to acquire an intact nuclear weapon, though not inconceivable. It is known that during the break-up of the former Soviet Union, much of that nation's nuclear arsenal was insecure. Rumors have circulated for many years that during that chaotic period, Al-Qaeda obtained several Soviet nuclear weapons through the black market. **It is impossible to know if that in fact happened, though another possible source of intact nuclear weapons is Pakistan, a nuclear-armed state that happens to be where the top Al-Qaeda leadership is believed to be in hiding.** At present, a radical Islamist uprising is underway in significant parts of Pakistan, eroding the stability of the nation's fledgling civilian government. A more likely scenario involves Al-Qaeda making its own nuclear bombs. **Though challenging, this would be within the capability of an organization with the proven sophistication of Al-Qaeda.** Much of the information on making nuclear devices is within the public domain, and it is known that Osama bin-Laden met personally with two senior scientists involved with Pakistan's nuclear weapons establishment, prior to 9/11. **The barrier to building a nuclear bomb is not technical know-how but materials. Atomic weapons require fissile materials, either uranium 235 or plutonium. These materials require a national industrial infrastructure to create, so Al-Qaeda cannot fabricate fissile materials on its own.** Unfortunately, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, a vast quantity of fissile materials became dangerously insecure, vulnerable to theft or being sold by the Russian Mafia. The U.S. Congress recognized the danger, and provided funding for a program that assists the Russians in improving security at facilities that store nuclear weapons and fissile materials. In the many years that this program has been in existence, only half of the insecure Russian nuclear sites have had their security upgraded. At the present rate of funding and implementation, it may be another 10 years before the remaining nuclear sites are secure, though the Obama administration has demonstrated a far higher level of concern on this issue than the previous Bush presidency. In addition, there are many other sites throughout the world, including the United States, which store fissile materials under less than optimum security. **It would be an act of extreme optimism to believe that Al-Qaeda will sit and wait ten years until all these nuclear sites have upgraded their security arrangements.** Possibly, Al-Qaeda might already have such materials in its possession. Depending on the design of the bomb, as little as 35 pounds of uranium 235 would be needed to build a device with a yield similar to the weapon that destroyed Hiroshima in 1945. Should Al-Qaeda actually build such a weapon, it is highly unlikely that it would be detected by present security protocols and technology, should a jihadist cell seek to surreptitiously insert it into the United States. **Contrary to public perception, nuclear weapons emit little radiation, which can be easily shielded. Once inside American borders, Al-Qaeda could deliver a nuclear bomb to any city by van or SUV. Should a nuclear bomb ever be detonated in an American city, the carnage would defy our imagination.** It is estimated that a ten-kiloton device, less powerful than the Hiroshima bomb, detonated in mid-town Manhattan during the workday, would immediately kill approximately 500,000 people. A similar number would be fated to die in the following days and weeks from the effects of radiation poisoning. **Beyond the immensity of the carnage and destruction, America would be irreversibly transformed. Fear would dominate the country, with tens of millions of Americans contemplating the evacuation of their cities, uncertain if other bombs exist and would be detonated.** Economic paralysis would ensue as the borders closed, while the financial markets, already weakened by the current Global Economic Crisis, would completely collapse. **Civil liberties would be largely suspended, as the nation entered a new Dark Age, in which survival would take precedence over liberty.** Likely, America's relationship with the world would be radically transformed in manner that suited Al-Qaeda's ultimate agenda. In an interview conducted with the journalist Robert Fisk in 1997, Osama bin-Laden made his ultimate objective regarding the United States unambiguously clear. **"I pray to God that He permits us to turn America into a shadow of itself," the Al-Qaeda leader told Fisk.** While knowledgeable national security specialists take seriously the threat of weapons of mass destruction being employed in any future Al-Qaeda atrocity on American soil, outside their small circle this vital issue of national survival has barely seeped into the public consciousness. **Yet, should Al-Qaeda actually detonate a nuclear weapon in an American city, the entire world as we know it would cease to exist** (Filger, 2009).

**Date:** June 22, 2009

**Source:** Reuters, Inal Ersan

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda Says Would Use Pakistani Nuclear Weapons*

**Abstract:** If it were in a position to do so, Al Qaeda would use Pakistan's nuclear weapons in its fight against the United States, a top leader of the group said in remarks aired Sunday. Pakistan has been battling al Qaeda's Taliban allies in the Swat Valley since April

after their thrust into a district 100 km (60 miles) northwest of the capital raised fears the nuclear-armed country could slowly slip into militant hands. **"God willing, the nuclear weapons will not fall into the hands of the Americans and the mujahideen would take them and use them against the Americans,"** Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, the leader of al Qaeda's in Afghanistan, said in an interview with Al Jazeera television. Abu al-Yazid was responding to a question about U.S. safeguards to seize control over Pakistan's nuclear weapons in case Islamist fighters came close to doing so. **"We expect that the Pakistani army would be defeated (in Swat) ... and that would be its end everywhere, God willing."** Asked about the group's plans, the Egyptian militant leader said: **"The strategy of the (al Qaeda) organization in the coming period is the same as in the previous period: to hit the head of the snake, the head of tyranny -- the United States. "That can be achieved through continued work on the open fronts and also by opening new fronts in a manner that achieves the interests of Islam and Muslims and by increasing military operations that drain the enemy financially."** The militant leader suggested that naming a new leader for the group's unit in the Arabian Peninsula, Abu Basir al-Wahayshi, could revive its campaign in Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter. "Our goals have been the Americans ... and the oil targets which they are stealing to gain power to strike the mujahideen and Muslims." "There was a setback in work there for reasons that there is no room to state now, but as of late, efforts have been united and there is unity around a single leader." **Abu al-Yazid, also known as Abu Saeed al-Masri, said al Qaeda will continue "with large scale operations against the enemy" -- by which he meant the United States. "We have demanded and we demand that all branches of al Qaeda carry out such operations," he said, referring to attacks against U.S.-led forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.** The militant leader said al Qaeda would be willing to accept a truce of about 10 years' duration with the United States if Washington agreed to withdraw its troops from Muslim countries and stopped backing Israel and the pro-Western governments of Muslim nations. Asked about the whereabouts of al Qaeda's top leaders, he said: "Praise God, sheikh Osama (bin Laden) and sheikh Ayman al-Zawahri are safe from the reach of the enemies, but we would not say where they are; moreover, we do not know where they are, but we're in continuous contact with them" (Ersan, 2009).

**Date:** November 9, 2009

**Source:** ABC News, Balz Bruppacher, Alexander G. Higgins

**Title/Headline:** *Swiss Open Probe Of Al-Qaida Nuke Physicist Case*

**Abstract:** **Switzerland has opened its own investigation into the case of a nuclear physicist France suspected of al-Qaida links, an official said Sunday.** The French suspect, who worked at the world's largest atom smasher on the Swiss-French border and at a Swiss technology institute, is unspecified in Switzerland's investigation, but it is the same case as the French one, Swiss Federal Prosecutor's Office spokeswoman Walburga Bur said. **She said the investigation was opened at the end of October and is directed at an unknown person or persons on suspicion of supporting a criminal organization.** In line with French and Swiss judicial policy, authorities have not identified him. Bur, who confirmed a report in the weekly NZZ am Sonntag, refused to say more about the case. **The 32-year-old Frenchman of Algerian origin had been working on the Large Hadron Collider and teaching at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne. He was arrested at his home in Vienne, France, on Oct. 8. Lab officials say he hasn't been at work for most of the year. The French suspect the scientist of involvement with Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, a North African group that targets Algerian government forces and sometimes attacks foreigners. French investigating magistrate Christophe Teissier has filed preliminary charges against him for criminal association with a terrorist enterprise.** The broad charge is often used in terror-related cases in France. French judicial officials have said the suspect has acknowledged that he corresponded online with the group and vaguely discussed plans for terror attacks. Under French law, preliminary charges mean the investigating judge has determined there is strong evidence to suggest involvement in a crime. It gives the investigator time to pursue the inquiry before deciding whether to send the suspect to trial or drop the case. **The particle physicist was one of more than 7,000 scientists working to prepare for operation of the new collider this winter.** The massive machine, in a 27-kilometer (17-mile) circular tunnel under the border, aims to discover more about the makeup of matter and to explore phenomena such as antimatter and the Big Bang theory on the origin of the universe. **James Gillies, spokesman for the host European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, has said there was nothing at the collider of interest to terrorists.** Officials say the facility has areas with extremely cold helium to supercool the electrical circuits, high magnetic fields and beams of protons and other subatomic particles, but none of its research has the potential for military application and all its results are published in the public domain. **Jerome Grosse, a spokesman for the Lausanne institute, said the suspect had not been seen at work there for most of the year, but that he had been in touch by e-mail.** Gillies said he also hadn't been seen at CERN for months. The massive machine, in a 27-kilometer (17-mile) circular tunnel under the border, aims to discover more about the makeup of matter and to explore phenomena such as antimatter and the Big Bang theory on the origin of the universe. **James Gillies, spokesman for the host European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, has said there was nothing at the collider of interest to terrorists.** Officials say the facility has areas with extremely cold helium to supercool the electrical circuits, high magnetic fields and beams of protons and other subatomic particles, but none of its research has the potential for military application and all its results are published in the public domain (Bruppacher & Higgins, 2009).

**Date:** January 10, 2010

**Source:** France 24, AFP

**Title/Headline:** *Christmas Plot Suspect Says 20 Others Training For Similar Attacks*

**Abstract:** A young Nigerian man charged with trying to blow up a U.S. airliner on Christmas Day 2009, boasted during his interrogation that some **20 others were being trained to carry out similar attacks.** The British intelligence officials said Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 23, had "boasted that close to **20 other young Muslim men were being prepared in Yemen to use the same technique to blow up airliners,**" Abdulmutallab pleaded not guilty to six charges arising out of the botched bombing of Northwest Flight 253 from Detroit to Amsterdam (France 24, 2010).



**Date:** January 10, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *CIA 'Suicide Bomber' Vows Revenge In New Video*

**Abstract:** The man believed to be the suicide bomber who killed seven CIA employees and contractors appeared in a newly released video, in which he vows revenge for the killing of a Taliban leader. The video shows Humam Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi, whom a former U.S. intelligence official identified as the suicide bomber. Al-Balawi mentions Baitullah Mehsud, the leader of the Taliban in Pakistan who was killed in a missile strike. **"We will never forget the blood of our leader Baitullah Mehsud, may God have mercy on his soul,"** he says in Arabic, according to a CNN translation. "It will remain that **we take revenge (for his death) in America and outside America.** It is a trust on every person who left everything for the sake of God, whom Baitullah Mehsud supported." Al Qaeda's commander of operations in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu Yazid, said this week that the attack avenged Mehsud's death. Mehsud **was the leader of Tehrik-i Taliban Pakistan (TTP).** The Yemen-based group Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula has claimed responsibility for the Christmas Day plot. It is impossible to know whether the date on the video is accurate, or whether al-Balawi was aware of AbdulMutallab's alleged plans. If al-Balawi did know about the plot, it could indicate a greater degree of communication between TTP and Al Qaeda than previously thought. In an analysis of the video, IntelCenter said there is a connection between the two groups. But IntelCenter also pointed out al-Balawi appears in the video next to TTP leader Hakimullah Mehsud, and that it was TTP that released the video. **"The TTP and Al Qaeda have a close relationship, and in all likelihood Al Qaeda was involved at some level in the operation"** (CNN, 2010).



**Date:** January 15, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Post, Dan Zak

**Title/Headline:** *Doomsday Clock Set Back By A Minute*

**Abstract:** The infamous Nuclear Doomsday Clock was set back one minute, from 11:55 to 11:54, reversing a precipitous slide toward midnight, the zero hour, and ultimate self-destruction. The clock was reset to reflect a **"more hopeful state of world affairs,"** the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists announced at the New York Academy of Sciences and over a live feed on the Internet. Forty policymakers, scientists and Nobel laureates on the board of the Bulletin -- an online magazine that covers threats to humanity -- decided to move the clock after spirited debates about current trends in science and politics. **"We are poised to bend the arc of history toward a world free of nuclear weapons,"** the board said in a statement. "For the first time since atomic bombs were dropped in 1945, leaders of nuclear weapons states are cooperating to vastly reduce their arsenals and secure all nuclear bomb-making material. And for the first time ever, industrialized and developing countries alike are pledging to limit climate-changing gas emissions that could render our planet nearly uninhabitable." **The clock has been steadily ticking toward midnight since the mid-'90s, as increased terrorism destabilized regions of the world and India and Pakistan tested nuclear bombs.** "I suppose we tend to be the eternal pessimists because the Bible says it's going to get worse. So any time they move [the Doomsday Clock] back, the general reaction is scorn." (Zak, 2010).

**Date:** January 21, 2010

**Source:** Daily Times

**Title/Headline:** *Qaeda Spreading, Rebuilding: FBI*

**Abstract:** FBI Chief Mueller stated that **Al Qaeda and its offshoots are spreading and rebuilding,** and although the U.S. has dismantled much of Al Qaeda's infrastructure in Afghanistan, the **terror network and its associated groups are rebuilding in Pakistan, Yemen, and the Horn of Africa** (Daily Times, 2010).

**Date:** January 22, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *India Issues Terror Alert Over Al Qaeda Hijack Plot*

**Abstract:** A that a **hijack threat was uncovered** during the interrogation of Amjad Khwaja, a militant leader belonging to Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami, a terrorist involved in numerous terrorist attacks in India. **Harakat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami is said to be based in Pakistan** and to have **similar motivation and goals as both Al Qaeda and Lashkar**, but it is unclear whether they have direct links. A hijacking, especially one launched by Pakistan-based militants, would send tensions soaring between the two nuclear-armed rivals and be a huge distraction for U.S. efforts to crush the Taliban and Al Qaeda along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** January 22, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Ron Paul Warns Of Coming "Social And Political Chaos"*

**Abstract:** Former 2008 Presidential candidate and current Texas Congressman Ron Paul made the following statement in his State of the Republic address: **"We are rapidly moving toward a dangerous time in our history.** Society as we know it is vulnerable to political and social unrest. This impending crisis comes as a consequence of our **flawed foreign and domestic economic policies,** a silly notion of money, ignorance about central banking, ignoring the onerous power and mischief of **out of control intelligence agencies (CIA),** our



unsustainable welfare state and a willingness to sacrifice privacy and civil liberties in an attempt to achieve safety and security from an inept government. The only way that we can **prevent blood from running in the streets** is to offer a better idea of the proper role of government in a society that desires, first and foremost, liberty. The social unrest will illicit cries for the government to exert unusual force to head off a **complete breakdown of law and order**. The ultimate trap will be set for a system of government claiming to protect a free society. If more power and police authority are not given to the Federal government, it will be argued that only anarchy will result. If more government policing power is given, it will mean a lethal threat to civil liberties.” Paul went on refer to the 9/11 aftermath when American freely gave up their liberties for alleged government security, **“Our civil leaders will not be hesitant to use these powers to maintain order, tragically, the people may even demand it”** (Watson, 2010).

**Date:** January 22, 2010

**Source:** The Diplomat

**Title/Headline:** *India and Pakistan Are Nuclear States—Time To Accept It*

**Abstract:** In regards to the India-Pakistan conflict that one thing is clear, **“The threat of nuclear terrorism looms large over both**, and that there are other means of **groups such as al-Qaeda engaging in nuclear terrorism”** (Puri, 2010).

**Date:** January 22, 2010

**Source:** Reuters

**Title/Headline:** *Britain Raises Terror Threat Level To ‘Severe’*

**Abstract:** **Britain raised its terrorism threat level to 'severe'** -- its second-highest level of terror alert -- from substantial. Alan Johnson, Interior Minister of Home Secretary, stated that, "The Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre has today raised the threat to the UK from international terrorism from substantial to severe. This means that a **terrorist attack is highly likely**, but I should stress that there is no intelligence to suggest than an attack is imminent." Johnson went on to state that, "JTAC keeps the threat level under constant review and makes its judgments based on a broad range of factors, including the intent and capabilities of international terrorist groups in the UK and overseas" Prime Minister Gordon Brown told parliament this week Britain was suspending direct flights to Britain by a Yemeni airline and was stepping up immigration checks in the wake of the failed Detroit attack. **"We know that a number of terrorist cells are actively trying to attack Britain and other countries"**, Brown said (Reuters, 2010).

**Date:** January 23, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Phil Sherwell, Sean Rayment

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda Has Trained Female Suicide Bombers To Attack West, US Officials Warn*

**Abstract:** A Saudi Arabian passenger was stopped from boarding United Airlines flight 929 to Chicago. Both men were denied permission to board the US-bound flights after their names **were "flagged" as being linked to potential Islamist terror groups**. In two other cases involving people on the no-fly list, a man in Nairobi, **Kenya** was kept off a flight last Sunday that would have connected in Amsterdam to Dallas, and a passenger attempting to fly on an American Airlines flight to Los Angeles was stopped in Saint Maarten, in the Caribbean, before he could board a connecting flight to San Juan, Puerto Rico. American officials say there were two additional incidents, in Minneapolis and in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in which people on the no-fly list were denied boarding, questioned and then allowed to leave the airport without being detained. Mr. Clarke, went on to state that, **“...terrorists are attempting to probe our security.”** The threat is believed to come from Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. Whitehall sources said that the group had demonstrated that it had both the **"intent and capability" to mount an attack against a western target** (Sherwell & Rayment, 2010).

**Date:** January 25, 2010

**Source:** Xinhau News

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Threat Is "Real": Weapons Expert*

**Abstract:** **The risk of nuclear terrorism is "real" and it is only because of "sheer dumb luck" that an all-out nuclear attack has not occurred since World War II**, Professor Gareth Evans of Australia said here on Monday. "The nature of the risks are real," Evans said. "It's sheer dumb luck that we have succeeded as a world in surviving ... a major nuclear catastrophe since 1945. It's not a function of good policy or anything other than luck." Evans, who is co-chairman of the International Commission on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (ICNND), presented the December 2009 report "Eliminating Nuclear Threats." The 230-page report comes in a "new environment of optimism," said Evans, noting bilateral disarmament talks between the U.S. and Russia. An independent global panel of 15 commissioners, produced the unanimous report, which Evans called "realistic" and "pragmatic" in the way it was put together, and "not just a wish list." There is a new opportunity for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation -- the first time since the post-Cold War years, said the report. In May, the United Nations will hold a conference aimed at reviewing the Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT), and in April, U.S. President Barack Obama will host an international nuclear security summit. **The world has come "hellishly close to a (nuclear) catastrophe on many occasions during the Cold War**, which are only now beginning to come to light after all these years," said Evans. **"You cannot make any assumption at all that the status quo will continue."** (Xinhau News, 2010).

**Date:** January 26, 2010

**Source:** USA Today, Susan Page, Thomas Frank, Kevin Johnson

**Title/Headline:** *What's The Next U.S. Terror Threat*

**Abstract:** White House national security adviser Janes Jones stated that “Thirty years ago, one of my predecessors would have said nuclear

war with Russia. **Today, as I'm in this chair, I can tell you it's proliferation, the acquisition of a weapon of mass destruction by a terrorist organization. The difference between a nation-state doing so and a rogue group of a terrorist organization is that nation-states can be controlled. They know if they're going to use one what's going to happen. But terrorist groups will have no such limitation. That's one aspect of the next decade that we're going to have to focus on...It's very clear that radical terrorist organizations, the most prominent of which of course is Al Qaeda will continue to try to obtain weapons of mass destruction - which I think is their singular goal, which would be a huge game changer.**" When asked what would qualify as a "game changer," Jones replied "The threat of a weapon of mass destruction, whether it's nuclear or chemical or biological, is a fundamentally different order of threat, magnitude of threat, to our societies. And probably the reaction to our knowing that's out there would foster changes in the way we live that are probably very hard to imagine." In the same article, Dianne Feinstein, a California U.S. Congresswoman, and the Senate Intelligence Committee chair, stated that **"In this new decade, we must pay attention to (radical Islamic) madrassas, and madrassas exist by the thousands all over Pakistan, all over most Muslim countries."** She went on to state that **"What we're going to see is the emergence of the lone wolf rather than the planning of large numbers of people to carry out large attacks...Explosives are getting more sophisticated.** And we've seen new areas which have become safe havens as well as operational theaters for these groups, namely Yemen, Somalia and as a matter of fact virtually the entire Maghreb (Page, Frank, & Johnson, 2010)

**Date:** January 26, 2010

**Source:** NewsMax, Theodore Kettle

**Title/Headline:** *Former WMD Chief: Al Qaeda Awaiting Nukes*

**Abstract:** CIA officer Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, who served as chief of the CIA's Weapons of Mass Destruction Department, accused the U.S. government of seriously misreading Al Qaeda's operational objectives. **"Al Qaeda's reasoning,"** according to Mowatt-Larssen's new report from Harvard's Kennedy School, **"runs counter to analytic convention that equates the ease of acquisition of chemical, biological or radiological weapons with an increasing likelihood of terrorist use — i.e., a terrorist attack employing crude weapons is therefore more likely than an attack using a nuclear or large scale biological weapon. In fact, it is the opposite"** of that conventional wisdom, according to the analysis, entitled "Al Qaeda Weapons of Mass Destruction Threat: Hype or Reality." Al Qaeda's motivations suggest **"the greatest threat is posed by the most effective and simple means of mass destruction, whether these means consist of nuclear, biological, or other forms of asymmetric weapons."** The details he provides of Al Qaeda's scheming in this report are nothing short of chilling. "Considering the potential that such weapons hold in fulfilling Al Qaeda's aspirations," it says, **"their WMD procurement efforts have been managed at the most senior levels,** under rules of strict compartmentalization from lower levels of the organization, and with central control over possible targets and timing of prospective attacks." He noted that **"Al Qaeda's patient, decade-long effort to steal or construct an improvised nuclear device (IND) flows from their perception of the benefits of producing the image of a mushroom cloud rising over a U.S. city, just as the 9/11 attacks have altered the course of history."** Mowatt-Larssen concludes that "This lofty aim helps explain why Al Qaeda has consistently sought a bomb capable of producing a nuclear yield, as opposed to settling for the more expedient and realistic course of devising a 'dirty bomb,' or a radiological dispersal device." In 1996, Ayman al-Zawahiri, emir of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, which eventually merged into Al Qaeda, was detained in Russia where he may have been seeking nuclear weapons or material. **Al-Zawahiri later stated that Al Qaeda obtained nuclear weapons from the former Soviet Union.** According to Mowatt-Larssen, "There is no indication that the fundamental objectives that lie behind their WMD intent have changed over time." According to the Kennedy School analysis, "Osama bin Laden's morality-based argument on the nature of the struggle between militant Islamists and the U.S.-led coalition of secular forces focuses the group's planning on the acquisition of strategic weapons that can be used in mass casualty attacks, rather than on the production of tactical, more readily available weapons such as 'dirty bombs,' chemical agents, crude toxins and poisons." If this former WMD chief for the CIA is to be believed, a big reason we have not suffered a repeat of 9/11 more than eight years later may be that **Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda are patiently working toward the day when they can successfully hit us with something a lot bigger** (Kettle, 2010).

**Date:** January 26, 2010

**Source:** Wall Street Journal, Alistair MacDonald

**Title/Headline:** *U.K. Police Arrest Man on Terror Suspicions*

**Abstract:** British police arrested a man under the Terrorism Act, a move which came **days after the U.K. raised its terror alert from "substantial" to "severe."** Officers from the West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit arrested a 30-year-old man from the Sparkhill area of Birmingham, Britain's second largest city. The man was arrested on suspicion of **possessing material likely to be of use to a terrorist, although the material was never identified,** and of "distributing terrorist publications," the police said in a statement. The U.K.'s Home Office said it had increased the terror alert because of a pick-up in "intelligence chatter" about a possible threat to the U.K. (MacDonald, 2010).



**Date:** January 26, 2010

**Source:** NY Daily News, Ethan Sacks

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda Terror Leaders Have Eye On Chemical, Biological Or Nuclear Attack On U.S. Soil: Report*

**Abstract:** Al Qaeda planners are lying in wait, plotting another major attack on U.S. soil involving weapons of mass destruction, according to a dire new report. Osama bin Laden's terror network has made several attempts to acquire large-scale biological, chemical or nuclear

weapons in the years since the Sept. 11 attacks, according to a new report. Former high-ranking CIA official Rolf Mowatt-Larssen reported in a paper for Harvard's Kennedy School that al Qaeda operatives are desperate to launch the most devastating terror attack yet. **"We have done things that have made the country safer," Mowatt-Larssen told the News. "But we have to ask ourselves does that mean they can't mount another attack like 9/11 with 19 core, well-trained terrorists?"** "It doesn't require a giant organization to pull off a spectacular terrorist attack like that. We have to be careful that we don't become complacent." Mowatt-Larssen, who led the U.S.'s probe into whether or not Al Qaeda had acquired WMDs in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, speculates that the lack of another major attack is due in part to luck. **"If Osama bin Laden and his lieutenants had been interested in employing crude chemical, biological and radiological materials in small scale attacks, there is little doubt they could have done so by now,"** wrote Mowatt-Larssen in his report. The report, released ahead of a congressional meeting to assess the country's preparedness for the type of major attack Mowatt-Larssen is warning about, the Washington Post reported. That commission released a sobering report in December 2008 that predicted a major attack involving WMDs by 2013. "After New York and America were attacked in 1993, we fell asleep," Sen. Charles Schumer (D.-NY) said in a statement. "We learned on 9-11, when America and New York were attacked again, that we can never – ever – make that mistake again. "We must be vigilant in protecting Americans and our nation's infrastructure from potential acts of terrorism and we must ensure that we are providing our local and national law enforcement authorities with the resources they need to get the job done." One of the motivations for his report, Mowatt-Larssen said, was the concern that government officials were getting too bogged down in focusing on the potential for smaller scale terrorist attacks like individual suicide bombers or plots to bring down a single aircraft. **"Just like a football coach that might say, 'We're never going to fumble, we're never going to have an interception,' well that's not going to last long,"** he said. **"In the war on terror, we're going to have to -- as hard as it is for people to hear this message -- we're going to have to get used to making risk management decisions that means we're not going to stop everything. But the important thing, the most important thing, is stopping the next 9/11"** (Sacks, 2010).



**Date:** January 26, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Judith Miller

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Gets 'F' On Stopping Spread Of Weapons Of Mass Destruction*

**Abstract:** A bipartisan, independent commission on stopping the spread of weapons of mass destruction says that **the Obama administration has failed in its first year in office to do enough to prevent a germ weapons attack on America or to respond quickly and effectively should such an attack occur.** In a 19-page report card being published Tuesday, the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation and Terrorism, chaired by former Senators Bob Graham, a Democrat from Florida, and **Jim Talent, a Missouri Republican, gives the new administration the grade of "F" for failing to take key steps the commission outlined just over a year ago in its initial report.** Specifically, the commission concludes that the Obama administration, like the three administrations before it, has failed to pay consistent and urgent attention to increasing the nation's ability to respond quickly and effectively to a germ attack that would inflict massive casualties on the nation. **The commission repeated its warning that unless nations acted decisively and urgently, it was more likely than not that a WMD will be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by the end of 2013, and that the terrorists' weapon of choice would be biological, rather than nuclear.** The administration's delayed response to the H1N1 virus, the report concludes, demonstrated that the United States was "woefully behind in its ability to rapidly produce rapidly vaccines and therapeutics, essential steps for adequately responding to a biological threat, whether natural or man-made." Even with time to prepare, the report noted, the epidemic peaked "before most Americans had access to vaccine." **And a bio-attack, it warned, would have no such warning. The administration's lack of urgency was also reflected in its lack of priority on producing and distributing enough vaccines and other medical countermeasures for Americans, its reluctance to insist that hospitals have enough surge capacity to treat people who would be infected in a bioterror attack, and the lack of a national plan to coordinate federal, state and local efforts following a bioterror strike, the document asserts.** Ultimately, the commission chairman and vice chairman say, the "lack of preparedness" and "consistent lack of action" reflect "a failure of the U.S. government to grasp the threat of biological weapons." Unlike its effort to prevent a nuclear attack, the Obama administration has shown "no equal sense of urgency" about preventing or responding to germ warfare that might cause comparable death and suffering, the commission concludes. The report assigns 17 grades that it says highlight the issues of greatest priority in protecting Americans from WMD. The commission gave the administration a "D+" for its efforts to tighten oversight of high-containment labs in which experiments involving the deadliest pathogens are conducted. There were still far too many Federal, state, and local agencies regulating germs in sometimes conflicting ways, it states. The commission also gave Congress a failing grade for failing to consolidate the estimated 82 to 108 committees and subcommittees that oversee some part of the Department of Homeland Security. **"Virtually no progress has been made since consolidation was first recommended by the 9/11 Commission in 2004,"** the report asserts. The Obama administration disputed the findings of the report Tuesday, arguing that the president has accomplished a "great deal" in his first year in office. White House spokesman Nick Shapiro cited a recently signed executive order establishing "federal capability to rapidly provide medical countermeasures to supplement state and local response in the event of a large-scale biological attack." He said Obama would launch a new initiative aimed at addressing potential "public health threats" during his State of the Union address Wednesday. The Graham/Talent WMD Commission, as it is known, is a legacy of the 9/11 Commission, which recommended its creation to examine WMD proliferation threats in its own report. **In December, 2008, the WMD commission concluded in its final report that American national security faced ever growing threats from unconventional weapons, and from biological weapons in particular. Its report, "World at Risk," unanimously concluded that bioterrorism was the most likely WMD threat the nation confronted given the exponential growth of biological technology and the stated desire of Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups to acquire such weapons.** It called upon the administration to take 13 steps to reduce America's vulnerability to such an attack.

The new report card assesses the progress that the Obama administration has made in implementing its recommendations. The report is not uniformly negative. It gives the Administration high marks -- an "A" -- for the reviews it has conducted into how best to store and secure dangerous pathogens, and two "A-minus" grades for appointing a WMD coordinator and restructuring how the White House oversees homeland security issues. **But it warns that such steps are not commensurate with the threat the nation faces from terrorist groups searching for unconventional weapons in asymmetrical warfare.** Robert Kadlec, President Bush's former special adviser on bio-defense policy, declined to comment on the commission's failing grade in the area in which he worked, saying there was still "ample opportunity to provide more focus and resources" for bio-preparedness in the administration's remaining three years. "This is a hard problem which deserves high priority," he said. Two defenders of the administration's policies, both of whom asked not to be identified by name because they were speaking without authorization, said that **the Obama White House gave bio-defense and countering nuclear proliferation high priority. One official said that Obama's second presidential security directive -- the first being the reorganization of the White House national security apparatus -- mapped out a national strategy to defend the nation against biological attacks. He also predicted that the administration would seek increases in its new budget for bio-defense and global surveillance programs.** Having been extended for one more year of work in 2009, the 9-member WMD Commission is disbanding after issuing this final report card. But staff members said that its chairman and vice-chairman intend to form a non-profit organization to continue pressing the government to do more to counter WMD threats (Miller, 2010).

**Date:** February 2, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Intelligence Officials Warn Attempted Al Qaeda Attack Months Away*

**Abstract:** CIA Director Leon Panetta told Congress that **Al Qaeda can be expected to attempt an attack on the United States in the next three to six months**, and that the terrorist organization is deploying operatives to the United States **to carry out new attacks from inside the country**, including "clean" recruits with a negligible trail of terrorist contacts, and that **Al Qaeda is also inspiring homegrown extremists to trigger violence on their own.** Panetta added that, "The biggest threat is not so much that we face an attack like 9/11. It is that Al Qaeda is adapting its methods in ways that oftentimes make it difficult to detect." Panetta went on to warn that, **"It's the lone-wolf strategy that I think we have to pay attention to as the main threat to this country,"** and concluded that **"Al Qaeda can be expected to continue and try to attack the United States until Osama bin Laden and his No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, are dead"** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** February 2, 2010

**Source:** UPI

**Title/Headline:** *Intel Chiefs Warn Terror Threat Is Real*

**Abstract:** The possibility of another terror attack on the United States **"keeps me awake at nights,"** CIA Director Leon Panetta told a Senate panel. Al-Qaida still is the top security threat to the United States, but the country's intelligence community must recognize a growing cybersecurity threat, Panetta, and the heads of the FBI and other agencies told the Senate Intelligence Committee, CNN reported. **"My greatest concern, and what keeps me awake at night, is that al-Qaida and its terrorist allies and affiliates could very well attack the United States,"** CIA Director Leon Panetta said. Al-Qaida is manipulating methods to make their plots harder to detect, moving from spectacular attacks with many players to using individuals without any background in terrorism, Panetta said. **"Sensitive information is stolen daily from both government and private sector networks, undermining confidence in our information systems, and in the very information these systems were intended to convey,"** Dennis C. Blair, director of national intelligence, said. "Malicious cyber activity is occurring on an unprecedented scale with extraordinary sophistication." Senate Intelligence Committee chairwoman Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said, **"the top threat on everyone's mind is the heightened terrorism threat, especially against the U.S. homeland"** despite a growing list of national security concerns, The New York Times reported (UPI, 2010).

**The following article was published the day before the NFL Super Bowl XLIV and exactly ONE year prior to the Super Bowl in Arlington, Texas, on February 6, 2011.**



**Telegraph**

**"The era of nuclear terrorism has arrived". ~Liam Fox**

**Date:** February 6, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Sean Rayment

**Title/Headline:** *Tories Would Back War with Iran*

**Abstract:** Liam Fox, the current Shadow Defense Secretary and Member of British Parliament, stated that under Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's regime, the "export of terrorism and instability" was part of the country's foreign policy and warned **"the era of nuclear terrorism has arrived"**. Fox went on to state that, "Iran provides us with a unique worry. You have an increasingly militarized state where the Revolutionary Guard have a greater say economically and politically than ever before and where a hard-line theocrat is at the top. Iran is a regime that seems intent on staying in office at any cost, including the death, disappearance and torture of its own nationals and they are embarked on a program which the UN says can be for no other purpose than to develop a nuclear weapon capability."



**We know that Iran, more than any other country, is willing to export instability and terror as part of its foreign policy.** We saw what they did when we were in Iraq. "The Iranians funded some of the insurgency and supplied and trained them. We have seen their role with Hezbollah and Hamas." Fox concluded that, **"Do we really want to add nuclear material into that particular mix? If Iran becomes a nuclear-weaponed state, Turkey is likely to be next, quickly followed by Saudi Arabia, and Egypt and you will have a nuclear arms race in the world's most unstable region"** (Rayment, 2010).

**Date:** February 8, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Post, Joby Warrick, Peter Finn

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaeda Is A Wounded But Dangerous Enemy*

**Abstract:** New assessments of al-Qaeda by the top U.S. counterterrorism experts offer grounds for both optimism and concern a year after President Obama took office. **Officials say al-Qaeda's ability to wage mass-casualty terrorism has been undercut by relentless U.S. attacks** on the network's leadership, finances and training camps. But even in its weakened state, the group has shifted tactics to focus on small-scale operations that are far harder to detect and disrupt, analysts say. The deadly November shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Tex., and the failed Christmas Day attempt to bomb an airliner -- both examples of the low-tech approach -- have raised the fear level in Washington and across the country. **Some terrorism experts say the worst could be still to come as a wounded jihadist movement thrashes about in search of a victory.** "The noose is tightening, and al-Qaeda's leadership is accelerating efforts that were probably in place anyway," said Andy Johnson, former staff director of the Senate intelligence committee and now national security director for the Washington think tank Third Way. **"Intelligence confirms that they are finding it difficult to be able to engage in the planning and the command-and-control operations to put together a large attack,"** CIA Director Leon Panetta said Tuesday in testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee. **But intelligence officials also warned lawmakers of worrisome new evidence of al-Qaeda's ability to adapt. In an annual "threat assessment" to Congress, spy agencies described the emerging threat as more geographically dispersed and also low-tech, favoring lone operatives and conventional explosives.** Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair, who presented the assessment to House and Senate panels, said the attempted bombing of Northwest Airlines Flight 253 over Detroit is emblematic of an evolving threat that relies on "small numbers of terrorists, recently recruited and trained, and short-term plots." **The new tactics are less spectacular but also much harder to detect and disrupt,** he said. "A handful of individuals and small, discrete cells will seek to mount attacks each year, with only a small portion of that activity materializing into violence against the homeland," he said. **Blair testified that he thought another attempted strike by terrorists was "certain" in the next six months.** "We have been warning since September 11 that al-Qaeda-inspired terrorists remain committed to striking the United States," he said. "What is different is that we have names and faces to go with that warning. We are therefore seeing the reality" (Warrick & Finn, 2010).

**Date:** February 11, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Joestradamus: Biden Predicts Large-Scale Terror Attack On U.S. 'Unlikely'*

**Abstract:** Vice President Joe Biden made his latest eyebrow-furrowing prediction declaring confidently that another Sept. 11-size terror attack is "unlikely" in the U.S., despite signs that Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups are actively planning more attacks. Top intelligence officials told congressional lawmakers early this month that the terror network can be expected to try another attack in the next three to six months. But Biden, interviewed on CNN, downplayed the risk. **"Look, let me put it this way. The idea of there being a massive attack in the United States like 9/11 is unlikely, in my view,"** the vice president said. "What's happening, particularly with Al Qaeda and the Arabian Peninsula, they have decided to move in the direction of much more small-bore but devastatingly frightening attacks," he said on Wednesday. **"The concern relates to somebody like a shoe bomber or the underpants bomber, the Christmas attack or someone just strapping a backpack on them with explosives that are indigenous"** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** February 11, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Lara Setrakian

**Title/Headline:** *Osama Bin Laden's Son Warns His Successors Will Be Worse*

**Abstract:** Osama bin Laden's son stated that the worst may lie ahead, that if his father is killed **America may face a broader and more violent enemy**, with nothing to keep them in check. "From what I knew of my father and the people around him **I believe he is the most kind among them, because some are much, much worse,**" Omar bin Laden, who was raised in the midst of his father's fighters, told ABC News in an exclusive interview. **"Their mentality wants to make more violence, to create more problems."** When asked whether there is anything his father likes about the United States, Omar says **"their weapons,"** and nothing else. "Nobody dares to say, 'I follow your father' in public. But I find it very often and everywhere, people say **'We like your father. Your father is a hero.** He didn't treat us differently than any of his followers. He just expected us to act like everyone else, because he was the leader," said Omar. He and his brothers were given weapons training. In a breaking point between them, Osama encouraged them to sign up for suicide missions, volunteering to blow themselves up. "We were shocked. Why would our father say something like this to us? After he went away we just talked about it and said this was never going to happen, this was not our way." Omar found the rare and substantial nerve it took to talk back. "I objected, and said why did you do this? What is the point? He didn't respond. **We were not more important than his big goal...and nothing would stop him from this."** "He thinks America is weaker than Israel. **America is easier to get attacked, with its huge cities,**" Omar said. "He sees America is the main power, but in fact is weak in certain ways" (Setrakian, 2010).



**Date:** February 14, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, This Week, Jonathan Karl

**Title/Headline:** Cheney: Al Qaida Wants Nukes, Obama Doesn't Take It Seriously. Boogah Boogah!

**Abstract:** On This Week with Jonathan Karl, Darth Cheney lays the groundwork for a full-bore Republican attack on the Obama administration in the event of another terrorist attack.

**Jonathan Karl:** Another thing from the vice president, he also addressed the possibility of another 9/11-style attack. (Video Clip Starts)

**Joe Biden:** The idea of there being a massive attack in the United States like 9/11 is unlikely, in my view. But if you see what's happening, particularly with Al Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, **they have decided to move in a direction of much more small-bore, but devastatingly frightening attacks.** (Video Clip Ends)

**Jonathan Karl:** Is he right?

**Dick Cheney:** I don't think so. And I would point to a study that was released just within the last week or two up at the Kennedy School at Harvard by a gentleman -- Mowatt-Larssen's his name, I believe. He was CIA for 23 years, director of intelligence at the Energy Department for a long time, that looks at this whole question of weapons of mass destruction and Al Qaida and comes to the conclusion that **there's a very high threat that Al Qaida is trying very hard to acquire a weapon of mass destruction and, if they're successful in acquiring it, that they will use it.** I think he's right. I think, in fact, the situation with respect to Al Qaida to say that, you know, that was a big attack we had on 9/11, but it's not likely again, I just think that's dead wrong. I think the biggest strategic threat the United States faces today is **the possibility of another 9/11 with a nuclear weapon or a biological agent of some kind, and I think Al Qaida is out there even as we meet trying to figure out how to do that.**

**Jonathan Karl:** And do you think that the Obama administration is taking enough serious steps to prevent that?

**Dick Cheney:** **I think they need to do everything they can to prevent it.** And if the mindset is it's not likely, then it's difficult to mobilize the resources and get people to give it the kind of priority that it deserves (Madrak, 2010).

**Date:** February 14, 2010

**Source:** CBS News, Face The Nation

**Title/Headline:** *Dueling VPs: Biden, Cheney Parry On Terror*

**Abstract:** Vice President Dick Cheney's comments contending that President Barack Obama is "trying to pretend" that the U.S. is not at war with terrorists. Cheney stated that, "To say that, you know, that was a big attack we had on 9/11, but it's not likely again, I just think that's dead wrong. **I think the biggest strategic threat the United States faces today is the possibility of another 9/11 with a nuclear weapon or a biological agent of some kind, and I think Al Qaeda is out there even as we meet trying to figure out how to do that.**" Cheney said the administration needs to do everything possible to prevent that, "And if the mindset is 'It's not likely,' then it's difficult to mobilize the resources and get people to give it the kind of priority that it deserves." These comments came in response to Vice President Joe Biden's statement that **"The threat of al Qaeda acquiring control of a nuclear weapon is legitimate but unlikely."** Biden went on to state, "The reason why I do not think it's likely, is because of all the resources we have put on this, considerably more than the last administration did, to see to it that it will not happen. **We agree, the worst nightmare is the possession of nuclear weapons or a radiological weapon by Al Qaeda,**" Biden added that, "The reason it's unlikely is because we have been relentless, absolutely relentless in isolating al Qaeda. I don't know what Dick doesn't understand. **The worry is legitimate.** The reason why I do not think it's likely is because of all the resources we have put on this, considerably more than the last administration did, to see to it that it will not happen" (CBS News, 2010).

**Date:** February 23, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Joshua Rhett Miller

**Title/Headline:** *Canadian Nuke Scientist Vanishes With 'Absolutely No Trace'*

**Abstract:** A Canadian nuclear scientist who has not been seen for more than a month has simply vanished, leaving "absolutely no trace at all," police say. Lachlan Cranswick, 41, a physicist from the Chalk River Laboratories nuclear facility in Ottawa, was last seen on Jan. 18, when he left his job and boarded a bus to Deep River, his hometown along the Ottawa River with a population of roughly 4,300. Later that day, or possibly the next morning, Cranswick took out the garbage -- and the single man described as a meticulous loner

has not been seen since. **"It is open and there is nothing else we can do with it,"** said Const. Darin Faris, the Deep River police officer conducting the investigation. **"Every bit of information, every lead that came in, everything ... has led us nowhere."** Faris said Cranswick's friends notified police of his disappearance six days after he was last seen, leading to fruitless searches of a 9-mile-long stretch of land along the Ottawa River. Helicopters, tracking dogs and civilians were unable to find a trace of the man. Faris said investigators have no reason to believe Cranswick was targeted or that he was a victim of a crime. **"It's not like he's a reactor designer or that he knows how to use them,"** Faris told FoxNews.com. "He's not someone who, if you gave him highly enriched uranium, he could make a bomb. He's not that kind of person." Investigators at first thought Cranswick had gotten lost while walking along several nearby trails, but every item he typically took on those trips -- at least two flashlights, a whistle and a GPS system -- was found in his unlocked home, along with his wallet, keys and passport. **"We don't believe he got lost,"** Faris said. **"He's meticulous in all points of detail."** Faris acknowledged the possibility that Cranswick lost his way and fell through ice on the Ottawa River, or perhaps he was attacked by a wolf, coyote or bear, but investigators have found no evidence to support those theories. "The average person would come to the conclusion -- it's not a good feeling," he said. **"There's absolutely no evidence either way. There's absolutely no trace at all."** Daniel Banks, a colleague of Cranswick's at Chalk River Laboratories, said he saw no change in Cranswick's demeanor prior to his disappearance. **"There was no indication he was going anywhere,"** Banks said. **"Everyone has said that he seemed normal, especially during the time leading up to the disappearance."** Cranswick, an avid curler, specialized in conducting experiments in structural chemistry and Earth sciences, Banks said (Miller, 2010).

**Date:** March 12, 2010

**Source:** NY Daily News, Brian Kates

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda-Linked New Jersey Man Sharif Mobley, Arrested In Yemen, Worked In Nuclear Power Plants*

**Abstract:** A New Jersey man charged in Yemen as an Al Qaeda member worked at nuclear power plants in the U.S., officials said. Sharif Mobley, a 26-year-old American native of Somali heritage, was arrested in Yemen this month in a roundup of suspected Al Qaeda members. He was being treated at a hospital in San'a when he killed one guard and wounded another in an escape attempt, officials said. **Before Mobley moved to Yemen two years ago, ostensibly to learn Arabic and study the Koran, he worked for several contractors at three nuclear power plants in New Jersey from 2002 to 2008,** PSE&G Nuclear spokesman Joe Delmar said. Mobley carried supplies and did maintenance work at the plants on Artificial Island in Lower Alloways Creek and worked at other plants in the region as well, Delmar said. He satisfied federal background checks as recently as 2008, Delmar said. Mobley was always supervised, caused no problems and was not believed to have breached security at the plants, said Mike Drewniak, a spokesman for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Mohammed Albasha, spokesman for the Yemeni Embassy in Washington, said there was no immediate connection between Mobley's activities or capture in Yemen and his work at the plants. **It was not immediately clear if Mobley worked at any of the region's other power plants.** Joe Szafran, a spokesman for Exelon Corp., which owns nuclear plants at three facilities in eastern Pennsylvania, referred questions to the FBI. The FBI declined to comment on the case. "We don't know nothing. We're trying to hear something," Mobley's father, Charles Mobley, told New Jersey's WMGM-TV. **Sharif Mobley is the latest example of what anti-terrorism experts fear is a growing trend: the radicalization of American Muslims who join overseas terrorist groups.** Yemeni groups are of special concern, as are Somali-Americans. The Al Qaeda branch in Yemen was linked to the failed Christmas Day bombing of a Detroit-bound airliner. Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist accused of killing 13 people in the Fort Hood shooting spree, exchanged e-mails with an extremist cleric in Yemen. **Young Somali-American men have been traveling from the U.S. to fight jihad in Somalia, raising fears they are receiving terror training.** Mobley graduated from high school in 2002 in the rural southern New Jersey town of Buena and lived in Philadelphia and Newark, Del. In recent years, Mobley organized religious pilgrimages to the Middle East for other Muslims. Umar Hassan-El, assistant imam at the Islamic Society of Delaware's mosque in Wilmington, Del., told the Associated Press he roomed with Mobley during a 2004 pilgrimage to Mecca. **"He gave no indication that he would join a group that he's alleged to be a part of right now,"** said Hassan-El. **"I never heard that boy ever talk about shooting anybody, killing anybody."** Roman Castro, 25, a high school classmate who served with the Army in Iraq, told the Associated Press that the last time he saw Mobley, about four years ago, Mobley yelled, **"Get the hell away from me, you Muslim killer!"** Former classmate Dawn Bass said she was "shocked" to learn of the allegations against Mobley, who she said was a "sweetheart" who was "always showing off in the back of the classroom doing his karate moves and stuff." She said, Mobley "was just a regular kid, he was always talking to everybody - he was not shy" (Kates, 2010).

**Date:** April 2, 2010

**Source:** Global Research, Wei Guoan

**Title/Headline:** *The Dangers Of Nuclear War: U.S.-Russian Nuke Deal No Cure For Real Threat*

**Abstract:** After nearly a year's negotiations, the U.S. and Russian governments finally reached an agree-ment on further reduction and limitation of nuclear weapon arms. The agreement will be signed on April 8, limiting the total number of warheads to less than 1,550. Overall, it is good for world peace and stability as well as the prevention of nuclear proliferation, but we shouldn't be over-optimistic about the treaty. The motivations behind the treaty are clear. Russia is opposed to the U.S. missile defense system and its deployment in Eastern Europe. **The U.S. continues to expand the scope of the missile defense system, which constitutes a real threat to Russia in Eastern Europe.** With 95 percent of the world's total nuclear warheads, the U.S. and Russia are the world's two largest nuclear powers. Russia has more than 14,000 missiles and the U.S. has more than 9,000. This remains one of the few areas where the former U.S.'s national strength is as great as ever, so the U.S. is active in working toward compromise in this field. Yet the treaty has its problems. In the existing agreements, the number of nuclear warheads was limited to between 1,500 and 2,200. This new agreement itself has no new breakthroughs and has not met the expectations of the international community. Half a year ago, the limit of 1,500 was proposed, but in the end, it became 1,550, no big breakthrough at all. The most fundamental problem is that the provisions do not eliminate nuclear weapons but instead change their level of readiness. **Nuclear weapons have three states of readiness: fully equipped and ready to be fired, readied but with the head and body separated, and finally, in storage conditions with the warhead removed.** This treaty reduces the number of

fully equipped nuclear weapons to less than 1,550, but the excess missiles will not be destroyed, only moved to a different state of readiness. They could be activated and re-weaponized in only a short span of time. Despite the agreement, the U.S. also continues to work on developing new nuclear weapons itself. While some are being moved from the frontlines, lighter, more accurate weapons are being developed, as well as so-called bunker-busters designed to penetrate deeply into the Earth. The U.S.-Russian agreement only limits bilateral development, but the real concern is the spread of nuclear weapons worldwide. The U.S. is planning to hold a nuclear safety summit on April 13 where the core issue is the nuclear non-proliferation. **Once nuclear technology spreads, and especially if terrorist organizations get their hands on nuclear materials, the consequences are unpredictable, and it is in every country's interests to prevent this.** U.S. standards on nuclear proliferation are also inconsistent. **It gives tacit approval to Israel's nuclear weapons program, and makes no effort to discourage Japan from stockpiling raw materials that could, in theory, produce thousands of nuclear weapons.** In contrast, the U.S. has been particularly sensitive to Iran and North Korea. Iran has not tested nuclear weapons, but claims to developing civilian nuclear facilities. However, the U.S. has been strongly working for sanctions against it as a consequence and even considering military actions. Out of political considerations, the U.S. has adopted two completely different standards on the use of nuclear technology by various nations. **To make a convincing case for non-proliferation, the U.S. should apply the same standards to every country** (Guoan, 2010).

**Date:** April 3, 2010

**Source:** Newsweek, Barry Thomas, Evan W. Thomas

**Title/Headline:** *The Domsday Dilemma*

**Abstract:** During his presidential campaign, Obama embraced a dream first articulated by President Reagan: the abolition of nuclear weapons. The idea is no longer all that radical. In January 2007, an op-ed piece calling for a nuclear-weapons-free world appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, signed by Reagan's secretary of state George Shultz; Nixon's and Ford's secretary of state, Henry Kissinger; Clinton's secretary of defense Bill Perry; and Sam Nunn, the former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and longtime wise man of the defense establishment. **"The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," as they were quickly dubbed, had gotten together to give cover to politicians. "We wanted the candidates of both parties to feel they could debate the issue freely," said Nunn.** In a speech in Prague last spring, Obama noted that **"in a strange turn of history, the threat of global war has gone down, but the risk of a nuclear attack has gone up."** He warned that with more nations acquiring nuclear weapons, or wishing to, the scary but oddly stable reign of **"mutual assured destruction" was giving way to a new disorder.** "As more people and nations break the rules, we could reach the point where the center cannot hold." Obama stated "clearly and with conviction America's commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons." But, he added, **"I'm not naive. This goal will not be reached quickly—perhaps not in my lifetime."** And he threw in an important caveat: **"Make no mistake. As long as these weapons exist, the United States will maintain a safe, secure, and effective arsenal to deter any adversary, and guarantee that defense to our allies."** Nuclear policy will be front and center for **Obama this spring, but in a way that may reveal more about limits than possibilities.** On April 8, the president will sign an arms-control treaty with Russia that will set limits on numbers of warheads and launchers, lower than any previously agreed. Progress, to be sure. But it's not entirely clear that a polarized Congress will find the two-thirds majority to ratify the treaty. Its most impassioned opponent, Sen. Jon Kyl, Republican of Arizona, is already demanding to know whether the **"New START" treaty represents "a new era in arms control or unilateral disarmament."** For their part the Russians are still smarting from perceived humiliations at the end of the Cold War and are increasingly dependent on nuclear weapons as their conventional forces wither. They seem unlikely to go much further in cutting their arsenal. The prospect of nuclear proliferation is anxiety-inducing for all presidents, especially as terrorists try to get their hands on loose nukes. **Obama is convinced that nuclear terrorism now poses a greater threat than the remote possibility of a nuclear war.** On April 12 and 13, he will host a Washington summit of more than 40 heads of government with the aim of getting tougher measures to secure the fissile material still lying unprotected around the world. He's set a deadline of four years for truly securing the most dangerous materials. His own advisers suspect he is being overambitious but see the summit as a "consciousness-raising exercise." **Every five years, the signers of the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty meet to review progress, and in May they will meet again.** The Obama team hopes to use the conference to push his no-nukes agenda, but he will be resisted by countries, like Iran, that resent American power. At the same time, Obama can't cut America's arsenal as much as he might like. Countries long under U.S. nuclear protection, like Japan, may decide they need their own nuclear arms as American power declines in the world. Countries choosing to stay under the nuclear umbrella will want reassurances that they can depend on it. **Obama's dream of a nuke-free world will encounter the stiffest resistance at home—from the people who make and safeguard nuclear weapons. America's nuclear systems are aging, raising questions about the reliability of bombs, planes, and missiles.** The U.S. Senate never ratified the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, and though the White House has talked hopefully of getting a vote on the CTBT sometime in a first Obama term, congressional staff experts are skeptical. "The CTBT is going nowhere," says a staffer who declined to be named. "The Republicans are not going to go for it." **The GOP rationale: the United States needs to at least preserve the option of testing the reliability of old weapons or developing new ones.** Obama is supposed to release a long-delayed Nuclear Posture Review and the hope is to lay out a **"paradigm shift" in thinking—to move away from war planning and focus on steps toward a nuclear-free world. There will be ambitious plans to safeguard against proliferation, in part by strengthening the International Atomic Energy Agency; by providing nuclear fuel to countries that need it (so they don't try to enrich their own uranium); and by better securing nuclear materials from reactors around the world used for research and medicine, ingredients that might be used to build a "dirty bomb."** These are all sensible steps. But on the question of what Obama will do with America's own nuclear weapons, the president is sure to fall shy of his ambitions. **Obama has rejected calls to scrap one leg of the "triad" of U.S. nuclear forces: missiles, submarines, and bombers. He does want to get away from the alert status known as "prompt launch,"** so there is talk of "repositioning" U.S. forces so they could not be quickly taken out by surprise. (The old standards were "launch on warning" or "launch under attack." **Obama wants to avoid any kind of hasty response.**) **But the United States is likely to keep some ICBMs on alert against a Russian or Chinese missile attack.** Obama will call for improved communications with the Russian leadership to avoid what are tactfully called "misperceptions." **Obama is also unlikely to make a "no first use" pledge, though the wording will be fudged.** The new members of NATO—former Soviet satellites like the Baltic states—would be aghast at any such promise. As for future reductions, the United States has already removed all battlefield nukes from Europe.

The Russians have not. Obama's advisers are hoping to trade some of America's "reserve force" of intercontinental weapons for those Russian tactical weapons. But Obama is still faced with the age-old question of targeting America's strategic weapons. **Will American missiles be aimed at Moscow or Beijing—or Tehran? No, cities are off-limits. But even if the targets are military forces, millions would still die. Obama is still pondering the dilemma; the matter is said by administration officials to be under secret review** (Barry & Thomas, 2010).

**Date:** April 12, 2010

**Source:** Infowars

**Title/Headline:** *The Alex Jones Show*

**Abstract:**

**Alex Jones:** “What about Obama saying he’s worried about Al Qaeda getting nukes? I mean that sounds as ridiculous as saying Saddam Hussein had nukes.”

**Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer:** “Well, I can tell you that there’s a great deal of effort going on to look at this issue realistically right now, Alex. I think that there’s a good potential that that’s where they want to go for their next big attack, and I don’t think they have let down. So I know that this may be hard for you and your listeners to accept. **I believe that they are going in that direction. I believe that that is where they are going next...is with nuclear weapons.**”

**Alex Jones:** “Let’s just come out with it. **The Globalist banks are looking at setting off a nuke in this country. They will even go that far to get everybody scarred to bow down to Obama and do whatever they say.** To then go off and launch new wars to try to get the economy going again and I think this is a serious issue” (Infowars, 2010).

**Date:** April 12, 2010

**Source:** ABC News

**Title/Headline:** *On Nuclear Terrorism, A Muted Perception Of Threat*

**Abstract:** Barely half of Americans see nuclear terrorism as a top-level threat and most doubt a two-day summit of world leaders in Washington will do much to address it – challenges for President Obama as he seeks to marshal support for international action. Just 12 percent of Americans in a new ABC News/Washington Post poll call the chance that terrorists could obtain nuclear weapons “the single biggest threat the world faces,” language to some extent similar to Obama’s Sunday, when he called nuclear terrorism “the single biggest threat to U.S. security.” An additional 36 percent call the issue “one of the biggest” world threats; that’s a net total of just under half, 48 percent, calling it either the biggest threat or one of the biggest. **About as many, 45 percent, call it a major world threat but not one of the biggest, or less of a threat than that. Expectations for the summit, moreover, are not optimistic.** Forty percent express confidence it will result in better controls on nuclear materials, including just 7 percent who are very confident of that outcome. Fifty-six percent are not confident of progress – half of them, “not at all.” Obama is meeting with officials of 46 other nations in what’s been described as the biggest U.S.-hosted gathering of world leaders since the United Nations was formed 65 years ago. He called the summit to push his proclaimed goal of securing the world’s nuclear materials within four years, warning that al Qaeda and similar terrorist groups are trying to obtain a nuclear weapon. **Beyond his talks with his counterparts on the world stage, this poll suggests Obama has work to do persuading average Americans of the threat level. Concern peaks among African-Americans, but among other groups only about half, or modestly more, call nuclear terrorism either the single greatest world threat or one of the biggest.** Despite today’s partisanship on many issues, this result is similar (ranging from 46 to 50 percent) among Democrats, Republicans and independents alike. One difference is a gender gap: Fifty-four percent of women see it as a top threat, vs. 43 percent of men. **(To put the perceived threat in context, the question asked respondents to think about nuclear terrorism in light of other threats, including terrorists using other types of weapons, and conflicts among nuclear-armed nations.)** There is a partisan division on confidence in the summit, being held today and tomorrow in Washington. Among Democrats, who are far more apt to back Obama, 54 percent express confidence the effort will result in better controls on nuclear materials. That falls to 37 percent of independents and 30 percent among Republicans.

*This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone April 7-11, 2010, among a random national sample of 1,032 adults. Results for the full sample have a 4-point error margin; click here for a detailed description of sampling error. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Social Science Research Solutions at ICR-International Communications Research of Media, Pa. \*= less than 0.5 percent*

**1. Threats in the world could include terrorists using conventional weapons, or using biological, chemical or nuclear weapons, or conflicts among nations with nuclear weapons. Thinking about these and other threats, where would you put the possibility that terrorists could obtain a nuclear weapon – would you call it the single biggest threat the world faces, one of the biggest threats, a major threat but not one of the biggest ones, or less of a threat than that? Single One of the Major, not Less of Not a No biggest biggest one of biggest threat threat (vol.) opin. 4/11/10 12 36 32 13 \* 6**



2. *Representatives of 47 countries are meeting in Washington next week to discuss greater controls to try to keep terrorists from obtaining materials to produce nuclear weapons. How confident are you that this effort will result in better controls on these materials – very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?*

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4/11/10 40 7 33 56 27 28 4 (ABC News, 2010).

**Date:** April 14, 2010

**Source:** USA Today, Steve Sternberg

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Blast Victims Would Have To Wait*

**Abstract:** The White House has warned state and local governments not to expect a "significant federal response" at the scene of a terrorist nuclear attack for 24 to 72 hours after the blast, according to a planning guide. President Obama told delegates from 47 nations at the Nuclear Security Summit on Tuesday that it would be a "catastrophe for the world" if al-Qaeda or another terrorist group got a nuclear device, because so many lives would be lost and it would be so hard to mitigate damage from the blast. **A 10-kiloton nuclear explosion would level buildings within half a mile of ground zero, generate 900-mph winds, bathe the landscape with radiation and produce a plume of fallout that would drift for hundreds of miles, the guide says. It was posted on the Internet and sent to local officials. The document is designed to help local officials craft plans for responding to a nuclear blast.** The prospect is anything but far-fetched, says Rick Nelson of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Do I think in my lifetime I'll see the detonation of a nuclear device? I do." **One challenge he says, will be to persuade survivors to stay indoors, shielded from dangerous radiation until they're given the all-clear or told to evacuate. "In all likelihood, families will be separated," he says. "It's going to be scary to sit tight, though it's the right thing to do."** The government's planning scenarios envision a terrorist strike in an urban area with a 10-kiloton device, slightly smaller than the roughly 15-kiloton Hiroshima bomb. **A 10-kiloton device packs the punch of 10,000 tons of TNT. The chaos that would inevitably follow such a blast would make it difficult for the federal government to react quickly. "Emergency response is principally a local function," the document says, though "federal assistance will be mobilized as rapidly as possible."** The "Planning Guidance for Response to a Nuclear Detonation" was developed by a task force headed by the White House Homeland Security Council. It was circulated to state and local government officials and first responders in January 2009. The report has never been formally released to the public, White House spokesman Nick Shapiro says. It offers practical guidance to first responders and advice on radiation measurement and decontamination. Disaster experts say local governments aren't prepared for a nuclear attack. **"There isn't a single American city, in my estimation, that has sufficient plans for a nuclear terrorist event,"** says Irwin Redlener of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. The message for families is simple, he says: Stay put. Wait for instructions. If you've been outside, dust off, change, shower. **"What citizens need to know fits on a wallet-sized card," Redlener says. "A limited amount of information would save tens of thousands of people"** (Sternberg, 2010).

**Date:** April 22, 2010

**Source:** Security Management News, Matthew Harwood

**Title/Headline:** *TSA Not Doing Enough To Protect Railways From Terrorism, Says Sen. Lautenberg*

**Abstract:** Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) said **"Make no mistake: although these attacks occurred overseas—our rail systems here are terrorist targets,"** said Lautenberg, chairing a Senate hearing on rail security. John O'Connor, chief of the Amtrak Police Department, told lawmakers that **terrorists would likely attack surface transportation by either detonating an improvised explosive device or shooting up a train or a train station.** "The pattern is unmistakable," he testified. "IEDs were used to attack trains in Madrid in 2004, London in 2005, Mumbai in 2006, and Moscow on several occasions.... Active shooters attacked a station in Mumbai in 2008, in each case with tremendous loss of life" (Harwood, 2010).

**Date:** April 28, 2010

**Source:** The Jerusalem Post

**Title/Headline:** *Bin-Laden Tried To Get Nukes, Says His Former Bodyguard*

**Abstract:** Al-Qaida leader Osama Bin-Laden tried to obtain nuclear weapons, according to his former bodyguard, Nasser al-Bahri. **"He dreamed of getting nuclear weapons, and I'm sure that had he got hold of them, he would not have hesitated to use them,"** al-Bahri told *Al-Quds al-Arabi*. Al-Bahri, who is currently residing in Yemen, revealed to the London-based paper that he always carried bullets in order to kill Bin-Laden should the al-Qaida leader be arrested (The Jerusalem Post, 2010).

**Date:** May 3, 2010

**Source:** MEMRI (The Middle East Media Research Institute)

**Title/Headline:** *TTP Declarations: Targeting American Cities*

**Abstract:** On May 2, 2010, the new YouTube page Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, "Tehreke Taliban's Channel," which was launched on the same date, posted three videos. The first, which the YouTube page titled "Hakeemullah Mehsud is Alive and Healthy and Delivering news about Attacks on USA," is 2:17 long, and shows a still satellite image of North America with a still image of Hakimullah Mehsud. Speaking in Urdu, he states that the date is April 19, 2010 and **threatens bombings in U.S. "states and cities";** as he speaks, explosions are shown taking place across the map. The second video, which the YouTube page also titled "Hakeemullah Mehsud is Alive and Healthy and Delivering news about Attacks on USA," is 8:42 minutes long, and shows Hakimullah Mehsud sitting surrounded by masked, armed



men. Speaking in the Pashtu language, he states that the date is April 19, 2010, and discusses attacks on the U.S. In the third video, which is 1:06 minutes long, Qari Hussain Mehsud, a key leader of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and a close lieutenant of Hakimullah Mehsud, claims responsibility for the May 1, 2010 failed car bomb plot in the Times Square, against a backdrop of still images.

**The following messages are alleged to be purported in the videos:**

- "America which is the Biggest Evil of this world, it has savagely massacred millions of innocent Muslims in Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistani Tribal areas. And has martyred respected Arab mujahideen brothers, who announced the implementation of Islamic system. For this the Satanic America martyred them, and rejoiced on it as their victory.
- "Alhamdulillah, today I want to assure Ummat-e-Muslimah [i.e. Islamic Ummah] that our Moral is at its peak, we haven't felt weak for a micro-second. From now on, the main targets of our Fidaeen are American Cities. [*Explosions start taking place on the map*]
- "America/Nato you will pay for your crimes."
- "The time is very near when our Fidaeen [i.e. suicide bombers] will attack the American states in their major cities. And inshaALLAH we will succeed in our attacks. Our fidaeen have penetrated the terrorist America, we will give extremely painful blows to the fanatic America. I request you all to be steadfast and firm in your Jihad."
- "Not to forget about the respected and innocent sister from Pakistan Dr. Afia Siddiqui who has been stripped naked in order to make Fun of the dignity and respect of the Muslim Ummah. Our hearts are in severe pain seeing our sister in such un-human and disrespectful condition. The flames in our hearts will only be lightened when our Fidaaen will deliver precise and destructive attacks on the terrorist America bringing it down to its knees. inshaAllah.
- "InshaALLAH very soon in some days or a month's time, the Muslim ummah will see the fruits of most successful attacks of our fidaeen in USA. Please don't worry for the pain and suffering that in your heart. America the extremist has Lost terribly.
- "This is also a revenge for the Global American interference & terrorism in Muslim Countries, especially in Pakistan for Lal Masjid operation (MEEMRI, 2010).

**Date:** May 4, 2010

**Source:** AOL News, Bruce Schneier

**Title/Headline:** *Opinion: Where Are All The Terrorist Attacks?*

**Abstract:** As the details of the Times Square car bomb attempt emerge in the wake of Faisal Shahzad's arrest, one thing has already been made clear: **Terrorism is fairly easy.** All you need is a gun or a bomb, and a crowded target. Guns are easy to buy. Bombs are easy to make. Crowded targets -- not only in New York, but all over the country -- are easy to come by. **If you're willing to die in the aftermath of your attack, you could launch a pretty effective terrorist attack with a few days of planning, maybe less.** But if it's so easy, why aren't there more terrorist attacks like the failed car bomb in New York's Times Square? Or the terrorist shootings in Mumbai? Or the Moscow subway bombings? After the enormous horror and tragedy of 9/11, why have the past eight years been so safe in the U.S.? There are actually several answers to this question. **One, terrorist attacks are harder to pull off than popular imagination -- and the movies - - lead everyone to believe.** Two, there are far fewer terrorists than the political rhetoric of the past eight years leads everyone to believe. **And three, random minor terrorist attacks don't serve Islamic terrorists' interests right now.**

**Hard To Pull Off:** Terrorism sounds easy, but the actual attack is the easiest part. Putting together the people, the plot and the materials is hard. **It's hard to sneak terrorists into the U.S. It's hard to grow your own inside the U.S. It's hard to operate; the general population, even the Muslim population, is against you.** Movies and television make terrorist plots look easier than they are. It's hard to hold conspiracies together. It's easy to make a mistake. **Even 9/11, which was planned before the climate of fear that event engendered, just barely succeeded.** Today, it's much harder to pull something like that off without slipping up and getting arrested.

**Few Terrorists:** But even more important than the difficulty of executing a terrorist attack, there aren't a lot of terrorists out there. **Al-Qaida isn't a well-organized global organization with movie-plot-villain capabilities; it's a loose collection of people using the same name.** Despite the post-9/11 rhetoric, there isn't a terrorist cell in every major city. If you think about the major terrorist plots we've foiled in the U.S. -- the JFK bombers, the Fort Dix plotters -- they were mostly amateur terrorist wannabes with no connection to any sort of al-Qaida central command, and mostly no ability to effectively carry out the attacks they planned. The successful terrorist attacks -- the Fort Hood shooter, the guy who flew his plane into the Austin IRS office, the anthrax mailer -- were largely nut cases operating alone. Even the unsuccessful shoe bomber, and the equally unsuccessful Christmas Day underwear bomber, had minimal organized help -- and that help originated outside the U.S. **Terrorism doesn't occur without terrorists, and they are far rarer than popular opinion would have it.**

**Small Attacks Aren't Enough:** Lastly, and perhaps most subtly, there's not a lot of value in unspectacular terrorism anymore. **If you think about it, terrorism is essentially a PR stunt.** The death of innocents and the destruction of property isn't the goal of terrorism; it's just the tactic used. And acts of terrorism are intended for two audiences: for the victims, who are supposed to be terrorized as a result, and for the allies and potential allies of the terrorists, who are supposed to give them more funding and generally support their efforts. **An act of terrorism that doesn't instill terror in the target population is a failure, even if people die. And an act of terrorism that doesn't impress the terrorists' allies is not very effective, either.** Fortunately for us and unfortunately for the terrorists, 9/11 upped the

stakes. It's no longer enough to blow up something like the Oklahoma City Federal Building. **Terrorists need to blow up airplanes or the Brooklyn Bridge or the Sears Tower or JFK airport -- something big to impress the folks back home. Small no-name targets just don't cut it anymore.** Note that this is very different than terrorism by an occupied population: the IRA in Northern Ireland, Iraqis in Iraq, Palestinians in Israel. Setting aside the actual politics, all of these terrorists believe they are repelling foreign invaders. That's not the situation here in the U.S.

**So, To Sum Up:** If you're just a loner wannabe who wants to go out with a bang, terrorism is easy. You're more likely to get caught if you take a long time to plan or involve a bunch of people, but you might succeed. If you're a representative of al-Qaida trying to make a statement in the U.S., it's much harder. You just don't have the people, and you're probably going to slip up and get caught" (Schneier, 2010).

**Date:** May 5, 2010

**Source:** New York Times

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda's Nuclear Plant*

**Abstract:** All eyes are on Faisal Shahzad, the man charged with the attempted bombing in Times Square. But perhaps we ought to be concerned a bit less with Mr. Shahzad, a failed terrorist now in custody, and significantly more with **Sharif Mobley — a New Jersey native, a former high school wrestler and, until shortly before he moved to Yemen to allegedly join Al Qaeda, a maintenance worker at five nuclear power plants along the East Coast.** Since his arrest by Yemeni security forces, **American law enforcement officials have taken pains to emphasize that Mr. Mobley's low security clearance makes it unlikely that he passed crucial details about American nuclear-plant security to Al Qaeda. But it doesn't take top-level clearance to know how to set off a nuclear meltdown.** All it takes is information on perimeter security — information Mr. Mobley possesses about every plant where he worked. **A nuclear power plant is very different from a coal- or gas-burning plant. If something goes wrong at such a plant, boilers can be quickly shut down, averting disaster.** But there's no way to quickly shut off a reactor: the heat that builds up inside it is so intense that even if something goes wrong, cooling water must continue to circulate through its systems for days before it is safe. If the cooling system malfunctions, even if the rest of the plant is operating safely, the heat will literally melt the reactor and its concrete containment shell, releasing radioactive gas into the atmosphere — in other words, a partial nuclear meltdown like that at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania in 1979. And it turns out that damaging a reactor's cooling system is a lot easier than getting to the core. You don't have to obtain access to the nuclear fuel, get into the control room or penetrate the containment shell. Most of the critical components of the cooling system, including pumps and water intake pipes, sit unprotected outside. **If you can get a car bomb or a team with demolition charges near these components, you can shut off the cooling water to the reactor, and physics will take care of the rest.** Even low-level employees at a nuclear plant would have the information necessary to pull off such an attack, like the number of guards, their weapons and procedures at entry gates — even someone as low-level as Sharif Mobley. **We don't yet know what kind of plant-security information, if any, Mr. Mobley passed on to Al Qaeda. But we do know that the organization has been interested in attacking American nuclear plants for years; it even considered including a plant on its Sept. 11 target list.** For now, we have no choice but to assume that Mr. Mobley did in fact pass on details about plant security, and we need to take immediate steps to head off any possible terrorist attack. Defensive schemes at the plants where Mr. Mobley worked need to be significantly changed so that his information is no longer of value to any potential attacker. Guard procedures, for example, must be altered. Where such changes cannot adequately compensate for the potential risk Mr. Mobley presents, then defenses need to be strengthened. Security perimeters need to be widened. And more barriers must be put in place against car bombs. Once we have dealt with the plants where Mr. Mobley worked, we need to institute similar procedures at the remainder of the nuclear plants in the United States, because the unfortunate truth is that the defensive schemes at these sites are essentially all alike. **For too long we've assumed that a nuclear plant is safe as long as its reactor is protected. Sharif Mobley knew better. Now, chances are, so does Al Qaeda** (Faddis, 2010).

**Date:** May 11, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Trish Turner

**Title/Headline:** *Senators Say Nation Needs New Defenses Against New Type of Terrorist*

**Abstract:** Ten days after the attempted car bombing in Times Square and the arrest of Pakistani-American Faisal Shahzad, the Senate Intelligence Committee was formally briefed by the FBI and members of the intelligence community, with both the chairman, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and ranking Republican, Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., calling that unacceptable. "It's very hard to understand why this briefing was so difficult to come about," Feinstein puzzled, with Bond adding, "After 10 days, we finally have a briefing. It's very frustrating...I've been kept completely in the dark." After an hour-and-a-half long briefing, both senators emerged to say the country needs new defenses against a new kind of terrorist, like Shahzad, and said **the nation's citizens should be prepared to put up with more inconveniences to protect the nation with officials trying to balance civil liberties in the course of doing so. "In this case, Shahzad was almost completely under the radar, which in many ways is even more ominous. We want to improve our defenses. It's clear, we're facing a new kind of attacker who's already here, able to hide in plain sight, and we need to think about new defenses,"** Sen. Feinstein told reporters. When asked what can be done about this, Feinstein replied, **"What can be done is improving our screening. And this is difficult, because you have 180,000 people going to Pakistan a year, and you've got...60,000 coming back.** And you also have other countries which are of great concern. So, this is not an easy magic solution. And we've got a country that respects individual rights and civil rights, and we don't want to harass people unnecessarily, but there are things we should look at." **Feinstein did give a ringing endorsement to a push made by a group of her Democratic colleagues Tuesday for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to place the Pakistani Taliban on the Foreign Terrorist Organization list, something the State Department said it is discussing. And Feinstein had another group she would add, an insurgent network in the tribal region of Afghanistan and Pakistan with ties to the Taliban. "I think there is a very high likelihood that there were interactions between (Faisal Shahzad) and the Pakistani Taliban. I also believe that the Pakistani Taliban ought to be on the designated list, the terrorist list, as well as the Haqqani network ought to be on the**

designated terrorist list. I just looked at the criteria for that, and I believe they fulfill that. So I think that's something that the Administration should do forthwith," Feinstein said" (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** May 16, 2010

**Source:** Reuters, Raissa Kasolowsky

**Title/Headline:** *Yemen Qaeda Threatens Attacks On U.S. Over Cleric: Website*

**Abstract:** Al Qaeda's regional wing in Yemen has threatened the United States with more attacks should any harm come to a U.S.-born radical cleric Anwar al-Awlaki -- a leading figure linked to al Qaeda's Yemen wing, which claimed responsibility for a failed bombing of a Detroit-bound plane. **"That was a failure but tell me, what will success be like,"** the wing's leader Nasser al-Wahayshi said in an audio tape which appeared on a website often used by Islamic militants. **"It will inevitably be a disaster for you (Americans), for we are enamored with the attacks of September 11,"** he said. "The threats of the United States do not frighten us ... Muslims, do not worry about the sheikh (Awlaki), he is in safe hands," Wahayshi said (Kasolowsky, 2010).

**Date:** May 19, 2010

**Source:** WTOP News, J. J. Green

**Title/Headline:** *Taliban Planning Attacks In Washington*

**Abstract:** **There is a strong belief in the U.S counter-terrorism community that we will see additional attacks unfold in primarily New York City and Washington, D.C., in the next five- to six-month timeframe,** says Fred Burton, vice president of intelligence at Stratfor Global Intelligence. U.S. law enforcement officials would not comment on the investigation or intelligence that suggests as many as a half dozen plots may have been in the works. WNYW-TV in New York reported that Shahzad told interrogators he wanted to attack **Rockefeller Plaza, Grand Central Terminal, the World Financial Center and the Connecticut headquarters of defense contractor Sikorsky** -- if the Times Square attack worked. As for D.C., Burton says there have been no specific targets identified. "Although I certainly lean toward public transportation, like subways and other large areas that would be open to the public, such as heavily transited tourist areas." Some counter-terrorism professionals suggest the Times Square event ushered in a new understanding of the Pakistani Taliban's capabilities. **"If they did it once, they will do it again,"** says Offer Baruch, a former member of Israel's Shin Bet. **"The Taliban doesn't need to come and say this is what we want to do. They've already proved they have the capability. The guy [Shahzad] was here. It doesn't matter how immature it [his plot] was. They already have a cell here on American soil."** Baruch says he believes U.S. authorities have not commented publicly on the threat to Washington and other places to maintain an advantage over the terrorists. Sources in Washington also indicated there is significant pressure on the counter-terrorism and security elements of the Obama administration to maintain tight control of what the public is told about the investigation. **"I think they have some kind of intelligence information that something is going to happen, and they are in the process of investigating it,"** Baruch says. "The authorities want to buy some time to continue to investigate and collect evidence and put their hands on the suspect before they announce it." **"We know that they [Pakistani Taliban] helped facilitate it,"** says Attorney Eric H. Holder. **"We know that they probably helped finance it."** But Rahimullah Yusufzai, who is well-connected to the Taliban and the last-known journalist to interview al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, believes their capabilities are being exaggerated. "They don't really have money to give the person [potential terrorist]. They can't make a plan for the person to attack targets in the U.S. They can't send explosives from here. I don't think the Taliban even knows where Times Square is. I don't think they know how to use a credit card or how to book an airline ticket. These things they can't do." Yusufzai, who lives near Pakistan's troubled tribal region, sees no proof they could do it. **"I think there has been no evidence yet that the Pakistani Taliban has been able to strike outside Pakistan and Afghanistan. Their main area of operation is Pakistan. They can strike anywhere in Pakistan and they have been helping the Afghan Taliban."** Additionally, referencing the Fort Hood shooting in November 2009, he says the organization has lied about its exploits. "Last year, [Taliban Leader] Baitullah Meshud, before he was killed in a U.S. missile strike, said that there was some incident in the U.S. in which a Muslim American fired at people and killed 14. Meshud claimed responsibility for that incident, which was not true." Regardless of who allegedly supported the plotting and planning of the Times Square attempt, former State Department Counter-terrorism Agent Dennis Pluchinsky, who now lectures at George Mason University, warns there are two types of terrorism evolving in the U.S.: leaderless terrorism and command-and-control terrorism. "If you're talking about the December 2009 attack over Detroit or the recent attack in Times Square, these are examples of what we call command-and-control terrorism." **Pluchinsky says command-and-control terrorism means the operatives "were under the command and control of a larger parent terrorist organization."** **Pluchinsky says leaderless terrorism, which is on the rise in the U.S., usually involves ill-trained terrorists operating on their own.** "If you look at this from a counter-terrorism perspective, that bomb should have worked on that aircraft going into Detroit," Burton says. **"That bomb should have worked at Times Square. The bomb-makers will go back to the drawing board and eventually get it right."** Baruch says he expects more plots. **"The Taliban, al-Qaida [and] any affiliate radical Islamic organization would love to make some points in the war against the west. The biggest reward they can gain is conducting some kind of attack on American soil"** (Green, 2010).

**Date:** May 20, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *'Reason To Believe' Pakistani Taliban Plotting To Strike U.S.*

**Abstract:** **U.S. intelligence has strong reason to believe that the Pakistani Taliban is actively plotting to hit interests in the U.S. and American targets overseas,** a U.S. official told CNN. The concerns about the group that authorities say directed the Times Square bombing plot are coming from multiple streams of information, including from Faisal Shahzad, the Times Square bombing suspect, the official said. **The threat information was not down to the level of specific cities,** the official said (CNN, 2010).



**Date:** May 24, 2010

**Source:** Colonel Jennifer Hesterman

**Title/Headline:** *The Effects Of A Nuclear Detonation In LA: Must See Video For All First Responders*

**Abstract:** What if the bad guys are somehow able to defeat us and set off a nuclear weapon in downtown LA? Not a dirty bomb, but an actual 10 kiloton nuclear device that results in the stereotypical mushroom cloud over the city. This briefing was conducted at the Radiological or Nuclear Incident & Clinical Application Seminar. It is presented by Brooke Buddemeier from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories and Global Security. Buddemeier works with DHS on preparation of cities for a nuclear detonation. He is a Certified Health Physicist and radiation safety specialist. I think you will agree this is an eye opening presentation. I encourage you to watch it from beginning to end and absorb some critical information we don't often see in the public domain.

#### **Technical:**

- A 10 KT detonation gives off the light of 1,000 midday suns at about a mile away and can cause temporary blindness that can last for about 15 seconds or more.
- A 10 KT detonation is the equivalent of 5000 Oklahoma City attack truck bombs
- 3 miles out of from the epicenter, glass will break in buildings - 800,000 people in LA affected within this 3 mile circle
- But, it's not all bad news - if you can get to shelter you could survive the fallout and there is particle decay as time goes by.

#### **Planning:**

- There is apathy in planning - most feel that if a nuclear weapon goes off response doesn't matter, we're all casualties, it's every man for himself. Or it is overwhelming to think about first response to such an event, therefore a lack of planning.
- **There are no regional response plans for a nuclear detonation**
- There is a misunderstanding about local and federal response and responsibilities
- There is a lack of understanding about the technical aspects of a detonation and the right way to respond
- The first hours are critical and doing the right thing could mean saving hundreds of thousands of lives - or, doing the wrong thing could lead to the death of hundreds of thousands.

It is hard to wrap our minds around this type of an attack, but we must. **The threat exists - al Qaeda has expressed interest in obtaining nuclear material and building a device; Hezbollah's sponsor Iran is a nuclear State; radical Islamist terrorist groups in Pakistan could get access through an attack on a facility, planting a mole, or a from a sympathetic scientist or engineer.** We must continue planning as first responders. How do we communicate when the radios, cellphones and computers go down as a result of an electromagnetic event? **Do we rush out to help (first instinct) or shelter, survive, then help? Where are our shelters and is the public aware? Do we practice for this type of event and if so, is it realistic?** We have to better educate our citizens. An educated populace is less fearful and their will to survive a detonation will be much higher armed with some knowledge than just operating from a position of fear. We can't be afraid to have this conversation with our public, they deserve to know and prepare. **They shouldn't over rely on the government during times of crisis, as we've seen time and time again in the past. It strikes me that the generations before us were much more prepared - they knew the location of fallout shelters, for starters. Remember when the bank, the schools, etc in your hometowns had those black and yellow shelter signs?** Our parents and grandparents had canned food and water as rations, a radio with batteries, a rallying point and safe area in their homes. There were civil preparedness drills and videos on TV about what to do in the event of a nuclear detonation or related emergency. **It was a part of every day life that a nuclear attack was possible - not inevitable, but possible. This is our reality today, as well, although the average person probably gives it no thought at all** (Hesterman, 2010).

**Date:** May 28, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *CNN Poll: Fear Of Terrorist Attack In U.S. Rises*

**Abstract:** For the first time in nearly four years, a majority of Americans think that a terrorist attack is likely to occur somewhere in the United States in the next few weeks, according to a new national poll. But a CNN/Opinion Research Corporation survey released Friday morning indicates only one in 20 Americans think that terrorism is the most important problem facing the country today. **Fifty-five percent of people questioned say an act of terrorism in the U.S. over the next few weeks is likely, up 21 points from last August. Forty-three percent said such an attack is not likely, down 21 points from August.** "Eight in ten Americans don't think that a terrorist attack is likely in their community, but the 17 percent who do worry about being targeted by terrorists is the highest that number has been since 2002," says CNN Polling Director Keating Holland. **"Nonetheless, terrorism ranks dead last when Americans are asked to name the country's most important problem."** The economy, at 45 percent, tops the list, with the deficit, at 12 percent, and health



care, at 11 percent, the only other issues in double digits. Only four percent of those questioned in the poll say terrorism is the country's top issue. **The survey's release comes one day after the Obama administration released its first National Security Strategy, a 52-page outline of the president's strategic approach and priorities on battling terrorism.** The NSS, required by Congress of every administration to be prepared every four years, for the first time combines homeland security and national security, focusing not only on threats internationally but on the threat of home-grown radicals inspired and recruited by al Qaeda. The CNN/Opinion Research Corporation poll was conducted May 21-23, with 1,023 adult Americans questioned by telephone. The survey's overall sampling error is plus or minus three percentage points (CNN, 2010).



**Date:** June, 2010

**Source:** National Academy Of Engineering, Georges C. Benjamin

**Title/Headline:** *Medical Preparedness And Response To Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** The medical and public health community is still in its infancy in terms of preparedness for the detonation of a nuclear device. Today, detonation of a compact, portable nuclear device by a small group of terrorists is a real threat. These devices, known by a variety of names—suitcase nukes, mini-nukes, or improvised nuclear devices (INDs)—are small enough to put in a backpack or suitcase and can yield an explosion of up to 20 kilotons.

**Challenges To Emergency Medical Response:** All nuclear detonations result in significant structural and environmental destruction from the blast, heat, and radiation. The level of physical destruction in and beyond the response area and the potential loss of critical medical infrastructure in surrounding areas at relatively remote distances will create significant barriers to normal emergency medical responses. In addition, dangerous levels of radiation in the immediate response area and downwind from the radiation plume will make it difficult to respond rapidly to victims of the blast. Operational and logistical problems with the delivery of supplies, patient transport, and emergency communication will further complicate emergency medical response. The medical effects will be catastrophic, both for people in the immediate area and for people within a radius of several miles. Survivability in the short and intermediate term will depend on the degree and type of physical injury combined with the degree of exposure to radiation (Waselenko et al., 2004). The radiation effects will have immediate, delayed, and long-term health consequences for both victims and emergency response personnel. Under any scenario that includes the release of a nuclear weapon, there will be thousands, possibly tens of thousands, of casualties. In the immediate aftermath, there will be an urgent need for a large number of specialized beds for patients with burns, blunt and penetrating trauma, eye injuries, and other injuries that would quickly overwhelm the existing overtaxed health system.

**Preparing For The Worst:** Since the horrific events of September 11, 2001, the nation has been working toward improving preparedness to threats to public health ranging from infectious diseases to weapons of mass destruction. Preparing for any emergency begins with asking “what if” security officials fail to prevent the release of a biological or chemical weapon or the detonation of an IND in an urban area or a highly populated American city. The medical and public health community is still in its infancy in preparing to respond to such an unthinkable event (IOM, 2009). The detonation of an IND would cause a level of destruction and risk to health that would be a mega-disaster of national significance (Figure 1). In such an attack, federal authorities would have to be immediately engaged in the emergency response and not wait for requests from state or local officials, as they would in a typical scenario. Medical preparedness for a nuclear detonation will require using all of the measures taken for many types of natural and manmade disasters. It will also require a radical change in thinking about how we provide emergency medical care. Finally, because this would be an intentional attack, planners must include preparations to respond to multiple detonations or the release of biological or chemical weapons. These challenges will require an all-hazards approach to emergency medical preparedness, which will be only one component in the general emergency response plan for a major disaster.

**Response Plans For Weapons Of Mass Destruction:** One of the earliest efforts to plan for responding to weapons of mass destruction was the Metropolitan Medical Response System Program (MMRS), which was started in 1995. This federal program was an early attempt to encourage integrated planning for large-scale disasters in several urban cities. The intent was to link first responders (e.g., police, fire, and emergency medical services) with public health and emergency management officials. Many other public and nonpublic efforts have been undertaken by a variety of federal, state, and local agencies to prevent, mitigate, or respond to the threat of a nuclear weapon. The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), for example, provided funds to multiple urban areas to address preparedness specifically for detonation of a nuclear weapon. The program was designed to improve capabilities and preparedness planning in response to improvised explosive devices in high-density, high-threat urban areas.

**Health Effects Of A 10-Kiloton Nuclear Device:** Because there have been few experimental ground-level detonations, most of what we know comes from sophisticated models estimating the effects of an IND. Based on these models, current estimates for a 10-kiloton release (a small suitcase bomb) are about 40,000 to 50,000 people killed within the first 24 hours from blast effects and burns and more than 130,000 injured from radioactive fallout (Marrs, 2007). Factors that modelers use to estimate human casualties include population density, time of day, geographic location, wind speed, and so on. Thus, even with conservative estimates, the health care system would quickly be overwhelmed (Bell and Dallas, 2007). The immediate types of injuries sustained from an explosion of this



type would include a combination of blast, burn, and penetrating traumas. For initial survivors, acute and chronic radiation illness would be another problem, which, when combined with traumatic injuries, is known to increase mortality (Flynn, 2006).

**The First 72 Hours:** The management goal in a typical disaster is to move from chaos to controlled disorder as quickly as possible. In a disaster like an IND, the period of chaos would be magnified because of fear, the size of the affected area, and the loss of local response capacity, that is, responders who are used to working together. Traditional preparedness planning is based on the assumption that local communities will be the responders for the first 48 to 72 hours. Thus planning focuses on optimizing the response until outside assistance arrives, as needed. The mobilization of meaningful federal assistance is expected to take from 48 to 72 hours. **The explosion of an IND or other weapon of mass destruction, however, would be immediately understood as an event of national importance, and local, state, and federal planners must harmonize their plans in a way that immediately nationalizes the response.** Although the local community may be on its own for some period of time for logistical reasons, **it is clear that, without immediate nationalization, there cannot be a reasonable emergency medical response.** Because of the loss of a significant amount of the local critical infrastructure (e.g., ambulances, hospitals and clinics, and associated personnel), the response plan should be designed to use regional and national health resources for the most severely affected patients. **Medical standards of care may also change dramatically, under appropriate medical supervision and ethical guidelines, in disaster situations.** For example, critically ill patients might have to be treated in a school gymnasium instead of a hospital because of the volume of patients, **and non-physician caregivers might be authorized to give injections and perform other procedures, even minor surgical procedures.** **First responders will have to address the early loss of command and control and operational communications** (mostly because of blast or burn effects, less so from the electromagnetic pulse). Situational threat awareness, accurate weather information, and the status of the medical system infrastructure are critical pieces of information essential for effective control and command of the medical response. Risk communication to the public will be a major challenge; messages must be clear, consistent, and as accurate as possible. **Maintaining public trust will be of great importance for health officials, who will have to make difficult decisions based on incomplete information. Managing fear, post-traumatic stress disorders, as well as traditional mental health concerns (e.g., depression) will also be critical.** In an emergency, immediate care (first aid) is often provided by bystanders and others in the general area of the event. In the case of an IND explosion, however, the area will be contaminated with radiation, **and even able-bodied survivors may be unable or unwilling to assist because of concerns about the risk of lethal exposure.** Significant search and rescue may also be delayed because of contamination of the site. The decontamination of victims will be an essential medical procedure, not only to protect patients, but also to protect care providers from continued radiation exposure. In general, however, most experts recommend that emergency care not be delayed because of fear of a contaminated patient. **Removing a patient's clothing will usually reduce the amount of contamination by 90 percent.**

**Conclusion:** Ensuring that an emergency medical system can respond to a nuclear emergency requires a proactive, nontraditional approach to disaster planning and response. This can be accomplished within the traditional framework of all-hazard planning, **but it will require immediate recognition of the national nature of the emergency, an "all in" response from the beginning,** and complex decisions in response to an emergency that has elements of different types of disasters. **The prospect of responding under continued threat of multiple intentional detonations or the use of conventional or unconventional weapons could further complicate the situation.** Moving successfully from chaos to controlled disorder will require that emergency planners effectively integrate response to the unique challenges of a particular event with the medical response scenario. **In the event of the unthinkable, even a resilient community will be slow to recover** (Benjamin, 2010).

**Date:** June 1, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Report: Justice Department Unprepared For WMD Strike*

**Abstract:** The U.S. Justice Department has failed to put together an adequate plan for responding to an attack involving weapons of mass destruction, the agency's inspector general stated. In a new report, the IG said the department **does not assign a single entity or individual responsible for managing responses to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction.** The report said **no specific WMD event operational response plan exists at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; or the U.S. Marshals Service.** None of those three Justice Department components provides training for responding to a WMD incident or regularly participates in WMD response exercises, the report said. "We found the response planning among all the components, including the FBI, to be inconsistent and not well coordinated," Inspector General Glenn Fine said. Only the FBI has taken adequate steps to prepare a response to a potential WMD strike, the IG said. **"Preventing terrorist attacks, including WMD attacks, is the department's highest priority,"** the deputy attorney general's office wrote in a letter to the IG. **The deputy attorney general's office said it has given the FBI lead responsibility to prevent WMD attacks in the United States and in responding to WMD attacks, should they occur.** "We also agree that the FBI is not the only department entity responsible for addressing WMD attacks, and that the entire department must be prepared to respond effectively to a WMD attack or any other emergency event should one occur," the letter to the IG added (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** June 4, 2010

**Source:** The Fog Of Nuclear Geopolitics, Bohdan Szczepowicz

**Title/Headline:** *How To Anticipate And Avoid Nuclear Terror*

**Abstract:** **Nuclear Terror: It is not a question if, but when, where, and how it happens. It does not matter anymore who will do it. What is unnerving and new is the fact that it may be impossible to determine who is to blame and where to retaliate or even take preventive action to avoid nuclear terror. What is misleading is the fact that countries are tightening security measures all over the world in the belief that this will minimize or eliminate the threat. Nothing could be farther from the final truth. As we make it more difficult to obtain freedom or autonomy for so called oppressed minorities, wherever they may be, by tightening security they will sooner or later realize that only possession and blackmail with a nuclear weapon will bring them to the attention of the world (Szuprowicz, 2010).**

**Date:** June 5, 2010

**Source:** The Fog Of Nuclear Geopolitics, Bohdan Szczepowicz

**Title/Headline:** *The Most Valuable Real Estate In Nuclear Terror Era*

**Abstract:** **US foreign policy of progressive nuclear disarmament is setting it up as a prime target for nuclear terror blackmail. Welcome to the age of nuclear insecurity. Continuity of Government (COG) programs at federal, state and even local levels do exist. Secret shelter areas and evacuation procedures are designed to take care of selected leaders and bureaucrats but average businessmen, city dwellers, suburbanites and country folk are not included. Operations duplicated in more secure areas would provide Continuity of Business (COB), if primary facilities are made inoperative. Better security measures, designed to discover and prevent terrorism as such, may in fact accelerate nuclear terror as the only weapon in the hands of determined insurgent organizations with political agendas. If it is made impossible to launch conventional terror attacks, they will look to nuclear blackmail as the most effective means to get results. United States, promoting human rights and democracy, is the obvious choice for such threats. The world is edging toward nuclear terror. It's no longer a question of if, but when, where, and how it will happen. America, the hope and envy of the world, is the preferred target, yet in popular politics nuclear terror as a subject is taboo. New York, Washington, and major government and finance centers are believed to be the main target areas of terrorists. On the other hand nuclear terror blackmail may be employed by more sophisticated insurgents demanding that United States pressures other governments to liberate oppressed minorities. In order to do that it is necessary to keep intact administrative structures and foreign policy systems. As a result nuclear terror may be threatened or demonstrated in other places like Las Vegas, Houston or San Francisco. Particularly vulnerable are also locations near Minuteman sites, stealth bomber bases, and naval facilities servicing nuclear submarines as well as command, control and communications centers that acquire intelligence and provide retaliation capabilities. This may also be an opportune time to initiate a national Real Estate Nuclear Terror Survival (RENTS) organization to service the whole industry in North America (Szuprowicz, 2010).**

**Date:** June 11, 2010

**Source:** News Max

**Title/Headline:** *DOD: Rogue WMDs Major Threat To US*

**Abstract:** **The risk of weapons of mass destruction falling into the hands of terrorists is the gravest threat facing the United States, a Pentagon official has said. Asked about the existential threats against Washington, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Michele Flournoy said there were many, but warned that "the thing that keeps me awake at night is a nexus between terrorism and massive destruction." She told a Washington symposium on US security that the United States needs to better prepare for "the possibility that a terrorist organization could either acquire a ready-made weapon or fabricate something improvised that would have a catastrophic effect for us." The senior Defense Department official spoke on the same day lawmakers in the US House of Representatives introduced a bill on prevention and deterrence of possible WMD attacks in the United States. "This is urgent. This is a big deal," Democrat and law co-author Bill Pascrell said, adding that the legislation addresses "how do we prepare, how do (we) detect, how do we build the state of the art to detect weapons of mass destruction?" The bill cited a December 2008 report by a bipartisan congressional commission which sounded an alarm over America's "shrinking" margin of safety. The draft report warned that without swift and decisive action by Obama, it was "more likely than not that a weapon of mass destruction would be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by the end of 2013." Asked about the realistic threat of a such an attack, the bill's co-author, Republican Pete King, said: "There is nothing I've seen that says that this will not happen." WMDs, he said, "are the ultimate nightmare scenario" (NewsMax, 2010).**

**Date:** June 15, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Catherine Herridge

**Title/Headline:** *Intel Memos Warn Radical Cleric's Call To Kill Americans May Inspire Attacks*

**Abstract:** **Two new intelligence memos obtained by Fox News point to increasing alarm over radical cleric Anwar al-Awlaki's recent call to kill American civilians. The first memo, which refers to the cleric as Aulaqi, was written by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis and dated May 26. It warned that the cleric could "inspire" groups to launch terror**

**attacks.** "The FBI and DHS/Office of Intelligence and Analysis are concerned that Anwar Aulaqi's support for **violence against U.S. military and civilian targets could inspire terrorist groups or individuals to conduct attacks in the United States,**" the memo said. The intelligence note stated that Awlaki "affirmed his support for the actions of alleged Fort Hood shooter Major Nidal Hasan and alleged Northwest flight 253 bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab. **Aulaqi called for Muslims in the U.S. Army to follow the example of Major Hasan and also urged his supporters not to distinguish between U.S. military and U.S. civilian targets.**" The intelligence note said the cleric's statements are escalating and becoming more extreme, though he is now on the CIA's kill-or-capture list. A separate intelligence memo, obtained by Fox News, confirms what is now the widely-held belief that Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula or Al Qaeda in Yemen has set its sights on the West. The document from Intelink, which disseminates information across the intelligence community, stated that the failed Christmas Day bombing indicates **"the group is also prepared to strike directly at the West itself, and to operate beyond the Arabian Peninsula for the first time"** (Herridge, 2010).

**Date:** June 19, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Brian Ross

**Title/Headline:** *Radical Cleric On CIA Hit List Taunts U.S. Military And Obama: On the Run in Yemen, Anwar Al-Awlaki Says "Ominous Clouds Gathering"*

**Abstract:** The radical Muslim cleric **Anwar Al-Awlaki, whose killing has been approved by President Barack Obama,** today taunted the American President and the United States military in an audio address posted online. **"Imperial hubris is leading American to its fate: a war of attrition, a continuous hemorrhage that would end with the fall and splintering of the United States of America,"** said Awlaki. The site for the audio message features a picture of him juxtaposed with those Major Nidal Hassan, accused of the Ft. Hood shootings, and Omar Farouq Abdulmutallab, charged with the attempted bombing of an American jetliner on Christmas Day, 2009. A U.S. counter-terrorism official said there's no reason to believe the voice on the tape isn't Awlaki, and said the message contained "well-worn themes of hatred, violence and attempts at fear mongering. It's not just extremist bravado, it's trash." **The American born and educated cleric also called on Muslims in the U.S. to do as he did in waging jihad against the U.S.** "I could not reconcile between living in the US and being a Muslim, and I eventually came to the conclusion that jihad against America is binding upon myself, just as it is binding on every other able Muslim," said Awlaki in the message, speaking in English. Awlaki has been on the run since late last year when he was linked with both Major Hassan and Abdulmutallab. U.S. officials have told ABC News and other news agencies that the President approved efforts to target Awlaki with a missile strike in Yemen, where he is believed to be hiding (Ross, 2010).

**Date:** June 23, 2010

**Source:** BBC, Matthew Danzico

**Title/Headline:** *Extreme DIY: Building A Homemade Nuclear Reactor In NYC*

**Abstract:** **Mark Suppes is part of a growing community of amateur "fusioneers". Many might be alarmed to learn of a homemade nuclear reactor being built next door.** But what if this form of extreme DIY could help solve the world's energy crisis? By day, Mark Suppes is a web developer for fashion giant Gucci. **By night, he cycles to a New York warehouse and tinkers with his own nuclear fusion reactor.** The warehouse is a non-descript building on a tree-lined Brooklyn street, across the road from blocks of apartments, with a grocery store on one corner. **But in reality, it is a lab.** In a hired workshop on the third floor, a high-pitched buzz emanates from a corner dotted with metal scraps and ominous-looking machinery, as Mr Suppes fires up his device and searches for the answer to a question that has eluded some of the finest scientific minds on the planet. **In nuclear fusion, atoms are forcibly joined, releasing energy. It is, say scientists, the "holy grail" of energy production - completely clean and cheap. The problem is, no-one has found a way of making fusion reactors produce more energy than they consume to run. 'I was inspired' Mr Suppes, 32, is part of a growing community of "fusioneers" - amateur science junkies who are building homemade fusion reactors, for fun and with an eye to being part of the solution to that problem.** He is the 38th independent amateur physicist in the world to achieve nuclear fusion from a homemade reactor, according to community site Fusor.net. Others on the list include a 15-year-old from Michigan and a doctoral student in Ohio. **"I was inspired because I believed I was looking at a technology that could actually work to solve our energy problems, and I believed it was something that I could at least begin to build,"** Mr Suppes told the BBC. While they might un-nerve the neighbours, fusion reactors of this kind are perfectly legal in the US. **"As long as they [private citizens] obtain that material [the components of the reactor] legally, they could do whatever they want,"** says Anne Stark, senior public information officer for California's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. During fusion, energy is released as atomic nuclei are forced together at high temperatures and pressures to form larger nuclei. **Scientists say devices like Mr Suppes' pose no real threat to neighbouring communities or the environment because they contain no nuclear materials, such as uranium or plutonium. "There is no chance of any kind of accident with fusion,"** says Neil Calder, communications chief for Iter, a multi-national project begun in 1985 with the aim of demonstrating the feasibility of fusion power. **"There's no CO2 pollution, there's no greenhouse gases, you can't use it for proliferation [the spread of nuclear weapons] - it has so many advantages,"** he said.

**'Mechanics To Janitors':** Government-led efforts to produce power from fusion have been going on around the world for 50 years. Iter - funded by the EU, US, Japan, Russia, India, China, and South Korea - is working on a multi-billion dollar, advanced reactor, due to be built in the south of France by 2019. **But the availability of equipment and technology has seen an increasing number of amateurs enter the fray. "We have people in the whole gamut, from physicists to electronics people to car mechanics to even one janitor - and all these people share a common bond to do nuclear fusion in their home,"** said Richard Hull, founder of Fusor.net. Some experts are sceptical that all these people are producing fusion reactions, but when he demonstrates his device, Mr Suppes says a bubble meter placed next to the reactor indicates that a fast neutron, a by-product of fusion, has been produced. The amateur scientist began building his reactor two years ago, purchasing parts on eBay with \$35,000 of his own money and about \$4,000 he raised on a website that connects artists and inventors with private investors. **"Real researchers that are working at Los Alamos [US Department of Energy National Laboratory]**

and are working at Lawrence Livermore are following this and commenting on it, even though it's not an officially sanctioned project," he says.

**Tricky Situation:** Mr Suppes sees his work in nuclear fusion as more than just a hobby, and he intends to try to build one of the world's first break-even reactors - a facility producing as much energy as it uses to operate. "He now has to go out and do what everybody else has to do, which is to convince people to invest in his project - whether its government funding or private funding to carry him through," said Mr Calder. Mr Suppes is hoping to build a break-even reactor from plans created by the late Robert Bussard, a nuclear physicist who drew up plans for a fusion reactor that could convert hydrogen and boron into electricity. **Work on a scaled up version of a Bussard reactor, funded by the US Navy, has already been taking place in California. But Mr Suppes believes he will be able to raise the millions of dollars it takes to build a Bussard reactor because he feels someone with enough money "will feel they cannot pass up the opportunity" to find out if it will work.** Iter said it would be wrong to dismiss out of hand the notion that an amateur could make a difference. "I won't say something that puts these guys down, but it's a tricky situation because there is a great deal of money and time and a lot of very experienced scientists working on fusion at the moment," said Mr Calder. **"But that does not eliminate other ideas coming from a different group of people."**

**What Neighbours Say:** For Mr Suppes, convincing the experts is one thing. **Convincing the locals is another problem entirely. "A homemade nuclear fusion reactor being built in Brooklyn - I would have thought there would be some sort of rules and laws about messing around with nuclear fusion in your apartment,"** said Brooklyn resident Stephen Davis. "I'm not sure I'd like that living right next to me." **"The fact that he's trying to form a new kind of energy is all well and good,"** said another local, Christopher Wright. **"But without the proper scientific work behind it, I don't know if it's too good of an idea."** But others had a more positive outlook on Mr Suppes' reactor. "I think it's a good idea. If a guy can make an invention like that, it should definitely be spread around so we don't need to depend on oil," Brooklynite Chris Stephens told the BBC. **"We need to do something that's new and more creative for society." We have people in the whole gamut [building reactors] from physicists to electronics people to car mechanics to even one janitor. Mr Suppes is hoping to build a break-even reactor from plans created by the late Robert Bussard, a nuclear physicist who drew up plans for a fusion reactor that could convert hydrogen and boron into electricity. Work on a scaled up version of a Bussard reactor, funded by the US Navy, has already been taking place in California. But Mr Suppes believes he will be able to raise the millions of dollars it takes to build a Bussard reactor because he feels someone with enough money "will feel they cannot pass up the opportunity" to find out if it will work. Iter said it would be wrong to dismiss out of hand the notion that an amateur could make a difference. "I won't say something that puts these guys down, but it's a tricky situation because there is a great deal of money and time and a lot of very experienced scientists working on fusion at the moment,"** said Mr Calder. **"But that does not eliminate other ideas coming from a different group of people"** (Danzico, 2010).

**Date:** June 29, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Ed Barnes

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Is Unprepared For New Generation Of Terror Bombs, Experts Say*

**Abstract:** The Department of Homeland Security quietly issued a warning to police and intelligence agencies, alerting them that it was picking up chatter that **terrorists had renewed interest in placing improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in airport luggage.** The shudder was not because the information was new -- but because the **experts know how ill-prepared the U.S. is for a potential wave of sophisticated bombs that have been developed over the past decade.** **"It is not a matter of if it happens, it is a matter of when, and we just aren't ready,"** a bomb technician told FoxNews.com. **"There have been four attempted IED attacks in the United States this year that we know about,"** said Thomas Ruskin, a former New York Police Department counter-terror officer, referring to the attempted car bombing in Times Square, the failed "underwear bombing" of a plane on Christmas Day and two federal indictments alleging bombing conspiracies. Several explosives experts both inside and outside the government, all of whom asked not to be named, painted a picture for Fox News of a nation woefully unprepared to deal with sophisticated IEDs. And much of the blame, they said, lies with DHS's failure to pay greater attention to the way terrorists are most likely to strike. **"We know the preferred weapon will be explosive, so why doesn't the DHS pay more attention?"** one asked (Barnes, 2010).

**Date:** July 5, 2010

**Source:** Global Crisis News

**Title/Headline:** *Castro Warns Of Nuclear War "Breaking Out Very Soon"*

**Abstract:** The ex-President of Cuba, Fidel Castro noted in his recent writings titled **"The impossible happiness," that a confrontation with the United States and Israel against Iran will unleash a "catastrophic" nuclear war.** Castro questioned the presence of warships in the Persian Gulf, asking "What are the Israeli warships doing for the first time in the Persian Gulf, the Straits of Hormuz and the maritime areas of Iran?" **"The empire is about to commit a priceless error and nothing can stop it."** referring to the growing buildup of military force around Iran. Castro sees the conflict between the U.S. and Iran as a dangerous crossroad where "neither parts will cede" (Global Crisis News, 2010).

**Date:** July 22, 2010

**Source:** The Faster Times, Russ Wellen

**Title/Headline:** *Nukes And Other WMD: Are Nuclear Weapons Really More Bang For The Buck?*

**Abstract:** **"Saudi Arabia's decision last week to sign a nuclear cooperation pact with France marks a major step forward for a pan-Arab drive toward nuclear power,"** reports UPI. "All told, 13 Middle Eastern states, including Egypt, have announced plans — or dusted



off old plans — to build nuclear power stations since 2006. All say they have no intention of seeking to develop nuclear weapons. But there is concern that once they've mastered the technology they'll seek to counter Iran's alleged push to acquire such weapons by doing so themselves." How is it that when a state ponders going nuclear, it always seems to find the money? It's true that it takes advantage of a tendency on the part of its citizens to: 1. Agree that no expense be spared when it comes to defense and 2. Take national pride in a nuclear energy program (even more so in a nuclear weapons program). Or is that embarking on nuclear weapons program isn't as expensive as one would think? **Conventional thinking holds that nuclear weapons are cheaper than non-nuclear weapons.** In other words, they ostensibly represent a means for a state with limited conventional forces to level the playing field with states that boast larger conventional forces or even nuclear weapons. The editor of the *Nonproliferation Review* and perhaps the world's leading nuclear weapons auditor Stephen Schwartz wrote at Nuclear Threat Initiative: **The belief underpinning the rapid increase in nuclear weapons during the 1950s was summed up in the phrase, "a bigger bang for a buck."** According to this widely accepted idea, nuclear weapons were more cost effective than conventional ones because pound for pound they could deliver more "killing power." The thinking was that nuclear weapons would replace conventional weapons, saving large amounts of money and deterring war. But in reality nuclear weapons supplemented conventional weapons and the United States developed enormous arsenals of both, wiping out any potential savings envisioned by those who championed a large and robust nuclear arsenal. **Obviously, a nuclear weapons program won't cost a state as much as the Manhattan Project, with its pioneering research and design — \$28 billion (in today's dollars) or \$7 billion apiece for the two bombs.** That wheel doesn't need reinventing (unfortunately). But, the issue of states supplementing their conventional weapons instead of replacing them aside, how are nuclear weapons cheaper? In the summer of 2001, *Nonproliferation Review* published an article by Dr. Stanley Erickson, a scientist who today works in the private sector developing port inspection systems for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. His piece, titled **Economic and Technological Trends Affecting Nuclear Nonproliferation, shows how states might afford — or, more to the point, convince themselves they can afford — such an undertaking. Continued worldwide economic growth [at that time, just before 9/11] has raised the GNP of many states [some of which] may indeed be crossing the threshold where economic strength would allow the development of a nuclear weapon program without crippling their economy or conventional military forces, even if done rapidly.** Dr. Erickson adds that "new technologies have been developed to produce nuclear materials [which] may be done with much less capital expenditure." These include laser processes for isotopic separation. But, "There is little point for a state to develop nuclear weapons if delivery systems for these weapons are beyond the state's capabilities. The preferred method for nuclear weapon delivery among the major powers has been ballistic missiles. ... However, cruise missiles may be a more achievable delivery system for many countries." Cruise missiles — talk about your budget delivery systems. Then there are submarines. Wait, a nuclear submarine costs \$2 billion plus. But Dr. Erickson is referring to "conventionally powered submarines . . . with electric generators [from which] a short-range cruise missile [can be launched] from torpedo tubes while the submarine is submersed." Along with laser isotope separation and launching cruise missiles from the torpedo tubes of electric submarines, there's yet another avenue the aspiring, but cost-conscious nuclear power can pursue. **What's an illicit nuclear program without underground research and manufacturing facilities? Huh? How can that not be expensive? Turns out that while it's not necessarily cheap, it's less costly than you might think.** Modern self-propelled tunneling machinery allows nuclear facilities to be built many times faster and cheaper than they were 20 years ago. Automated tunneling equipment . . . continues to become more efficient and less expensive [allowing] a tunnel two to 10 meters (m) in diameter to be bored at the rate of several m per day or more. . . . Other types of automated equipment allow supports and linings to be put in place at the same rate as the boring proceeds. [Tunnel boring machines] have lowered the cost and delay barriers that might have formerly inhibited the placing of facilities underground. **One more option remains available to a state developing a nuclear weapons program on the cheap: skip developing a delivery system, such as missiles, in favor of prepositioning. What does prepositioning involve? Nuclear weapons smuggled, instead of launched or dropped from bombers, into another state such as the United States. Of course, you know that as nuclear terrorism. But what's to stop a state, instead of a non-state actor (terrorist group), from attempting to plan such an attack?** Conveniently Dr. Erickson is one of the few to publicly address that subject, which we'll address in a future post. Meanwhile, though, a state aspiring to nuclear weapons would still be required to develop a delivery systems lest the International Atomic Energy Agency and the rest of the world draw the conclusion that it planned to either emulate nuclear terrorists, or equally troublesome, supply them with SADMs (special atomic demolition munitions), such as low-yield nuclear suitcases or backpacks. Thus, no totally scrimping on a delivery system (Wellen, 2010).

**Date:** July 30, 2010

**Source:** Newsweek, Valerie Plame Wilson

**Title/Headline:** *The Power Of Zero*

**Abstract:** After spending years trying to thwart the nuclear black market, a former CIA spy says **the only way to prevent terrorists from getting the bomb is to eliminate all of the world's nukes. The smoke was still drifting off the World Trade Center when the CIA discovered that Osama bin Laden had secretly met just a few days before the attack with a top Pakistani nuclear scientist, seeking help in building a nuclear bomb.** Immediately, nuclear terrorism jumped to the top of the list of urgent threats to the civilized world. My clandestine work as a CIA operations officer became **laser-focused on counter-proliferation as we mobilized to prevent a nuclear 9/11.** We knew that the horror of a nuclear bomb detonated in a major city would dwarf any catastrophe previously suffered by our country—the death toll would be in the hundreds of thousands and the economic and social devastation sudden and catastrophic. **Nine years later, who is winning this contest of wills between the civilized world and terrorist groups trying to buy, build, or steal a nuclear bomb?** I would like to believe the bad guys are losing, but, in fact, time favors them as long as nuclear-bomb-grade materials and weapons exist in the world. A valiant team effort by the CIA and our many partners around the globe has prevented an attack thus far. But my experience as part of that effort tells me that the only way to end this danger is to lock down all nuclear materials and eliminate nuclear weapons in all countries. I am now dedicated to achieving this urgent goal as a leader of the Global Zero movement to rid the world of nuclear weapons. To help deliver a wake-up call to the public and policymakers, I recently participated in a chilling documentary that's in theaters now, *Countdown to Zero*, produced by Lawrence Bender and Participant Media—the team that made *An Inconvenient Truth*. This extraordinary film explains why living in a world with nuclear weapons and materials is simply not a viable option. Our only hope of survival is to drain the swamp as soon as we possibly can. **The alternative is for nuclear weapons to spread around the world and, sooner or later, for**



terrorists to incinerate the heart of a major city. According to the International Atomic Energy Agency, there have been at least 25 incidents of lost or stolen nuclear explosive material. If we estimate that the amount of recovered material represents 10 to 30 percent of the total amount that's made it onto the black market over the years, that translates into sufficient material to build two to five nuclear weapons. The CIA is trying to ensure that none of this falls into the hands of terrorists, but it's an uphill battle if the leakage of materials continues. We may not precisely know the scale of the illicit trafficking in fissile materials, but **we do know that rogue salesmen are peddling nuclear technology on the black market.** The enterprising father of the Pakistani nuclear bomb, A. Q. Khan, hawked his wares for years before my group at the CIA caught him red-handed and put him out of business for selling a nuclear bomb to Libya in late 2003. If terrorists get their hands on highly enriched uranium (a grapefruit-size quantity would be sufficient), they could smuggle it into a targeted city and detonate it on site. A hundred pounds of highly enriched uranium could fit in a shoebox—and 100,000 shipping containers come into the U.S. every day. Existing radiation sensors at the docks stand little chance: there are simply not enough of them, and **it's easy to hide highly enriched uranium in common materials that also give off a slight radioactive signature, like kitty litter. And building a bomb is no longer a well-guarded secret. Graduate students at U.S. scientific laboratories routinely design nuclear weapons (minus the fissile material) using off-the-shelf commercial equipment.** After spending years in the nuclear underworld, working to block the proliferation of nuclear weapons and material to other nations or to terrorist groups, **I believe we are losing ground and that bold action is needed.** The only way to avert a disaster is to put all nuclear-bomb-grade materials and nuclear weapons in all countries under ironclad control as soon as possible (as President Obama advocated during his Nuclear Security Summit earlier this year), and then to eliminate the stockpiles completely. This cannot be done overnight or unilaterally. It will require years of hard work. We will need to strengthen the monitoring of nuclear activities to verify compliance and root out any black marketeering. **International inspectors must be able to investigate any facility in the world without restrictions.** In the previous century, America led the world and defined the age—defeating Hitler, rebuilding Europe through the Marshall Plan, promoting civil rights for all people, sending men to the moon. **Now we must again lead the world to conquer the gravest danger of this young century—nuclear terrorism** (Wilson, 2010).

**Date:** July 31, 2010

**Source:** The Hill, Andrew Stiles

**Title/Headline:** *Lawmakers Tackle Gaping Flaws In WMD Attack Preparedness*

**Abstract:** A Senate Judiciary subcommittee will assess government preparedness for a terrorist attack with weapons of mass destruction in the wake of a report calling Justice Department planning inadequate. The Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security will hear testimony from senior Justice Department and Homeland Security officials concerning the ability of the United States to prevent as well as respond to an attack using a WMD. The hearing comes after several damning reports about the country's ability to prevent such an attack, including a report card this year from a **blue-ribbon commission that gave the White House three failing grades on WMD preparedness.** "The Department of Justice as a whole ... has not implemented adequate WMD response plans. As a result, the Department is not fully prepared to provide a coordinated response to a WMD incident," the report said. In January 2010, the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism issued a "report card" assessing the government's progress in implementing preventive measures recommended by the commission in a December 2008 report. The Obama administration received mixed grades in the January report, including three Fs, for failure to prepare effectively for a biological attack, failure to recruit and train a new generation of national security experts and failure to reform congressional oversight on intelligence and national security. Retired Col. Randall Larsen, USAF, the executive director of the commission, will also testify before the subcommittee. "We gave America, as a whole, an 'F,'" Larsen said. The blue-ribbon commission, chaired by former Sens. Bob Graham (D-Fla.) and Jim Talent (R-Mo.), was created by Congress following a recommendation from the 9/11 Commission. Graham and Talent's initial report in 2008 **warned that a terrorist attack using WMDs was "likely" to occur somewhere in the world by 2013, with the United States being a prime target.** "Congress has got a lot on its minds, but this should be one of its highest priorities," Larsen said. "All these little battles we have to fight, I don't think we'd have to be doing that if members of Congress really understood the threat," he added. The commission's latest report slammed Congress for failing to consolidate nearly 100 committees and subcommittees that oversee some aspect of the Department of Homeland Security. "Virtually no progress has been made since consolidation was first recommended by the 9/11 Commission in 2004," the report stated. The Obama administration disputed the commission's findings, arguing that the president had accomplished a "great deal" since taking office. The commission's report laid out a range of measures the federal government should pursue to reduce the United States' vulnerability to such an attack, including increased security and awareness at biological research labs and strengthening international treaties against the spread of biological and nuclear weapons. At a press conference last month, Graham and Talent joined members of the House Homeland Security Committee to announce the introduction of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2010, a bipartisan bill that aims to enact the commission's recommendations. Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) described it as "a major step forward on the threat from WMD." The bill is the House companion to legislation introduced by Sens. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) in 2009. Both bills have cleared committee but have yet to be brought to the floor for a vote. Lieberman and Collins, respectively chairman and ranking member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, presided at a June 30 hearing on nuclear terrorism where they heard alarming testimony from government officials concerning the United States's ability to prevent a nuclear attack. **Lieberman said the officials' testimony was "a real alarm bell going off" in terms of the country's preparedness.** "The threat of nuclear terrorism is growing faster than our ability to prevent an attack on our homeland," he said at the hearing (Stiles, 2010).

**Date:** August 1, 2010

**Source:** The Examiner, Margot Fernandez

**Title/Headline:** *Shame On The History Channel For Terrorizing Your Audience*

**Abstract:** Yes, I am annoyed with *The History Channel*. I'll be forever grateful for most of their programming, but it's always possible that they could be running out of ideas. **They are about to broadcast a program entitled *Day After Disaster*, and I believe that the message of terror and survivalism is completely inappropriate, especially because many children will be watching along with their parents**

who have come to trust them for decent programming. I won't hate you forever if you watch it, but let me explain some of my objections. Placed against the context of the rising hysteria in America over the fact that an African-American man was elected President and he has not gone away--the hysteria that is fed and nurtured by right-wing media--the idea of another attack patterned (by the writers) after Nine-Eleven could be a very destabilizing influence on the many people who watch the program. **Did they ask Glenn Beck to produce it? Well, no, but it seems that the *Homeland Security Department* had something to do with it.** This is an excellent example of how media is a tool of politics, ginning up the fear in an election season. **Militias are also on the rise, fed by irresponsible fools both in the media and, to their everlasting shame, in the Congress.** The trailer begins with a dramatic, "Washington, D. C. has been nuked ..." Well, yeah, D. C. could be nuked, if by "nuked" you mean a small "dirty bomb" that was trucked in by a suicide bomber or perhaps flown on a small private plane. That is, if a small private plane, or an aircraft of any description, could breeze through the skies of the District of Columbia without the *Federal Aviation Agency*, the military or *Homeland Security* paying any attention ... duh. You see, a Hiroshima-type nuclear bomb does not detonate on contact. It does not fall to the ground from an airplane, or strike an object in a vehicle crash, and go "boom." The typical nuclear device detonates hundreds of feet above its Ground Zero, which uses the force from the weapon downwards as well as outwards. This is stuff I learned from watching TV programs--it isn't a closely-guarded secret. But unless the entire United States Armed Forces, especially the Air Force, falls asleep at the switch, there isn't going to be another Hiroshima over the White House. And in case it comes to mind, I'd like to remind everyone that the Air Force was scrambled during Nine-Eleven, but they were ordered to fly to coordinates that were useless; I don't know why, and I'd prefer not to guess. I am assuming that the program will go into this. I don't know what other content is more important. **If you want to terrorize millions of Americans with visions of Washington being nuked, I should hope that the program would emphasize that this would be very difficult. Don't assume that Washington is unguarded. The military has an ever-improving dragnet of fail-safe technology wrapped around it.** In 1961 an Air Force officer told my father (in my presence) that an aircraft doesn't leave the ground on Planet Earth without the Air Force knowing about it. **Do you think that there is less security now, since Nine-Eleven? Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. I hope *The History Channel* is familiar with the concept of security--which has become a joke but absolutely is not a joke behind the closed doors of the Pentagon.** The people who have brought our military down are the Chicken Hawks and the toy soldiers--the civilians like Donald Rumsfeld who think that war is a magnificent adventure. Generals don't think this way. **I must consider the possibility that the nuclear attack will be attributed to a Fifth Column in Washington, something like the famous film "*Seven Days in May*," which speculated on a military coup. But since the right-wing media blathers constantly about President Obama being a potential Nazi dictator, or a Muslim Ayatollah-in-training, or a black nationalist in disguise, I must say that it would be in extremely poor taste to characterize our President as a player in this scenario, to say the least.** In a spiritually-oriented response to all this, I want to quote a postwar theologian who wrote once that "despair isn't something that you fight with. It is something you run away from." If it wasn't C. S. Lewis, it was George MacDonald or a theologians like him. But the point is well taken. I don't believe that there is a point to a program that basically says, "What are you gonna do if D. C. is nuked?" **If it happens, the Department of Homeland Security will certainly be history, which would be just as well considering that their incompetence would most likely be to blame. So a television mini-course on survivalism will do much to address ... what?** What's the bottom line here? If Tucson is targeted because there are many military installations in Arizona, hey, I might be killed. But what of it? Death is a possibility--physical death. Human suffering goes on only so long, and then it is over. It may be that *over* just means that you cease to exist, but in that context it's fine. And if The Next Life is out there, beyond the transition, well, there's nothing to fear. **So whatever *The History Channel* decides to do with their sensationalistic subject matter, I won't see it. I refuse to be terrorized by Cable Television, for heaven's sake** (Fernandez, 2010).



**Date:** August 10, 2010

**Source:** WNEP-TV, John Meyer

**Title/Headline:** Alert Over At PPL Nuclear Plant

**Abstract:** The alert is over at the nuclear power plant in Luzerne County. According to a release from PPL, workers were able to stop the leak of freon that caused the alert. PPL ended the alert after 11:30 p.m. Tuesday. Both units at the facility are in operation. The plant had been on alert since 9:30 a.m. Tuesday but officials stress the public was not in any danger. PPL officials said freon gas was leaking from an important equipment cooling system inside unit one's reactor building. Workers were forced to evacuate the area. **"I understand events like this can make people anxious because you talk about an emergency at a nuclear power plant but it's really confined to the reactor building itself,"** explained PPL spokesman Joe Scopelliti. He added no radiation is involved. Scopelliti is helping to man the plant's information center near Wilkes-Barre. **It opens whenever an emergency situation is in effect. There are four classifications when something goes wrong at the plant. One, the notification of unusual event; two, an alert, which in effect now; three, a site area emergency and four, a general emergency. Only the last two affect the public. PPL doesn't expect this situation to escalate beyond alert. "The fact that we have an emergency, even though it's a low-level emergency attracts a lot of attention so we want people to know what's going on,"** Scopelliti added. **"All the safety equipment is still available to do it. We can start it from different locations. Now our attention is on this leak so we can stop it and move away from this emergency.** Officials said they don't know how the leak started but they added the building does have a back-up cooling system so it is able to operate as it should. No one was hurt and the public was not in danger but 19 municipalities were notified there was a problem at the plant. The power plant is required to notify the public of anything abnormal going on inside, even if it doesn't impact those living nearby. **"It's important that they do it to alert the people,"** said Chris D. Angelo. He is among the thousands of people who live within minutes of the plant. **"It's like 10 minutes from our house."** **"At least they're letting us know. Other places could let us just fly by and not let us know. It's nice to know they're letting us know everything that's going on,"** said Chris Martinez of Berwick (Meyer, 2010).

**Date:** August 6, 2010

**Source:** U.S. State Department, NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)

**Title/Headline:** *WMD Terrorism Remains Grave Threat, U.S. Says*

**Abstract:** The possibility that a terrorist organization might launch a WMD attack remains one of the "gravest threats" to the security of the United States and its allies, the U.S. State Department said in its annual terrorism report. The "Country Reports on Terrorism 2009" addressed the threat of terrorism involving chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons and Washington's response to those dangers. The State Department noted that al-Qaeda and other extremist groups have expressed interest in acquiring nuclear weapons. "The diffusion of scientific and technical information regarding the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism. Assembly of nuclear weapons, some of which is now available on the Internet, has increased the risk that a terrorist organization in possession of sufficient fissile material could develop its own crude nuclear weapon," the report says. "The complete production of a nuclear weapon strongly depends on the terrorist group's access to special nuclear materials as well as engineering and scientific expertise." Due to the proliferation efforts of "irresponsible countries" like North Korea, "the number of potential sources of an unsecured nuclear weapon or materials is challenging worldwide efforts to control and account for nuclear material," according to the State Department. Extremists could also look to underground smuggling networks and international criminal organizations for aid in acquiring or developing anuclear devices, the report says. **While the terrorist detonation of a radiological "dirty bomb" would not be as calamitous as a terrorist nuclear attack, the prevalence of radioactive substances "in nearly every country" means it is much easier to acquire the materials to construct such a weapon, the report says.** "Most radioactive materials lack sufficient strength to present a significant public health risk once dispersed, while the materials posing the greatest hazard would require terrorists to have the expertise to handle them without exposure to incapacitating doses of radiation or detection during transit across international borders," the report says. However, detonation of a radiological weapon -- which would use conventional explosives to disperse radioactive material -- could cause a significant amount of panic and financial "disruption," the State Department said. The report notes the potential for a bioterrorism strike, as "the materials required to produce a biological weapon are available in laboratories worldwide, and may threat agents could be isolated from nature." **Al-Qaeda is believed to have pressed harder than other terrorist groups to obtain or produce biological weapons, according to the report,** which cites the U.S. discovery of an unfinished laboratory in Afghanistan. **"If properly produced and released, biological agents can kill on a massive scale and, if terrorists use a pathogen that can be transmitted from person to person, the disease could quickly spread through commercial air travel across oceans and continents before authorities realize their nations have been attacked,"** the report says. The State Department noted efforts by extremists to acquire and deploy readily available toxic chemicals: "The growth and sophistication of the worldwide chemical industry, including the development of complex synthetic and dual-use materials, may make the task of preventing and protecting against this [chemical weapons] threat more difficult." **In its efforts to combat the threat of a WMD terror attack, the United States has implemented multiple initiatives which include the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism.** The initiative is jointly led by Russia and the United States and encompasses 77 members who have given their approval to several central nuclear security principles. Since its inception, the program has carried out 34 multinational operations and held five high-level forums. The United States has a number of priorities in the effort against WMD terrorism, the report says. **These include identifying extremists' "intentions, capabilities and plans" to produce or obtain unconventional weapons and the likelihood of that occurring; preventing terrorists from acquiring the materials, know-how or other means of carrying out such an attack,** "with a particular focus on weapons-usable fissile materials, dangerous pathogens and poisonous chemicals"; and deterring would-be attackers and their allies from considering or actually carrying out a strike. Among the programs used to reduce the WMD terror threat, the report says, are the Proliferation Security Initiative, which is intended to interdict smuggling of WMD materials; the Global Threat Reduction Initiative to secure or eliminate vulnerable nuclear and radioactive materials; and the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, "a cross-cutting strategic framework of 77 partners and four observers who are determined to strengthen individual and global capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to a nuclear terrorist event" **The report says that last year the al-Qaeda "core in Pakistan remained the foremost security threat to the U.S. homeland,"** according to a State Department release. **Intelligence agencies found that al-Qaeda entities, notably al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, continued to plan strikes against the United States.** The terrorist network "suffered several significant setbacks in 2009 due to Pakistani military operations aimed at eliminating militant strongholds, leadership losses, and increased difficulty in raising money, training recruits, and planning attacks outside of the region," the department said. **"Al-Qaeda continued its efforts to encourage key regional affiliates and terrorist networks to pursue a global agenda, using both the Internet as a means to distribute propaganda and telecommunications infrastructure to plan attacks and coordinate movements,"** the release says. There were 10,999 terrorist strikes around the world in 2009 that killed 14,971 people, the State Department found. That number, however, was the lowest since in five years. The deadliest year for terrorist attacks in that period was 2006 which saw 14,443 strikes that killed 22,736 individuals, according to the report. Cuba, Iran, Sudan and Syria were all cited as state sponsors of terrorism, with Tehran accused of being the leading backer of militant extremist groups, according to a Defense Department release. **Extremist groups were also active in Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Somalia, Yemen and elsewhere, according to the report (NTI, 2010).**

**Date:** September 16, 2010

**Source:** Global Research, Michel Chossudovsky

**Title/Headline:** *Real Versus Fake Crises: Concealing The Risk Of An All Out Nuclear War*

**Abstract:** Three Types of Fake Crises: **1. A Nuclear Attack on America by Al Qaeda:** David Krieger, author of *Is A Nuclear 9/11 In Our Future?*, stated on October 6, 2003, that "Sooner or later there will be a nuclear 9/11 [by Islamic terrorists] in an American city or that of a US ally... A terrorist nuclear attack against an American city could take many forms. A worst case scenario would be the detonation of a nuclear device within a city. Depending upon the size and sophistication of the weapon, it could kill hundreds of thousands or even millions of people." The nuclear threat comes from "non-State" organizations, with limited advanced weapons' capabilities rather than from known nuclear powers (nuclear States) (Chossudovsky, 2010).

**Date:** September 17, 2010

**Source:** CNN, Terry Frieden

**Title/Headline:** *Former Los Alamos Scientist Indicted On Nuclear Charges*

**Abstract:** A former Los Alamos National Laboratory nuclear scientist and his wife were indicted on charges of trying to provide nuclear secrets to Venezuela, but U.S. officials stressed the Venezuelan government knew nothing about the plans. The officials said they have no information from the undercover operation that Hugo Chavez's government has any plans to try to build a nuclear weapon. Pedro Mascheroni, 75, and Roxby Mascheroni, 67, are U.S. citizens who worked as contractors at Los Alamos in New Mexico, officials said Friday. In 2008, Mascheroni, who had left the laboratory years earlier, had a series of conversations with an undercover FBI agent posing as an official of the Caracas government, according to the indictment. "Mascheroni allegedly said he could help Venezuela develop a nuclear bomb within 10 years and that under his program Venezuela would use a secret underground nuclear reactor to produce and enrich plutonium and an open, above-ground reactor to produce nuclear energy," the Justice Department said. According to a U.S. Justice Department statement, Mascheroni allegedly asked about obtaining Venezuelan citizenship and described how he expected to be paid for his classified nuclear work for Venezuela. Mascheroni said his fee for producing certain information was \$793,000, the indictment alleges. U.S. Attorney Kenneth Gonzalez said the charges against the couple "are very serious." He said laws were designed to keep "restricted data" from getting to the wrong people (Frieden, 2010).

**Date:** September 17, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Ex-Los Alamos Scientist, Wife Indicted in Alleged Atomic Weapon Conspiracy*

**Abstract:** A scientist and his wife who both once worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory before becoming outspoken critics were arrested Friday after an FBI sting operation and charged with trying to sell nuclear secrets to Venezuela. The scientist, Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni, is being detained until a hearing Monday morning in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His wife, Roxby Mascheroni, was released on a variety of conditions, including a monitor attached to her. The investigation first drew attention last October when federal agents reportedly seized six computers, two cameras, two cellphones and hundreds of files from the scientist, Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni. Mascheroni declared his innocence to The New York Times last year, saying, "If I were a real spy, I would have left the country a long time ago." After their arrest Friday morning, the two appeared in federal court in Albuquerque, New Mexico and were accused of dealing with an FBI undercover agent posing as a Venezuelan agent. The government did not allege that Venezuela or anyone working for it sought U.S. secrets. The pair were indicted for allegedly communicating classified nuclear weapons data to a person they believed to be a Venezuelan government official. Accused in a 22-count indictment are Mascheroni, 75, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Argentina, and Marjorie Roxby Mascheroni, 67, a U.S. citizen. Both were formerly contract employees at Los Alamos. According to the indictment, Mascheroni told an undercover agent he could help Venezuela develop a nuclear bomb within 10 years and that under his program, Venezuela would use a secret, underground nuclear reactor to produce and enrich plutonium, and an open, aboveground reactor to produce nuclear energy. In July 2008, the FBI agent provided Mascheroni with 12 questions purportedly from Venezuelan military and scientific personnel. According to the criminal charges, Mascheroni delivered to a post office box in November 2008 a disk with a coded 132-page document on it that contained "restricted data" related to nuclear weapons. Written by Mascheroni and edited by his wife, the document was entitled "A Deterrence Program for Venezuela" and it laid out Mascheroni's nuclear weapons development program for Venezuela. Mascheroni stated that the information he was providing was worth millions of dollars, and that his fee for producing the document was \$793,000, the indictment alleges. Earlier in the investigation, Mascheroni allegedly asked the FBI agent about obtaining Venezuelan citizenship. He told the undercover agent he should be addressed as "Luke," and that he would set up an e-mail account solely to communicate with the undercover agent, according to the indictment. Mascheroni used the account to communicate with the agent and to arrange for deliveries of materials at the post office box used as a dead-drop location. If convicted, the couple face up to life in prison. Mascheroni was laid off from Los Alamos in 1988. He filed a discrimination lawsuit against the company in 1994, alleging that he lost favor with his supervisors after he sought to promote one of his projects over one that he criticized. Over the years, he has repeatedly raised questions before Congress about the management of the nation's nuclear laboratories and arsenal and promoted his laser to ensure weapon reliability (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** September 22, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *United States Could 'Absorb' Another Terror Attack, Obama Says in Woodward Book*

**Abstract:** President Obama, after being warned repeatedly by his advisers about the threat of another terror attack on U.S. soil, said in an interview two months ago that the United States could "absorb" another strike. The comment was included in the new book by journalist Bob Woodward, "Obama's Wars," excerpts of which were reported by The Washington Post and The New York Times. The book depicts the contentious debate the Obama administration endured to craft a new strategy in Afghanistan. According to the Post, Obama spent the bulk of the exhaustive sessions pressing for an exit strategy and resisting efforts to prolong and escalate the war. Despite warnings of another attack, he suggested the United States could weather a new strike. "We can absorb a terrorist attack. We'll do everything we can to prevent it, but even a 9/11, even the biggest attack ever . . . we absorbed it and we are stronger," Obama reportedly said. According to the book, Obama said, "I have two years with the public on this" and pressed advisers for ways to avoid a big escalation in the Afghanistan war. The comment on absorbing an attack drew tough criticism Wednesday from Liz Cheney, daughter of former Vice President Cheney and chairwoman of Keep America Safe. "This comment suggests an alarming fatalism on the part of President Obama and his administration," she said in a statement. "Once again the president seems either unwilling or unable to do what it takes to keep this nation safe. The president owes the American people an explanation" (Fox News, 2010).

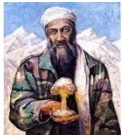


**Date:** September 28, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Richard Esposito, Rhonda Schwartz, Matthew Cole, Anna Schecter

**Title/Headline:** *'Credible But Not Specific' Threat of New Terrorist Attack*

**Abstract:** Officials in Europe, US on High Alert for Commando-Style Raids After Capture of Suspected German Terrorist. **US and European officials said Tuesday they have detected a plot to carry out a major, coordinated series of commando-style terror attacks in Britain, France, Germany and possibly the United States. A senior US official said that while there is a "credible" threat, no specific time or place is known.** President Obama has been briefed about the threat, say senior US officials. US law enforcement officials say they have been told the terrorists were planning a series of "Mumbai-style" commando raids on what were termed "economic or soft" targets in the countries. **Pakistani militants killed 173 people with guns and grenades during the 2008 attacks in Mumbai, India.** In testimony before Congress last week, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said, **"We are all seeing increased activity by a more diverse set of groups and a more diverse set of threats."** "We currently have reached a spike in the threat of an attack, which is unquestionable," said the head of the French National Police last week. He also said France was at particular risk from al Qaeda's North African affiliate. **The new threat to France, and to Germany and Britain and the U.S., is coming from Pakistan, according to intelligence officials.** The captured German reportedly said several teams of attackers, all with European passports, had been trained and dispatched from training camps in Waziristan and Pakistan. Officials say the German claimed the attack plan had been approved by Osama Bin Laden. In the last four years, **dozens of German citizens have been recruited to train in al Qaeda-connected camps in Pakistan,** according to US and German law enforcement officials. German language jihadi videos on the internet help to attract more trainees. "Some are German converts, many are Turks, many are Arabs," said Guido Steinberg, a counter-terrorism analyst at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs. **"Right now we already have the first Afghans and even Iranians in these circles. It's a very mixed bunch of people -- quite international."** Steinberg said that many of the German jihadis who train in Pakistan are killed, "but those who come back are a threat. **"And they are a threat not only to Germany," added Steinberg, "but also to our allies and especially the U.S. because they are extremely anti-American."** In a statement to ABC News, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper declined to discuss the threat. **"We are not going to comment on specific intelligence, as doing so threatens to undermine intelligence operations that are critical to protecting the U.S. and our allies,"** said Clapper. **"As we have repeatedly said, we know al Qaeda wants to attack Europe and the United States** (Esposito, Schwartz, Cole, & Schecter, 2010).



THE SUNDAY TIMES

**Date:** October 6, 2010

**Source:** The Sunday Times, Uzi Mahnaimi, Tom Walker

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaeda Woos Recruits With Nuclear Bomb Website*

**Abstract:** An Al-Qaeda website containing detailed instructions in Arabic on how to make nuclear, "dirty" and biological bombs has attracted more than 57,000 hits and hundreds of readers' inquiries. Terrorism experts are warning that the site could be boosting the organisation's appeal to would-be assassins in Britain and abroad. **The manual, posted on October 6 on a forum titled Al-Firdaws, or Paradise, contains 80 pages of instructions and pictures of kitchen bomb-making techniques. It is divided into nine lessons under the overall heading The Nuclear Bomb of Jihad and the Way to Enrich Uranium, and is dedicated as a "gift to the commander of the jihad fighters, Sheikh Osama Bin Laden, for the purpose of jihad for the sake of Allah".** As well as describing how to make a nuclear bomb from enriched uranium — impossible for the layman — the manual explains how to make simple bombs that can blow up anything from electrical generators to petrol stations. The site encourages its readers to look for materials such as radium, which it says is an "effective alternative to uranium and available on the market". It is unclear who the author is or where he is based: he describes himself simply as "Layth al-Islam", or the "Lion of Islam", belonging to a group called "the Black Flags". "Fight them so that Allah will punish them at your hands and will put them to shame and will give you victory over them," he writes, quoting the Koran. "Perhaps nuclear weapons represent a technology of the 1940s. However, the Crusaders, the allies of the Satan, Allah's curse be upon them, insist on depriving the jihad fighters of the right to have these weapons." The site's appeal is evident from the enthusiasm of its correspondents. One of the most recent, Mariyam al-Jihadiyya, writes: "God bless you for this precious topic . . . fight them, through your hands God tortures them . . . and heal the hearts of the faithful people." Beneath she includes a couple of pictures for her hero. "I love you, Osama," she writes. Other users complain that not all the site's links are activated, and several urge caution. "Don't talk about things you don't understand," writes one. For enthusiasts there are links to a mailing service that provides regular updates on bomb-making techniques. Nuclear physicists were alarmed by the site. **"Normally you just get generic principles, but this appears to be more like a proper instruction manual,"** said John Hassard, reader in physics at Imperial College, London. **"The thing about this website that is striking is that it is very particular. A lot of effort has been put into it."** He said that while it was highly unlikely that amateur bomb-builders could get hold of fissile material, smuggling networks with access to nuclear materials from the break-up of the Soviet Union could use the information. **"It is a very real threat and one which we can't afford to ignore,"** he said. **"I would say this is public enemy No 1."** Experts on Al-Qaeda said the organisation appeared to be moving from a phase where it preached a fatwa permitting the use of weapons of mass destruction — issued two years ago — to one where it encourages its followers to produce both "dirty" bombs and smaller devices similar to those used in the London Tube attacks. **"Al-Qaeda strives to move directly from the stage of obtaining the WMD to the stage of using it,"** said Matti Steinberg, an Israeli expert on the organisation. He said efforts by Al-Qaeda, whose members are Sunni Muslims, to produce a nuclear weapon also reflected its fear that Shi'ite Iran was on the brink of producing a bomb. Bin Laden wanted to "balance the efforts by Iran to obtain the first Shi'ite bomb by building the first Sunni one". While assessing the website's influence on young British Muslims is difficult, terror experts believe it is an important potential recruiting tool. Jeevan Deol, a terrorism



analyst at the London School of Oriental and African Studies, said that while Al-Qaeda could not match western military capabilities and intelligence, its use of "cyberwarfare" helped redress the balance. "They are using the web in a focused way for propaganda and recruiting," said Deol. "Some jihadi kid in Leeds clicks on it and thinks, 'Wow, 50,000 hits — we don't see Osama on telly any longer but we're big, we're bad and extremely engaged in all these things'" (Mahnaimi & Walker, 2010).

**Date:** October 7, 2010

**Source:** AFP

**Title/Headline:** *Americans Need To Get 'Perspective' On Terrorism, Says Expert On Counter-Terror*

**Abstract:** A US security official said yesterday the country was capable of withstanding another terrorist attack and bouncing back, saying Americans needed to put extremist threats in "perspective". Michael Leiter, head of the National Counterterrorism Center, said despite recent successes there was no guarantee that intelligence and law enforcement agencies could prevent every attempt by extremists to attack the United States. **"We're not going to have a perfect batting average and it's important that Americans understand that,"** Leiter told a conference on intelligence reform. "It's important that we approach this with national resilience that in fact shows that this country is not going to be defeated by" extremists, Leiter said. "We do have to put the threat in perspective," he said. His comments came amid heightened US and Western alerts over potential terror attacks against European cities, and after a wave of arrests by France's anti-terrorism squad. **Leiter said security agencies faced the threat of "low-probability," large-scale attacks involving possible weapons of mass destruction** as well as "high probability", smaller-scale attacks such as the shooting rampage at Fort Hood last year that left 13 dead. But terrorist attacks should not be viewed as "cutting into the fabric of our society," he said. President Barack Obama made similar remarks in a new book by Washington Post journalist Bob Woodward, saying the country could handle a potential attack. **"We can absorb a terrorist attack. We'll do everything we can to prevent it, but even a 9/11, even the biggest attack ever... we absorbed it and we are stronger"** (AFP, 2010).

**Date:** October 11, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Nick Meo

**Title/Headline:** *Mission To Stop Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** To the Warsaw motorists returning from their Saturday afternoon shopping trips, it looked like a nuclear emergency. **Frantic policemen, some wearing ski masks and all armed with submachineguns, flashed their headlights and leant out of their patrol car windows, shouting and waving to make the traffic pull over and stop at the side of the road as helicopters clattered overhead.** Then a convoy of seven lorries rumbled past, armed police in the cabs and radioactive warning signs stuck on the shipping containers they carried. **The frightened-looking motorists and their families didn't know it but this convoy two weeks ago wasn't an emergency; it was no exercise though, and the cargo being moved through the Warsaw suburbs in a top secret operation was the stuff of nightmares.** The lorries carried enough bomb-grade uranium for terrorists to build eight nuclear devices, sealed inside thick metal flasks weighing five tons each to stop radiation leaking. **The shipment, at the beginning of a 3,500 mile journey to a Russian reprocessing plant where it will be made safe, was part of an effort to secure hundreds of tons of highly enriched uranium worldwide before terrorists can acquire it.** "The world is a safer place because of this shipment," said Andrew Bieniawski, a senior official with the US government's Global Threat Reduction Initiative, as the convoy and its sinister-looking escort of **Polish** special forces police started off. **American intelligence officials believe that if al Qaeda could get its hands on a piece of highly enriched uranium (HEU) the size of a grapefruit, let alone a consignment as big as the Polish one, the destruction of a city like London, New York or Washington would follow.** So far, such a nightmare has been confined to Hollywood thrillers. **But the US government is so concerned at the threat of nuclear terrorism that next year the budget for making bomb-grade material secure worldwide will be increased by 67 per cent to \$558 million dollars (£352 million).** The American effort, constantly expanded since the attacks of September 11th 2001, is intended to deal with weapons-grade uranium in 28 nations around the world, most of it the Cold War legacy of the Atoms for Peace programmes when America and Russia shared nuclear secrets with their allies. **Most of the HEU in Eastern Europe has been stored since Soviet times, often in badly maintained and poorly guarded facilities where for years underpaid staff were potentially vulnerable to bribery by well-funded terrorists.** Last year a massive new effort to dramatically reduce the amount of civilian HEU worldwide was announced by President Barack Obama in a high-profile speech in Prague, his first major foreign policy speech delivered abroad. **The President has made countering nuclear terrorism a top priority and described it as "the greatest danger we face". He has committed the United States to secure the world's vulnerable civilian bomb-grade material by the end of 2013. He has taken the threat so seriously that over the next three years the President wants to spend \$7.9 billion on nuclear nonproliferation programmes, including homeland security to detect nuclear bombs or material being smuggled into America, as well as programmes like the Global Threat Reduction Initiative.** The shipment in Poland was the biggest the Americans have organised anywhere. It started its journey at a nuclear research reactor in a forest outside Warsaw, where HEU had been stored in cooling ponds for years. The convoy, escorted by more than 100 policemen, moved rapidly to a railway yard on the outskirts of the capital where it was loaded onto a goods train for the overnight journey 200 miles north to the port of Gdansk. The route took it past villages and towns whose sleeping inhabitants had no idea of the deadly cargo passing so close to them. At every stage technicians checked that radioactivity was not leaking. On arrival in Gdansk it was loaded onto a specially converted ship, with thick metal radiation-proof plates installed, for a sea voyage to the Russian Arctic port of Murmansk. The consequences of spreading radiation in a crash ruled out air transport. **In Murmansk it was loaded on to another train for the last stage of the journey, hundreds of miles across Russia to a reprocessing plant beyond the Ural mountains, deep in Siberia. In the past year this journey, lasting three weeks, has been repeated five times, moving 1,000 lbs of Polish HEU in total - enough to make 18 atom bombs - at a cost to the US taxpayer of \$60 million.** The Global Threat Reduction Initiative decided to forgo its usual secrecy rules and invite The Sunday Telegraph to observe the final shipment, in order to make its work in Poland public; details can now be revealed after it arrived safely at its destination. Intelligence agencies will not reveal their reasons for being so frightened now about what for years seemed a remote and unlikely risk. But it may be because of the deeply troubling cases of smuggling that surface from time to time in Eastern Europe, hinting at the existence of a nuclear black market. **Such**

attempts at illicit nuclear sales have been made at least twice this year, once in Moldova, when a gang attempted to sell a small amount of nuclear material, and once in Georgia where several smugglers were arrested with an undisclosed amount of uranium. That was a far more disturbing case, according to investigators who said it showed a worrying level of organisation. **Since the end of the Cold War the International Atomic Energy Authority, the UN's nuclear watchdog, has logged 800 incidents of radioactive material going missing or being seized by smugglers.** A handful of cases have involved weapons-grade material. Nobody knows whether gangsters or corrupt officials really could deliver enough material for a home-made bomb to terrorists or rogue states. US officials fear that anyone trying to acquire HEU on a nuclear black market will want it to destroy an American city. **"We know that terrorists are actively seeking to acquire this material to target the United States,"** Mr Bieniawski said. "If they acquire it, they have basically overcome the main hurdle to getting a bomb. The risk is low but we can't just trust to luck when we are talking about the catastrophic effects of a nuclear weapon." Since work started in 2004 HEU has been removed from 18 nations, including five in the past year - Romania, Libya, Taiwan, Turkey, and Chile, where the shipment was briefly delayed by February's earthquake. **Until the attacks of September 11, 2001, there was little concern about the estimated 2000 tons of HEU stockpiled around the world,** much lying around half-forgotten in badly-guarded facilities in poor countries with corruption problems. Facilities often lacked armed guards, secure fences, even locks that worked properly. American efforts which had begun in the chaos of Russia in the 1990s to secure vulnerable nuclear material were stepped up worldwide after 2001; **as long ago as 1998 Osama bin Laden spoke of his determination to acquire the bomb "to terrorise the enemies of God".** Frank Barnaby, an author and former Aldermaston nuclear physicist, said: **"The really frightening thing about HEU is that it is so easy to make an atom bomb out of it. You only need a couple of PhD students and a small amount of material. I think we should be very frightened about the possibility of nuclear terrorism; I'm surprised it hasn't happened yet."** The American experts hope their work with 130 nations will make that nightmare less likely. In some cases they have strengthened defences at plants judged vulnerable to theft. But their preferred method is to remove HEU for reprocessing. "That way it is made safe, permanently," Mr Bieniawski said. Poland, like many nations with HEU stockpiles, has to send the material abroad because it has no reprocessing plant of its own. The American officials were at pains to stress that they have complete trust in Russia to keep to its end of the deal and reprocess the uranium sent inside its borders in US-funded shipments. Under an agreement between Mr Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev last year, the USA and Russia each take back uranium they supplied to friendly countries. So Romania and Poland sent theirs to Russia, while that of Chile and Turkey has been reprocessed in the United States. **There are, however, glaring omissions in President Obama's plan; the Global Threat Reduction Initiative cannot make HEU safe in a few nuclear nations, most notably Pakistan and North Korea,** which are judged to pose the greatest risk of terrorists obtaining the raw material for a bomb. As a Polish member of the team working on the operation said: **"This shipment makes nuclear nightmares less likely." But not impossible** (Meo, 2010).

**Date:** October 18, 2010

**Source:** NNSA (National Nuclear Security Agency)

**Title/Headline:** *NNSA Office of Emergency Operations Develops Cutting-Edge Nuclear Terrorism Software*

**Abstract:** The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) today announced that its Office of Emergency Operations has developed and delivered a new X-ray image processing capability to the nation's emergency response community. **X-Ray Toolkit (XTK) is an application used by field responders and NNSA Laboratory experts to acquire, process and analyze X-ray images obtained during a potential nuclear terrorism incident.** XTK development was sponsored by NNSA's Emergency Operations technology integration program and implemented by its stabilization program "We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback about the XTK software from our operational partners across the nation," said NNSA Associate Administrator for Emergency Operations Joseph Krol. **"The application of state-of-the-art technical products to the nuclear counterterrorism mission is a central part of NNSA's mission and an important aspect of our vision for this program. It also showcases our ability to leverage six decades of nuclear security expertise into a product that can be used by first responders from coast to coast.** XTK was designed for joint use by Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and NNSA Laboratory personnel during nuclear render safe operations, where specialized procedures, methods and tools prevent the detonation of a nuclear device. Previous software was converted for use from the medical diagnostic industry, not specifically designed for use by EOD experts. **Accordingly, XTK provides for the intuitive and efficient transfer of data from the site of a potential incident to NNSA Laboratories.** This allows for critical information to seamlessly transfer from field responders to NNSA nuclear security experts during a crisis situation. **Sandia National Laboratories worked closely with NNSA Emergency Operations personnel during the development, testing, and training phases of this project.** Additional information for XTK development was obtained from NNSA response team members, FBI Special Agent Bomb Technicians, Department of Defense EOD experts and numerous state and local responders. **Established by Congress in 2000, NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear science in the nation's national security enterprise. NNSA maintains and enhances the safety, security, reliability, and performance of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear testing; reduces the global danger from weapons of mass destruction; provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion; and responds to nuclear and radiological emergencies in the U.S. and abroad** (NNSA, 2010).



**Date:** October 20, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Catherine Herridge

**Title/Headline:** *EXCLUSIVE: Al Qaeda Leader Dined At The Pentagon Just Months After 9/11*

**Abstract:** Anwar Al-Awlaki may be the first American on the CIA's kill or capture list, but he was also a lunch guest of military

**brass at the Pentagon within months of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, Fox News has learned.** Documents exclusively obtained by Fox News, including an FBI interview conducted after the Fort Hood shooting in November 2009, state that **Awlaki was taken to the Pentagon as part of the military's outreach to the Muslim community in the immediate aftermath of the attacks.** The incident was flagged by a current Defense Department employee who came forward and told investigators she helped arrange the meeting after she saw Awlaki speak in Alexandria, Va. **The employee "attended this talk and while she arrived late she recalls being impressed by this imam. He condemned Al Qaeda and the terrorist attacks. During his talk he was 'harassed' by members of the audience and suffered it well," reads one document.** According to the documents, obtained as part of an ongoing investigation by the specials unit "Fox News Reporting," there was a push within the Defense Department to reach out to the Muslim community. **"At that period in time, the secretary of the Army (redacted) was eager to have a presentation from a moderate Muslim."** In addition, Awlaki "was considered to be an 'up and coming' member of the Islamic community." After her vetting, Aulaki (Awlaki) was invited to and attended a luncheon at the Pentagon in the secretary of the Army's Office of Government Counsel. **"Awlaki, a Yemeni-American who was born in Las Cruces, N.M., was interviewed at least four times by the FBI in the first week after the attacks because of his ties to the three hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi, Khalid al-Mihdhar and Hani Hanjour.** The three hijackers were all onboard Flight 77 that slammed into the Pentagon. Awlaki is now believed to be hiding in Yemen after he was linked to the alleged Ft. Hood shooter Major Nidal Malik Hasan, who e-mailed Awlaki prior to the attack. Sources told Fox News that Awlaki, who is a former Muslim chaplain at George Washington University, met with the Christmas Day bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab in Yemen and was the middle-man between the young Nigerian and the bombmaker. Awlaki was also said to inspire would-be Times Square bomber Faisal Shahzad. **Apparently, none of the FBI's information about Awlaki was shared with the Pentagon.** Former Army Secretary Tommy White, who led the Army in 2001, said he doesn't have any recollection of the luncheon or any contact with Awlaki. **"If this was a luncheon at the Office of Government Counsel, I would not necessarily be there," he said. The Pentagon has offered no explanation of how a man, now on the CIA kills or capture list, ended up at a special lunch for Muslim outreach.** After repeated requests for comment on the vetting process beginning on October 13th, an Army spokesman insisted Wednesday that the lunch was not an Army event. **"The Army has found no evidence that the Army either sponsored or participated in the event described in this report,"** spokesman Thomas Collins said. Collins also noted that the FBI document referred to the "Office of Government Counsel" but should read "Office of General Counsel." Collins said he believed the event was sponsored by the office of the Secretary of Defense. A spokeswoman there said she would look into it and get back to Fox News. **A former high-ranking FBI agent told Fox News that at the time Awlaki went to lunch at the Pentagon, there was tremendous "arrogance" about the vetting process at the Pentagon. "They vetted people politically and showed indifference toward security and intelligence advice of others," the former agent said (Herridge, 2010).**

**Date:** October 23, 2010

**Source:** Newsmax, Dan Weil

**Title/Headline:** *Ex-Agent: CIA Flaws Make New Terror Attack Likely*

**Abstract:** The CIA hasn't eliminated the flaws that limited its effectiveness prior to the 9/11 attacks, says former CIA agent Ishmael Jones, a pseudonym for the author of a prominent book about the agency. And that ineffectiveness means **we will almost certainly face another terrorist attack at some point, he tells Newsmax.TV. "It's just a matter of time,"** says Jones, author of "The Human Factor: Inside the CIA's Dysfunctional Intelligence Culture." He warns against U.S. overconfidence. **"Nuclear weapons and 1930s technology are easier and easier to acquire,"** says Jones. **"That's our threat. They could strike us at anytime if we don't do a better job on intelligence. We have a terrorist attack coming in the future absolutely."** He's disappointed with the leadership of the CIA under Leon Panetta, saying the agency's director represents more of the same. "I thought the appointment of Panetta would be a hopeful thing, because as a politician he would have close connections to the president and therefore power to make changes," Jones says. "But unfortunately he's just brought the seamy side of politics. He's a leaker, he's a player. He's not a leader. So there hasn't been the change we need." Jones spent 15 years working for the CIA in human intelligence in various countries. Most experts believe human intelligence is vital, he notes. "After 9/11, Congress gave the CIA \$3.5 billion to get more officers on the street in foreign countries," Jones says. "This money was spent without essentially a single new effective officer appearing on a foreign street. A lot of people were hired, but they're stacked up in buildings in the D.C. area and throughout the U.S., where they're ineffective." **It's a violation of the CIA's charter to have more than 90 percent of its employees living and working entirely in the United States, he says. The problem is not a lack of foreign-language speakers,** Jones says. "I think the place was chalk full of foreign-language speakers," he says. But those skills aren't being used properly. "This is one of the ploys the CIA has always done when there's an intelligence failure," Jones says. "They go to Congress and say we need better people who speak languages and can pose as different nationalities. Give us another \$3 billion over five years, and we'll deliver that." Bottom line: **"The CIA already has all the talent it needs. It just has weak leadership,"** he says. Jones approves of the clandestine overseas prisons established by former President George W. Bush. They served an important purpose, and Jones says colleagues of his who worked at them saw no torture. "They'd capture a young terrorist, be nice to him, and he'd start talking," allowing them to foil imminent terrorist attacks, Jones says. But he feels differently about waterboarding. **"In human intelligence, we have to use volunteer information, not anything derived by torture"** (Weil, 2010).

**Date:** October 23, 2010

**Source:** MEMRI (Middle East Media Research Institute)

**Title/Headline:** *American Al-Qaeda Spokesman Adam Gadahn Continues Group's Focus On Encouraging Lone Wolf Attacks in West, Calls On Muslims In Detroit, London, And Paris To Carry Out Terror Operations*

**Abstract:** Al-Qaeda's media production company Al-Sahab posted a video featuring American Al-Qaeda operative Adam Gadahn, aka 'Azzam Al-Amriki. The video came out as response to the March 10, 2010 "Mardin: Abode of Peace" conference in Mardin, Turkey, in which a number of Islamic scholars from various countries convened to denounce violent jihad; this was the same conference that was criticized by the radical Yemeni-American cleric in the second issue of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's English-language Inspire magazine. In addition to his comments on the conference, Gadahn devoted much of his talk to calling on Muslims living in the West to

carry out attacks in their host countries. **This is another in a series of statements from Al-Qaeda leaders aimed at encouraging "lone wolf" attacks** (MEMRI, 2010).

**Date:** October 26, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Pierre Thomas, Jack Cloherty, Jason Ryan

**Title/Headline:** *American Al Qaeda May Now Pose Most Clear Threat To Homeland Security*

**Abstract:** American Al Qaeda may now pose the most clear and present threat to the homeland, top government sources tell ABC News. Americans have risen high in Al Qaeda's leadership and are now helping shape strategy for attacks on the U.S. One source told ABC that it is clear these **homegrown Al Qaeda want to spill American blood. American Al Qaeda may be even more dangerous than foreign fighters, sources say, because they know the nation's psyche and its "soft" targets**, and its American recruits can often move about the country freely. In fact, during a speech to the top police chiefs in the country Monday, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano shared a stark assessment: **"The stark reality that I shared with Congress recently – and that I'm sharing with you today – is that we at the Department of Homeland Security, and I venture to say the FBI as well, are operating under the premise that individuals prepared to carry out terrorist acts are already in the country, and may carry out these acts of violence with little or no warning,"** Napolitano said. So who are these self-proclaimed traitors now in the Al Qaeda leadership? The Yemeni-American cleric Anwar Al Awlaki, once a propagandist, has now gone operational, and sources say Awlaki is emerging as a top threat to America, perhaps even enemy number one after Osama Bin Laden himself. Awlaki has ties to the Fort Hood shooter, and U.S. officials say he was a key figure behind the Christmas plot to blow-up an airplane over Detroit. While Awlaki is known to many Americans, he is now joined by a supporting cast of radicalized, and dangerous, former Americans. Adnan Shukrijumah lived in Florida and was in the U.S. at least 15 years as a permanent resident. He is now believed to be a top Al Qaeda operational leader. The government says he helped plan a failed plot on the New York City subway system last year. **Anwar Awlaki and Shukrijumah are both believed to be actively plotting attacks right now. And sources tell ABC that Al Qaeda desperately wants another hit on the homeland before the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks** (Thomas, Cloherty & Ryan, 2010).

**Date:** November 7, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Matthew Bunn

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Smuggling: The Expert View*

**Abstract:** Insider thieves are the new nuclear threat. Protect the materials and prevent the terrorism. The dark netherworlds of nuclear smuggling still pose a terrible danger to us all. Terrorists are seeking nuclear weapons and the materials to make them. Unfortunately, it doesn't take a Manhattan Project to make a crude nuclear bomb – numerous government studies have warned that a sophisticated terrorist group might pull it off, if they could get enough nuclear material. And with bits of highly enriched uranium (HEU) continuing to show up in the hands of hustlers and smugglers, the obvious question is: of which iceberg are we seeing the tip? Fortunately, controlling the essential ingredients of nuclear weapons – plutonium and HEU, neither of which occur in nature – offers a choke point on the pathway to the bomb. **If we can keep terrorists from getting these materials, we can prevent nuclear terrorism.** Already, years of co-operative efforts under the US Nunn-Lugar programme and related efforts have dramatically improved security for nuclear weapons and materials at scores of sites. Potential nuclear bomb material has been removed from dozens more, cutting out the risk of nuclear theft at those sites. These successes represent, in a real sense, bombs that will never go off. In Washington in April, leaders from 47 countries agreed to secure all vulnerable nuclear stockpiles in four years. Now the time has come to flesh out the specifics and move from words to deeds. **The world needs to forge agreement that all nuclear warheads, plutonium, and HEU must have at least a common baseline of nuclear security measures in place – for example, protection against a couple of small teams of well-armed, well-trained outsiders, or a well-placed insider thief.** Countries where terrorists and thieves can pose more substantial threats need still higher levels of security. **New measures to protect against insider thieves – who have perpetrated nearly every known nuclear material theft to date – must be put in place.** Every country that has these materials needs an urgent review of each site where they exist, to assess whether the continuing use of these materials at that site is worth the costs and risks, and whether security there can provide effective protection. **Over time, the world should phase out the civilian use of HEU, which is still used to fuel more than 100 research reactors around the world, many with minimal security measures in place.** Overcoming complacency is the key to success. Many policymakers and nuclear managers around the world wrongly dismiss the danger, arguing that since they have never had an incident at their facility there is no need to upgrade security, and that in any case terrorists could not possibly make a nuclear bomb. They are wrong. **Al-Qaida's nuclear bomb programme was in earnest, and progressed as far as carrying out explosive tests in the desert in Afghanistan before the 9/11 attacks. Nuclear security measures around the world are demonstrably insufficient to cope with the capabilities and tactics terrorists and thieves have already used in non-nuclear attacks.** We need a broad range of steps to counter this deadly complacency, from detailed briefings on the real threat to "red team" exercises, in which well-trained teams test security at nuclear sites. **Another nuclear security summit is slated for 2012 in Seoul. The world needs intensive diplomacy and action on the ground between now and then, so that the leaders there will be able to say that the steps already taken and the further steps agreed to at that summit will be enough to keep the essential ingredients of nuclear bombs out of terrorist hands** (Bunn, 2010).





**Date:** November 9, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Officials 'Confident' Missile Shot Off Los Angeles Not From Foreign Military*

**Abstract:** A military official told Fox News that the U.S. military is closer to getting an answer and hopes to have a statement soon. John Cornelio, a spokesman with North American Aerospace Defense Command/U.S. Northern Command, said **officials are "very confident" the mystery missile "was not fired from a foreign military, that's not what we are working with."** "If it were an attack we would have known it and we would have done something about it," Cornelio said. Earlier in the day, Col. Dave Lapan said **the military doesn't know exactly what the so-called mystery missile was so can't say it's harmless.** A local CBS affiliate in Los Angeles on Monday evening captured on video the image of the "spectacular" projectile flying about 35 miles out to sea, west of Los Angeles and north of Catalina Island. **The Missile Defense Agency told Fox News it did not launch any test missile Monday night that could explain the dramatic images.** The Navy and the Air Force were also unable to offer an explanation. Lapan said it does not appear that whatever was flying was part of a "regularly scheduled missile test." **He noted that before a missile test, notifications are sent to mariners and airmen. This does not appear to be the case here.** At this point, the military is working only with video taken from the local news camera, and NORAD and Northcom apparently were not able to detect the contrail on their own. **It appears from the video, Lapan said, the object was launched from the water and not U.S. soil, though at this point there is no way to be certain.** If a test missile or an accidental missile was launched in the region it would have either come from Naval Air Station Point Mugu or Vandenberg Air Force Base. At sea it could have come from a U.S. submarine or a surface ship. But so far, it all remains a mystery (Fox News, 2010)

**Date:** November 11, 2010

**Source:** Prison Planet, Paul Joseph Watson, Alex Jones

**Title/Headline:** *Glenn Beck: Government Preparing To Stage Terror*

**Abstract:** In an unprecedented outburst on his Fox News show earlier this week, **Glenn Beck identified the threat that we have been warning about for over a year, that the powers behind the Obama administration are preparing to stage a false flag event that will be blamed on its political opposition to derail the movement against big government.** Discussing how the leftists need violence to realize their political agenda, Beck featured a clip that we wrote an article about on Sunday, where former Clintonite and Democrat operative Mark Penn says Obama needs an OKC bombing-style event to regain his popularity. **"Remember, President Clinton reconnected through Oklahoma, right?" said Penn on Chris Matthews' Hardball show on Thursday. "And the president right now seems removed. It wasn't until that speech [after the bombing] that [Clinton] really clicked with the American public. Obama needs a similar" defining moment, according to Penn.** As we have documented, Penn is not the only prominent insider to invoke exploitation of terror as a means of reinvigorating the big government agenda. **Back in July, former senior advisor to President Bill Clinton Robert Shapiro wrote in the Financial Times that only an OKC bombing or 9/11 style event could provide Obama with the opportunity to demonstrate that he is a strong leader.** After reading a letter written by Tides CEO and founder Drummond Pike that encouraged advertisers to boycott Fox News in a thinly veiled threat that implied Beck's rhetoric is leading to another OKC bombing, Beck stated, **"They are setting up an Oklahoma City, they are claiming that one is coming and they're already marked the one who caused it,"** referring to himself. The fact that Beck is mimicking our talking point on the threat of staged terror is another indication that he employs a team of researchers to listen regularly to the Alex Jones Show, as a prominent Fox insider told us directly earlier this year. The accuracy of the source was verified after Lou Dobbs was confirmed as joining Fox News, something we had predicted after also being told this would happen by the same source. **After years of Beck ridiculing so-called conspiracy theorists for talking about the government staging 9/11 or the Gulf of Tonkin, he is now finally beginning to realize the fact that major catalyzing events are often staged for political purposes.** Beck follows in the footsteps of fellow talk show host Michael Savage, who after similarly deriding anyone who talked about government staged terror as a conspiracy nut, is now using similar rhetoric. **During his show on March 3 2009, Savage warned that the government was preparing to "create a crisis along the lines of the Reichstag fire,"** and that once Obama's contrived image began to collapse as it is now doing, **"Rahm Emanuel and his gang will set off a Reichstag fire in this country of some kind,"** in order to enforce a "military dictatorship". **As most historians agree, the Reichstag fire of 1933 that allowed Adolf Hitler to persecute his political enemies was wholly if not in part the work of Hermann Göring, Joseph Goebbels, and a cadre of Nazi storm troopers who aided Communist patsy Marinus van der Lubbe in torching the government building in Berlin.** The fact that people like Beck and Savage are now openly talking about government staged terror is a revealing benchmark in how far we have come from people who broach such subjects being demonized as lunatics to the issue of false flag terror now becoming a central facet of political discourse (Watson & Jones, 2010).

**Date:** November 13, 2010

**Source:** National Terror Alert

**Title/Headline:** *Britain's Top Soldier Says Al-Qaeda Cannot Be Beaten*

**Abstract:** The UK's Telegraph is reporting the the new head of Britain's armed forces, Gen Sir David Richards, has warned that **the West cannot defeat al-Qaeda and militant Islam. He said defeating Islamist militancy was "unnecessary and would never be achieved".** However, he argued that it could be "contained" to allow Britons to lead secure lives. Gen Richards, 58, said the threat posed by **"al-Qaeda and its affiliates" meant Britain's national security would be at risk for at least 30 years** (National Terror Alert, 2010).



**Abstract:** In little noticed comments made during an appearance on Judge Andrew Napolitano's show on Fox News, **Glenn Beck warned that the Obama administration wouldn't hesitate to exploit a terror attack targeting airliners to blame the event on people protesting naked body scanners and TSA groping in airports.** The Fox News host said that the government was deliberately provoking the American people to rise up so they could squelch the growing resistance with an iron fist, noting that Obama has failed to give a single speech addressing the TSA revolt even amidst the biggest holiday travel period of the year. **"Let's get people to rise up and say no scanners....something happens, the President then has the ability to finally give a speech on airport security and say 'I was trying to protect you and these people stood up against these scanners, and these people died because of it....you have to stop listening, I'll protect you,'" said Beck, implying that the Obama administration would exploit a terror attack to blame it on those protesting against scanners and TSA groping in airports. Beck added that people in the Obama administration were probably having casual conversations surrounding the potential of a terror attack targeting airline travel along the lines of, "Gee, it wouldn't be so bad, would it?"** Beck made similar comments earlier this month when he suggested that the Obama administration was preparing to stage an event that would be blamed on opponents of big government.



**Date:** November 24, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, The Alex Jones Show

**Title/Headline:** *John Duncan Terror Warnings*

**Abstract:** While being interviewed on the Alex Jones Show, Congressman John Duncan stated, **"But I think now these terrorists would probably do something much more spectacular than bring down a plane; they'll probably blow up a mall at Christmas, or blow up a major sporting event, or poison the water supply, or even blow up a big city subway system...they'd kill a lot more people"** (Infowars, 2010).

**Date:** November 24, 2010

**Source:** The Boston Globe, Eileen Sullivan

**Title/Headline:** *Color-Coded Terror Warnings On Track To Disappear*

**Abstract:** Goodbye danger defined as yellow, orange and red. The Homeland Security Department is looking to scrap the five-tiered color-coded terror warning system in favor of a streamlined one with as few as two alerts. The post-9/11, Bush-era system has been criticized as too vague to be useful in communicating the terror threat to the public, either ignored or the butt of jokes. **One option under consideration is to go to two threat levels instead of five: elevated and imminent.** When the threat level would change to imminent under the new model, government officials would be expected to be as specific as possible in describing the threat without jeopardizing national security. **And an imminent threat would not last longer than a week, meaning the public wouldn't see a consistently high and ambiguous threat level.** The 8-year-old alert system, with its rainbow of colors -- from green, signifying a low threat, to red, meaning severe -- has become a fixture in airports, government buildings and on newscasts. Over the past four years, millions of travelers have begun and ended their trips to the sound of airport recordings warning that the threat level was orange, an alert that has become so routine that many now simply tune it out. This could be the last holiday season they hear the monotonous message. **U.S. officials confirmed the recommendation for a change had been made to President Barack Obama, who has final say in the matter.** The details of the proposal were described to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no final decisions have been made. The current system was one of the Bush administration's most visible anti-terrorism programs. **The color has stayed the same since 2006: yellow for the country as a whole, meaning an elevated or significant risk, and orange for the aviation sector, a high risk.** But the government has changed security protocols during that time without changing the color of the threat. In July 2009, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano ordered a review of the system. Earlier this year, the department decided the best way forward would be to scrap the colors and use more descriptive language to talk about terror threats. **With a new system, there would be an understanding with the public that there is a baseline level of vigilance needed in the U.S., but when the government gets information that suggests the threat is more specific, the new system would be used to communicate those details. One of the recommended names for the new system is the National Terrorist Advisory System, replacing the current Homeland Security Advisory System.** As part of her review in 2009, Napolitano solicited comments from the public about the current system. **Some likened the color-coded system to the boy who cried wolf. Others criticized it for not following the natural color spectrum** (Sullivan, 2010).

**Date:** November 28, 2010

**Source:** Activist Post

**Title/Headline:** *6 Reasons To Start World War III If You Are A Globalist*

**Abstract:** The average person can barely imagine why World War III would be anything but a civilization-ending event. And, yet, we have heard Neocons ramping up rhetoric that suggests a new world war would be a viable option to correct a dying dollar and economy. Or, perhaps it is simply a sound investment if you are a Globalist. RAND Corporation documents point to a desire for total war abroad and at home. The recent reactivation of North and South Korea tensions could be a potential catalyst in an East-West World War scenario possibly involving nukes. **However, the next World War doesn't necessarily need to be a conflagration; it could be a steady, slow, coldly calculated design to plunge the globe into austerity and totalitarian control through regulations such as those proposed by Codex Alimentarius and Agenda 21.** So, if one puts on the thinking cap of a sociopath, one might find the following 6 reasons are perfect to start World War III, by nukes or by stealth, and further the agenda of world governance.

**Distraction:** Regional conflicts both military and financial are being exposed as blatant economic looting and divide-and-conquer techniques. **Protests are erupting across the globe as people are waking up to their enslavement en masse.** Simultaneously, the high-tech police state is unfolding; endgame legislation is being passed to criminalize independence and control the Internet; and a reduction in the standard of living is minimizing the ability to purchase even simple distractions like cable TV. **The greatest awakening is that an exponential number of people are beginning to realize that their voice has no meaning in the political arena.** The left-right political paradigm is in grave danger, and has been made even more glaringly obvious by recent actions such as Obama awarding the medal of freedom to Bush, Sr. Add to this the calls for arresting Bush, Jr. as a war criminal (and the subsequent questioning of why Obama would not support such a trial) and we begin to see indications that people are seeing through The Quigley Formula. With such a populist uprising against all forms of oppression, the time appears to be ripe for the ultimate distraction.

**Boost The Dollar:** The first thing that happened when shots were fired between North and South Korea was a flight to the dollar, just like every other crisis. Russia and China just announced that they quit the dollar, and yet the dollar refuses to collapse despite fundamentals that are truly sickening. It is almost as if there are too many crises for the Russia-China announcement to even matter. Perfect timing. Rather, it would be a fine strategy for the dollar to rebound before being dissolved into a global currency, as the dollar backs the premier world superpower. We now have a twin storyline of both financial and military wars leading toward the same goal. This could be the beginning of a monetary and real WWII strategy set up to coordinate a universal collapse to benefit global interests. And let's not forget on which currency it actually reads New World Order.

**Global Hegemony:** The elimination of "rogue nations" is at the heart of the Globalist agenda, which seeks consolidation into the hands of a few powerful regions. In fact, it has been the stated goal of The Trilateral Commission since its inception in 1973 under Rockefeller and Brzezinski. Brzezinski's response in 1974 to the question, What is The New World Order? says it all: **"We need to change the international system for a global system in which new, active, and creative forces -- recently developed -- should be integrated."** Since then, integration has been used to great effect by the U.S. to start wars where "terrorist" regimes can be subverted or dismantled, and their flags (resources) captured. China is in a similar position with the vassal rogue state of North Korea where they can cattle prod it to action when convenient. China is now being pressured by the global community to rein in the regime. Perfect, they can consolidate their holdings in a similar fashion to what the U.S. has already done with South Korea. This new Korean conflict could have the perfect dual effect of the Western world running to the safety of the Anglo-American establishment (and the dollar), while the East seeks the backing of China to correct instability in the region. And all the while Russia and Iran are there for a potential final solution.

**A "Feel Good" War:** For those not attuned to the larger Globalist agenda, America is in dire need of a feel-good war . . . another Nazi Germany-style threat possessing undisputed intentions of global dominance. Enter China from stage left. Communist China has not condemned North Korea for their latest actions, and has given early warnings to the U.S. about naval exercises in their "exclusive economic zone." If this continues, they only enhance their position as the perfect common enemy of the West. Those who are naturally opposed to Globalism see China as the prime example of the policies which will lead to global tyranny. **A war with China, or Communism in general, will give the West more than just a bogeyman in a cave, but one that truly is seen as a physical and economic threat to Western civilization.** Mass opposition to the lies that led to wars in the Middle East have all but exhausted the Bin Laden version of Goldstein pushed in that Orwellian storyline. Time to roll out the real threat, as the Globalist agenda accelerates toward its endgame.

**Investment In The Military-Industrial Complex:** 54% of the U.S. Federal budget is spent on the military in all of its forms, as it continues to expand at warp speed overseas and on the streets of America. Traditional weapons of physical destruction, as well as high-tech weaponry and mind-controlled soldiers straight out of science fiction are set to align with the surveillance and tracking capabilities of biometrics and predictive behavior criminology. New wars are always needed; particularly small-scale regional conflicts such as those suggested over and over again by Zbigniew Brzezinski and other Globalist geo-politicians. However, their own writings indicate a time when the regional conflicts must morph into a global one in order to fulfill the final agenda of an integrated scientific global dictatorship which comes after the consolidation required by World War III. The final war won't have a name because it will be global governance unabashedly unleashed against the people it has systematically enslaved. This final war has one goal:

**Depopulation:** This part of the agenda is still difficult for most people to grasp, but it is imperative to ask the question, What will global governance offer once its objectives of "order out of chaos" are achieved? We need only look at the results on a country-by-country basis when Globalist organizations like the World Bank and IMF have taken over: more poverty, more sickness, and a decrease in life expectancy. They already have been operating by stealth with soft-kill weapons designed to weaken resistance and cause sterility. The Russian geopolitical analyst, Konstantin Sivkov, who believes WWII has begun already stated that, "History shows that the 'elite' of selfish civilizations do not get stopped by human sacrifices if there is a guarantee that they, themselves, will survive in bunkers."

**They Have The Bunkers:** We may or may not hear WWII announced on the evening news, but we can look for the signs of global consolidation that defines the agenda of the New World Order. With every new conflict and every new piece of legislation it seems that those signs are becoming more obvious by the day (Activist Post, 2010).



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**Date:** December 15, 2010

**Source:** The New York Times, William J. Broad

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Rethinks Strategy For The Unthinkable*

**Abstract:** Suppose the unthinkable happened, and terrorists struck New York or another big city with an atom bomb. What should people there do? The government has a surprising new message: Do not flee. Get inside any stable building and don't come out till officials say it's safe. **The advice is based on recent scientific analyses showing that a nuclear attack is much more survivable if you immediately shield yourself from the lethal radiation that follows a blast, a simple tactic seen as saving hundreds of thousands of lives.** Even staying in a car, the studies show, would reduce casualties by more than 50 percent; hunkering down in a basement would be better by far. **But a problem for the Obama administration is how to spread the word without seeming alarmist about a subject that few politicians care to consider, let alone discuss.** So officials are proceeding gingerly in a campaign to educate the public. "We have to get past the mental block that says it's too terrible to think about," W. Craig Fugate, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said in an interview. **"We have to be ready to deal with it" and help people learn how to "best protect themselves."** Officials say they are moving aggressively to conduct drills, prepare communication guides and raise awareness among emergency planners of how to educate the public. Over the years, Washington has sought to prevent nuclear terrorism and limit its harm, mainly by governmental means. It has spent tens of billions of dollars on everything from intelligence and securing nuclear materials to equipping local authorities with radiation detectors. **The new wave is citizen preparedness.** For people who survive the initial blast, the main advice is to fight the impulse to run and instead seek shelter from lethal radioactivity. Even a few hours of protection, officials say, can greatly increase survival rates. Administration officials argue that the cold war created an unrealistic sense of fatalism about a terrorist nuclear attack. **"It's more survivable than most people think," said an official deeply involved in the planning, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.** **"The key is avoiding nuclear fallout."** The administration is making that argument with state and local authorities and has started to do so with the general public as well. Its Citizen Corps Web site **says a nuclear detonation is "potentially survivable for thousands, especially with adequate shelter and education."** A color illustration shows which kinds of buildings and rooms offer the best protection from radiation. In June, the administration released to emergency officials around the nation an unclassified planning guide 130 pages long on how to respond to a nuclear attack. It stressed citizen education, before any attack. Without that knowledge, the guide added, "people will be more likely to follow the natural instinct to run from danger, potentially exposing themselves to fatal doses of radiation." Specialists outside of Washington are divided on the initiative. **One group says the administration is overreacting to an atomic threat that is all but nonexistent.** Peter Bergen, a fellow at the New America Foundation and New York University's Center on Law and Security, recently argued that the odds of any terrorist group obtaining a nuclear weapon are "near zero for the foreseeable future." But another school says that the potential consequences are so high that the administration is, if anything, being too timid. **"There's no penetration of the message coming out of the federal government,"** said Irwin Redlener, a doctor and director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University. **"It's deeply frustrating that we seem unable to bridge the gap between the new insights and using them to inform public policy."** White House officials say they are aware of the issue's political delicacy but are nonetheless moving ahead briskly. The administration has sought "to enhance national resilience — to withstand disruption, adapt to change and rapidly recover," said Brian Kamoie, senior director for preparedness policy at the National Security Council. He added, **"We're working hard to involve individuals in the effort so they become part of the team in terms of emergency management."** A nuclear blast produces a blinding flash, burning heat and crushing wind. **The fireball and mushroom cloud carry radioactive particles upward, and the wind sends them near and far.** The government initially knew little about radioactive fallout. But in the 1950s, as the cold war intensified, scientists monitoring test explosions learned that the tiny particles throbbed with fission products — fragments of split atoms, many highly radioactive and potentially lethal. But after a burst of interest in fallout shelters, the public and even the government grew increasingly skeptical about civil defense as nuclear arsenals grew to hold thousands of warheads. **In late 2001, a month after the Sept. 11 attacks, the director of central intelligence told President George W. Bush of a secret warning that Al Qaeda had hidden an atom bomb in New York City.** The report turned out to be false. But atomic jitters soared. **"History will judge harshly those who saw this coming danger but failed to act," Mr. Bush said in late 2002.** In dozens of programs, his administration focused on prevention but also dealt with disaster response and the acquisition of items like radiation detectors (Broad, 2010).

**Date:** December 19, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Karen McVeigh

**Title/Headline:** *WikiLeaks Cables: Yemen Radioactive Stocks 'Were Easy Al-Qaida Target'*

**Abstract:** A senior government official in Yemen warned US diplomats that poor security at the country's main store of radioactive products could allow dangerous material to fall into the hands of terrorists, according to a leaked US embassy cable. **The official told the Americans that the lone guard standing watch at Yemen's national atomic energy commission (NAEC) facility had been removed from his post and that its only closed circuit TV security camera had broken down six months previously and was never fixed.** "Very little now stands between the bad guys and Yemen's nuclear material," the official warned, in a cable dated 9 January this year sent from the Sana'a embassy to the CIA, the FBI and the department of homeland security as well as the US secretary of state in Washington and others. **Yemen, the Arab world's poorest nation, has emerged as al-Qaida's most active base, after Iraq and Afghanistan. It is home to Al-Qaida in the Arab Peninsula (AQAP), the group behind a series of attacks on western targets, including the failed airline cargo bomb plot in October and the attempt to bring down a US passenger jet over Detroit on**

**Christmas Day last year.** The Nigerian-born Detroit bomber, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, was radicalised in Yemen, according to security sources. The cable, classified as secret by the US ambassador Stephen Seche, and sent during the immediate aftermath of the Christmas Day bomb, describes how the "worried" official implored the US to help convince the Yemen government "to remove all materials from the country until they can be better secured, or immediately improve security measures at the NAEC facility". **The cable revealed that the facility holds large quantities of radioactive material used by hospitals, local universities for agricultural research and in oilfields. The international community fears radioactive isotopes could be used to make a dirty bomb – a device combining simple explosives with radioactive materials, which it would disperse over a wide area. The isotopes are not explosive themselves, unlike nuclear material such as uranium.** Although unlikely to kill a large number of people, such a device could cause tremendous damage and disruption by creating large no-go areas contaminated by radioactivity. International experts said today the lack of security at the Yemen facility would be a "high priority" for the US government. Told of the cable's revelation of the type of materials and the amount stored in Yemen's NAEC facility, **Matthew Bunn, a former White House science adviser who specialises in nuclear threat and terrorism, said: "Holy cow. That's a big source. "If dispersed by terrorists it could make a very nasty dirty bomb capable of contaminating a wide area,"** said Bunn, an associate professor at Harvard University's John F Kennedy school of government, who compiles an annual assessment of the nuclear terrorism threat titled *Securing the Bomb*. **Such a bomb would be "enough to make a mess that would cost tens of billions of dollars in cleanup costs and economic disruption, with all sorts of controversy over how clean is clean, how will people go back there", he said. "It's the type of thing that the US programme have been working on securing all over the world.** The global threat reduction initiative (GTRI) in the department of energy has two missions: one, to get rid of enriched uranium and two, to improve security on radioactive facilities so that dirty bombs cannot be used. **"The location in Yemen is obviously of particular concern given terrorism, given Al-Qaida in the Arab Peninsula headquartered there, also the spotty effectiveness of the government. "I would think it would be a high priority to do something about it."** While a dirty bomb has never been detonated, **terrorists have been accused of plotting such attacks.** A Briton, Dhiren Barot, admitted plotting to build a radioactive bomb in the UK and was convicted in 2006. The leaked US cable revealed that, in the days following the official's warning over security and probably as a result of US diplomatic pressure, the radioactive material was moved to a more secure facility and the remainder of it was likely to follow. In a section of the cable titled *Comment*, it read: **"Post will continue to push senior ROYG (Republic of Yemen Government) officials to increase security at all national atomic energy commission facilities and provide us with a detailed accounting of all radioactive materials in the country."** A spokesman for the US state department said: "We decline to comment on any cable. A team from the US department of energy visited Yemen in February and continues to work with the government on security upgrades at relevant sites as part of its global threat reduction initiative." The US national nuclear security administration declined to comment on the cable or any action taken as a result of it. A spokesman added: **"I am not going to comment on upgrades to any specific sites. I can say that we have programmes to co-operate with more than 100 countries around the world to secure vulnerable nuclear material, improve security at nuclear facilities, and prevent nuclear smuggling. We are working day and night to prevent terrorists from acquiring nuclear material, no matter the source"** (McVeigh, 2010).

**Date:** December 20, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *WikiLeaks: Yemen Nuclear Material Was Unsecured*

**Abstract:** A storage facility housing some radioactive material in Yemen, home to one of the most active branches of al-Qaida, was left unguarded for up to a week, according to a secret U.S. diplomatic cable released by WikiLeaks on Monday. The message dated Jan. 9 relates the worries of a Yemeni official about the unguarded state of a National Atomic Energy Commission facility. **It said the material was not secured for a week after its lone guard was removed and its surveillance camera was broken.** The official, whose name was removed, presses the U.S. Embassy in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa to urge his own government to secure the material. **"Very little now stands between the bad guys and Yemen's nuclear material," the official is quoted as saying in the cable. Yemen, the Arab world's poorest country, hosts a particularly active offshoot of al-Qaida.** Militants there have attacked Yemeni government forces and facilities and plotted attacks against the U.S., including this year's failed attempt to bring down American planes with explosives hidden in ink cartridges and an attempted bombing of an airliner bound for Detroit last Christmas. **Matthew Bunn, a Harvard University expert on nuclear theft and terrorism, said the material in Yemen included some "very nasty" substances and could be far more dangerous if "dispersed" in a terrorist attack. "But I believe it has since been removed to a secure location," he said.** The widespread fear by counterterrorism officials of al-Qaida militants finding access to radioactive material has its roots in the concept of a "dirty bomb," which combines radioactive material like the ones left unguarded in Yemen and conventional explosives. Radioactive sources are used for a wide variety of peaceful purposes in industry, medicine, agriculture, research and education. When they are safely managed and protected, the risks to the public are considered low. **Yemeni Foreign Abu Bakr al-Qirbi told the U.S. ambassador in Yemen on Jan. 7 that "no radioactive material was currently stored in Sanaa and that all 'radioactive waste' was shipped to Syria."** According to the cable, the radioactive material was used by local universities for agricultural research, Sanaa hospitals and by international oil companies. The facility's lone guard was removed on Dec. 30, 2009, according to the cable. **The site's single closed circuit TV camera had been broken for the last six months, it added.** Yemeni officials could not immediately be reached for comment. The cable said the embassy routinely pushed senior Yemeni officials to account for the nation's radioactive material and ensure the security of storage facilities. **Yemen is struggling to contain an increasingly bold al-Qaida branch despite generous help from the United States and other Western nations.** The Obama administration's counterterror chief John Brennan said Friday that despite the tension in U.S.-Yemeni relations over counterterrorism issues, the two nations were ratcheting up efforts to capture or kill militants. **Brennan's comments appeared to reassure Americans that Yemen was cooperating in the hunt for al-Qaida. They were made one day after U.S. officials said they had intelligence indicating al-Qaida's Yemen offshoot was planning another attack during this holiday season** (Fox News, 2010)



**Date:** December 24, 2010

**Source:** The Independent, Tony Paterson

**Title/Headline:** *Swiss Men With CIA Links Face Nuclear Secrets Trial*

**Abstract:** A judge yesterday called for the prosecution of three Swiss engineers suspected of smuggling nuclear weapons technology following allegations that the US pressured Switzerland to destroy incriminating evidence to conceal their work for the CIA. Swiss federal magistrate Andreas Mueller made his recommendations at the end of a six-year investigation into the activities of engineers Urs Tinner, his brother Marco and their father Friedrich, who were arrested in 2004 on suspicion of smuggling but later released. **They said they had worked for the CIA since 2003 as informers. The three are suspected of supplying technology to a nuclear smuggling ring in Pakistan run by Abdul Qadeer Khan, a nuclear scientist reputed to be the "father" of Pakistan's atomic bomb.** Mr Khan, who now lives under government surveillance in Pakistan, is suspected of having aided Iran, Libya and North Korea with uranium enrichment programmes. **The Tinnings are alleged to have played a bizarre dual role as nuclear weapons smugglers who at the same time worked for the CIA as informers and banked on the agency's protection. "There are many parts," Mr Mueller said yesterday. "It's like a puzzle and if you put the pieces together, you get the whole picture."** The Tinnings claim to have helped supply the CIA with information about nuclear projects in Libya. They also admit to working for the Khan network and according to independent US reports they supplied the CIA with key information about its activities. But they claim not to have known that Mr Khan's aim was to produce nuclear weapons and they deny having supplied him with the relevant technology. **Allegations that the US had pressured Switzerland to bury the case against the Tinnings surfaced in 2008, after the Swiss government ordered 100 pages of evidence against them to be shredded.** Copies of the documents have since reappeared (Paterson, 2010).

**Date:** December 27, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Swiss Official Urges 3 Charged With Nuke Smuggling*

**Abstract:** Smuggling charges should be brought against three Swiss engineers suspected of giving nuclear weapons technology to a **rogue network in Pakistan**, a magistrate said Thursday, in a case involving CIA ties, shredded documents and national security implications. Investigating magistrate Andreas Mueller said his recommendation that the trio, two brothers and a father, face trial is based on an exhaustive probe into an alleged nuclear smuggling ring. Mueller submitted his confidential report to federal prosecutors, who will decide whether to bring charges on violating Swiss nonproliferation laws. **Mueller oversaw the last three years of a six-year federal probe against Urs Tinner, his brother Marco and their father Friedrich.** The politically sensitive case was slowed down after the Swiss government repeatedly ordered evidence destroyed in the case, allegedly under pressure from senior U.S. officials. The Tinnings are suspected of links to the nuclear smuggling network of Abdul Qadeer Khan — the creator of Pakistan's atomic bomb. **They allegedly supplied Khan's black market nuclear network with the technical expertise and equipment used to make gas centrifuges. Khan sold the centrifuges for secret nuclear weapons programs in countries that included Libya and Iran before his operation was disrupted in 2003.** Mueller, who said he is relieved to be done with the investigation, harshly criticized the Swiss government for having "massively interfered in the wheels of justice by destroying almost all the evidence." He said the government also ordered federal criminal police not to cooperate with him. "There are many parts. It's like a puzzle and if you put the puzzle together you get the whole picture," Mueller said at a news conference. "There is not (just) one piece of evidence, there are many pieces of evidence." U.S. officials in Bern had no immediate comment. **Mueller said he recommended the three face charges for "supporting the development of atomic weapons" in violation of nonproliferation laws, while Marco Tinner should face additional charges of money laundering.** Mueller's 174-page report "is now being studied in detail" by the Swiss attorney general's office, which "will inform the public in due course" on whether charges will be filed against the Tinnings, Federal Prosecutors Office spokeswoman Jeannette Balmer said. Mueller said the Tinnings did not deny working for the A.Q. Khan network, but claimed they did not know his aim was to produce nuclear weapons. **He also said the Tinnings had worked for the CIA since June 2003. "The findings are that the Tinnings might be part of the Khan network," Mueller told The Associated Press after the news conference. "And beginning where they should have known that Khan produced atomic weapons, in May 1998, until they started to collaborate with the secret services, in June 2003, they in their specific roles were part of this network, and delivered parts to the network that the network then itself delivered to other countries, (such) as Libya,"** Mueller said. He told AP that "there is no contrary proof that they were not on the payroll" of the CIA. In June 2009, the Swiss government ordered the destruction of about 100 pages of evidence linked to Mueller's investigation of the Tinner family, saying they contained information that could have endangered national security and needed to be kept out of "the wrong hands." **The Cabinet, or Federal Council, said those documents were "the most explosive" material in the case's file of more than 1,000 pages.** Copies of some of the shredded files have reportedly resurfaced, however, and could form part of the case against the Tinnings — who have repeatedly maintained they are innocent. **The documents are copies of files destroyed in 2007 under a previous order that led to protests from lawmakers and legal experts, who said the government had undermined the prosecution in the smuggling case.** The copies were found in prosecutors' archives in December 2008. Less sensitive documents, such as those dealing with uranium enrichment, were ordered kept under high security at the Federal Justice Department. The government said investigators, prosecutors, courts and the Tinner family's lawyers would be able to view them under tight restrictions, but the documents would be destroyed at the end of legal proceedings. **A report this week by a Washington-based think tank found the Swiss authorities, the CIA and the Tinnings were all responsible for failing to limit the spread of nuclear weapon technology and know-how.** The Institute for Science and International Security's report particularly pointed blame at Swiss justice and U.S. intelligence officials for their failure to cooperate. It also says the Tinnings persuaded businesses to make parts for machines without knowing their true purpose. **Mueller said the shredding of files had complicated an already complex case and made it harder to piece together a complete picture of the Tinnings' alleged involvement in the Khan ring.** Switzerland's highest criminal court has criticized the government for opting to destroy further evidence and said it was disappointed not to be informed earlier. Complicating the case further are claims by Urs Tinner that he supplied the CIA with information that led to the breakup of Khan's network. In a recent documentary, Tinner told Swiss TV he tipped off U.S. intelligence



about a delivery of centrifuge parts meant for Libya. **The shipment was seized at the Italian port of Taranto in 2003, forcing Libya to admit and eventually renounce its efforts to acquire nuclear weapons. Former Swiss Justice Minister Christoph Blocher said the government decided to destroy the original documents after he refused in 2007 an American request to hand over thousands of the files.** Urs Tinner was released in December 2008 after almost five years in investigative detention and has yet to be charged. **A Swiss parliamentary panel has investigated the government-ordered shredding of thousands of files of evidence in the case.** The Khan network was disrupted when Western intelligence agencies intercepted the centrifuge parts meant for Libya's nuclear weapons program (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** January 1, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Napolitano Meets With Karzai, Talks About Ways To Intercept IED Chemicals*

**Abstract: Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano spoke with officials Saturday about ways to stop terrorists from transporting bomb-making chemicals across the Afghanistan-Pakistan border during a meeting with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and other members of his administration.** Napolitano's agency has about two dozen customs and border officials in the war-torn country, with more on the way, many training Afghan forces. **The nation's emerging security force is tasked with patrolling a porous border with Pakistan where Taliban fighters and Islamic extremists cross freely, along with opium and materials used to manufacture improvised-explosive devices.** Napolitano, who landed in Afghanistan on New Year's Eve on an unannounced visit, talked about how the two countries could work together to better intercept this trafficking during the meeting with Karzai and Finance Minister Omar Zakhiwal on Saturday. **She said in a written statement that civilian officials in her department have made "significant progress" in working with Afghan officers toward disrupting Al Qaeda operations along the border.** Napolitano also said 52 former U.S. customs and border patrol officers would arrive in Afghanistan in 2011, to complement the 25 on the ground -- up from 11 a year ago. Halting the flow of billions of dollars of cash from Afghanistan is a top U.S. priority. Since 2007, an estimated \$3 billion in cash has flowed out of Afghanistan through the country's two major airports, most of it to Dubai, according to Afghan police and intelligence officials. Zakhiwal's office said in a statement he and Napolitano discussed the cash-flow issue and that an action plan to address it was deemed "as necessary." The statement did not elaborate on what steps might be taken. But the ministry said the U.S. has been providing assistance to better organize the network of money transfer enterprises -- commonly known as hawalas -- and improving the way in which cash transfers are regulated and tracked. **While taking large amounts of money is not illegal under Afghan law, the scope of the transfers has alarmed U.S. and other international officials because it could be aid funds that have been diverted, drug money or Taliban cash** (Fox News, 2010).

**Roughly three weeks prior to Super Bowl XLV on February 6, 2011, the following article regarding Iran's nuclear program was published. Should a nuclear terror attack transpire, the Globalists want people looking at anybody and everybody but them.**

**Date:** January 21, 2011

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Leaked U.S. Cable: Iran Clears Major Milestone In Quest for Nuclear Bomb*

**Abstract: Iran gained the "technical ability" to produce highly enriched uranium in sufficient quantities to make nuclear weapons in 2009, U.S. officials believe, marking a major achievement in Tehran's controversial atomic program, according to leaked diplomatic cables.** The U.S. assessment, released by WikiLeaks and published in Britain's Guardian newspaper, came after a meeting of international nuclear experts in Vienna in April 2009. **"Iran had now demonstrated centrifuge operations such that it had the technical ability to produce highly enriched uranium (HEU) if it so chose," U.S. Ambassador Gregory Schulte said. Just weeks prior to the assessment, the International Atomic Energy Agency concluded Iran had enriched about one ton of uranium and needed just half a ton more to be ready to manufacture its first warhead.** The report came as Iran and six world powers sought common ground Friday at talks jeopardized by Tehran's refusal to discuss demands that it curb its nuclear activities. The two sides sat down with no sign they were ready to budge from widely differing positions revealed after a first round of talks in Geneva last month. **While the six would like to kickstart talks focused at freezing Iran's uranium enrichment program, Tehran has repeatedly said "that" activity is not up for discussion.** Instead, Iranian officials are pushing an agenda that covers just about everything except its nuclear program: global disarmament, Israel's suspected nuclear arsenal, and Tehran's concerns about U.S. military bases in Iraq and elsewhere in the region. "We want to discuss the fundamental problems of global politics at Istanbul talks," said Iranian chief negotiator Saeed Jalili, while President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad suggested any push to restrict the meeting to Iran's nuclear program would fail. **"They employed all their might and tried hard to prevent Iran from going nuclear," Iranian state TV quoted Ahmadinejad as saying. "But Iran went nuclear and there will be no way back."** A diplomat familiar with the talks says the six powers will seek to nudge Iran toward acknowledging the need to reduce worries that the Islamic Republic might turn its enrichment program to making weapons. **He asked for anonymity because the talks are closed. Tehran denies such aspirations, insisting it wants only to make nuclear fuel. But concerns have grown because its uranium enrichment program could also make fissile warhead material, because of its nuclear secrecy and also because it refuses to cooperate with attempts to investigate suspicions that it ran experiments related to making nuclear weapons. Iran came to the table warning that it was in no mood to compromise. "Resolutions, sanctions, threats, computer virus nor even a military attack will stop**

**uranium enrichment in Iran,"** Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran's envoy to the International Atomic Energy Agency, told Iranian state TV. The enrichment program has sparked U.N. Security Council sanctions, been targeted by the Stuxnet malware virus -- thought to have been manufactured by Israel or the U.S. -- and has provoked the threat of military strikes from both America and Israel (Fox News, 2011).

**Date:** January 27, 2011

**Source:** Fox News, Amy Kellogg

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Watchdog Chief Warns Of Nukes Falling Into The Wrong Hands*

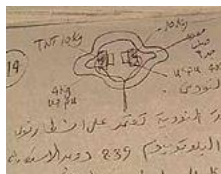
**Abstract:** While the mood here at Davos has been optimistic about recovery from the global credit crisis, the consensus is that the world is far from out of the woods. Austerity and cutbacks are the buzzwords in this exclusive ski resort for this week, at least. Among those worried about funding his project in this tight environment is Yukiya Amano, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or IAEA. He is here at the World Economic Forum making the case for his agency. **"We are aware of the difficulties of countries (who fund the IAEA). I need to strike a good balance of the needs of the agency and the capacity of countries to contribute."** Amano is also here to make sure political leaders at this global meeting are fully aware of some of the risks we all face in the area of nuclear proliferation. He does not just mean North Korea and Iran. **"Another risk is nuclear material falling into the hands of terrorists. Some people do not believe this is a real risk. But the IAEA has a database and, on average, every two days we receive information about the illicit trafficking of nuclear materials or radioactive materials and this may only be the tip of the iceberg."** Amano would not specify where the "loose nukes" threat lies, only saying that terrorists target the weakest link in the network. There have been cases of arrests in the former Soviet republic of Georgia, through which people have attempted to smuggle small amounts of highly enriched uranium. Georgia has an active task force that is vigorously following the trade in illicit materials, with effect. Amano told Fox News, **"Nowadays, with the current level of world technology, terrorists can make nuclear weapons -- well, dirty bombs, at least."** Of course, the topic of Iran is still a major concern for the nuclear watchdog. Talks between six world powers and Iran last weekend in Turkey broke down. **"Regarding the Istanbul meetings, it was a disappointment, because no significant progress was made."** Amano, who has a reputation for being much tougher and direct about the problems with the Iran file than his predecessor, Nobel Peace Prize winner Mohamad El Baradei, continued, "Iran's cooperation with the IAEA is not sufficient and therefore we cannot confirm the absence of certain nuclear or undeclared activities or that Iran's program is only for peaceful purposes." While Iran continues to insist that its nuclear program is peaceful, and that it is cooperating fully with the IAEA, the group of world powers, including the United States, which met with Iranian negotiators last weekend, pushed to have Iran agree to measures that would help the international community gain clarity about Tehran's program. Iran flatly refused. Amano said, **"There are some activities with a military dimension. I'm not saying Iran has a nuclear weapon, but there are some activities that have some military aspects and we have some concerns."** Iran has not agreed to the Additional Protocol of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which would allow inspectors to visit undeclared but suspect sites. That is a worry, especially after the sudden discovery of a new enrichment facility near the holy city of Qom in September 2009. Amano said his team is not certain to what extent the Stuxnet computer worm sent Iran back. But to the extent to which it poses a danger to any nuclear program, the agency is studying it. Finally, while the very serious and real concerns about proliferation mount, made even more acute now by the fact that more and more countries are embracing nuclear energy as a green and stable fuel source, Amano says his agency also has untapped potential to help with the management of water, and treatment of cancer around the world. **"The IAEA has expertise in nuclear medicine and radiotherapy which are very effective in diagnosis and treatment. Then there is water. Water has some isotopes. If we monitor the radio isotopes coming from water, we can measure where aquifers for ground water are and if we can measure the resource we can better control it."** In the meantime, though, much of the world's attention is focused on Iran and a resolution to its nuclear stand-off with the international community. The IAEA needs funding to keep its inspectors highly trained and with the most current equipment to do their job. But as proliferation experts say, the inspectors can only be as good as the cooperation they get from countries they are inspecting (Kellogg, 2011).

**The Hegelian Dialectic:** Problem (nuclear terror), Reaction (terror/fear) & Solution (North American Union).

**Conclusion:** Nuclear Terrorism is Globalist's "Ace up the Sleeve" so to speak, and it has likely been in the works for at least 50 years. As more and more people worldwide wake up to the reality of the current political, economic, and environmental situation, it appears that The Powers That Be believe that only a nuclear terror attack will terrorize the people back to sleep and back in line. Desperate governments do desperate things, and Nuclear Terror a last ditch attempt to regain control of society.

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Quotes

**Intro:** The following quotes regarding nuclear terror, Pakistan, and the end of America come from politicians and scholars from every walk of life. Interestingly, they are all singing the same tune in that nuclear terror will happen, Pakistan is to blame, and America will exist as a free nation no more.



Al Qaeda Nuclear Blueprint “LOL!” ~The World



"The era of nuclear terrorism has arrived." ~**Liam Fox**, Current Shadow Defense Secretary and Member of British Parliament (Exactly one year before Super Bowl XLV, February 6, 2010)

**“Unless the world community acts decisively and with great urgency, it is more likely than not that a weapon of mass destruction will be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by the end of 2013.” ~Study by the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism**

**Regarding nuclear terrorism:** "Is real, it is serious, it is growing, and it constitutes one of the greatest threats to our national security and, indeed, to global security." ~**John Brennan**, White House's Chief Counterterrorism Adviser

**"Young people in college were not even born when the Berlin Wall fell, and so they are not really cognizant of the Cold War and what that meant. Now, truly, the genie is out of the bottle and you have the possibility that terrorists ... could be stealing a bomb or buying a bomb"**  
~**Valerie Plame**, Former CIA Agent

**Regarding nuclear terrorism:** “My greatest fear is the Iranians acquire a nuclear weapon and give it to a terrorist organization. And there is a real threat of them doing that.” ~**John McCain**, United States Senator (Arizona)



“When we think of the major threats to our national security, the first to come to mind are nuclear proliferation, rogue states and global terrorism.” ~**Barack Obama** (Barry Soetoro), President of the United States

**Regarding Nuclear Terrorism:** "I don't believe it is a question of if it will happen. It is a question of when." ~**Deborah A. Wilber**, Director of the Office of Emergency Response at the Energy Department's National Nuclear Security Administration

“The only certain way for terrorists to achieve bona fide mass destruction would be to use a nuclear weapon.” ~**Gilmore Commission**

**“Nuclear proliferation - the proliferation of WMDs altogether - is one of the greatest dangers of our time.” ~Timothy Garton Ash, British Historian & Author**

**"We must find something that is tactical in size but strategic in impact. We must find a plot with its networks that cut across traditional lines of counter proliferation and counterterrorism. We must stop something from happening that we have never seen happen before."**  
~**Rolf Mowatt-Larssen**, Director of Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence for the Department of Energy



**“For the risks that the leaders of a rogue state will use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons against us or our allies is the greatest security threat we face.” ~Madeleine Albright, United States Secretary of State (Former)**

“There is a risk that security weaknesses could allow terrorists to steal enough material, or even an actual device. The most crucial step in preventing nuclear terrorism is, therefore, to keep terrorists from acquiring access to such materials or devices... Given these risks, both highly enriched uranium and plutonium merit access controls as strict as those prescribed for nuclear weapons.” ~**Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission**, Weapons of Terror: Freeing the World of Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Arms (WMD Commission, 2006)



“Nuclear terrorism is still often treated as science fiction. I wish it were. But unfortunately we live in a world of excess hazardous materials and abundant technological know-how, in which some terrorists clearly state their intention to inflict catastrophic casualties. Were such an attack to occur, it would not only cause widespread death and destruction, but would stagger the world economy... [creating] a second death toll throughout the developing world.” ~**General Kofi Annan**, Former UN Secretary, A Global Strategy for Fighting Terrorism (March 10, 2005)

“The gravest threat faced by the world is of an extremist group getting hold of nuclear weapons or materials.” ~**Mohammed ElBaradei**, Former Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Address to the United Nations General Assembly (September 14, 2009)

“We have firm knowledge, which is based on evidence and facts, of steady interest and tasks assigned to terrorists to acquire in any form what is called nuclear weapons, nuclear components.” ~**Anatoly Safonov**, Special Representative of the Russian President for International Cooperation in the Fight Against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime, (September 27, 2007)

“Is nuclear mega-terrorism inevitable? Harvard professors are known for being subtle or ambiguous, but I'll try to be clear. 'Is the worst yet to come?' My answer: Bet on it. Yes.” ~**Dr. Graham Allison**, Director of Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs



“Nuclear terrorism is one of the most serious threats of our time. Even one such attack could inflict mass casualties and create immense suffering and unwanted change in the world forever. This prospect should compel all of us to act to prevent such a catastrophe.” ~**U.N. Secretary-General Ban-Ki Moon** (June 13, 2007)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Quotes on Nuclear Terrorism In America**

**Regarding Nuclear Terrorism in America:** “Not a matter of if, but when.” ~**Gen. Eugene Habiger**, Former Executive Chief of Strategic Weapons at the Pentagon

“They like to play with people's minds, feel superior when doing so and they [The Elite] are going to hit America with a nuclear attack. That's certain.” ~**Eric May**, U.S. Army Captain



**Regarding Nuclear Terrorism in America:** “Virtually a certainty.” ~**Warren Buffet**, Philanthropist

**Regarding Nuclear Terrorism in America:** “We're not going to have a perfect batting average and it's important that Americans understand that.” ~**Michael Leiter**, Head of the National Counterterrorism Center at the White House

**Regarding Nuclear Terrorism in America:** “I don't believe in inevitability. But I think it's pretty close to being inevitable... Yes, I think it's probably a near thing.” ~**Michael Scheuer**, CIA's Osama bin Laden Desk

“The prospect that a nuclear-capable state may lose control of some of its weapons to terrorists is one of the greatest dangers the United States and its allies face.” ~**2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)**

“9/11 woke us up, a nuclear 9/11 could shut us down.” ~**Howard Bloom**, Graduate Psychology Department at New York University

"The fate of the world for the next Islamic year, if bin Laden has his way, will include the nuclear destruction of the United States." ~**Dr. Ayman Muhammad Rabaie** al-Zawahiri, Al Qaeda's Alleged # 2 Man



"I've been telling you for years that if they don't get their way, if all of this stuff that's happened does not enable them to bring about their world totalitarian socialist government, disarm the American people and create their New World Order, they'll blow up an American city with an atomic bomb. They will do it. I have said it probably a couple of hundred times." ~**William "Bill" Cooper** (September 11, 2001)

"The United States is unprepared to mitigate the consequences of a nuclear attack. We were unable to find any group of office with a coherent approach to this very important aspect of homeland security." ~**John Brinkerhoff**, Pentagon Analyst, Confidential Memo to the Joint Chiefs of Staff (July 31, 2005)

"The prospect of terrorists detonating a nuclear device on American soil sometime within the next quarter-century is real and growing. Such a calamitous attack would represent a game-changing event far exceeding the impact of 9/11 on the nation." ~**Gary Anthony Ackerman**, Research Director of the U.S. Homeland Security Department-Funded National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism



"The greatest threat now is a 9/11 occurring with a group of terrorists armed not with airline tickets and box cutters, but with a nuclear weapon in the middle of one of our own cities...there's a high probability of such an attempt." ~**Dick Cheney**, Former Vice President of the United States

"Sooner or later there will be a nuclear 9/11 [by Islamic terrorists] in an American city or that of a US ally... A terrorist nuclear attack against an American city could take many forms. A worst case scenario would be the detonation of a nuclear device within a city. Depending upon the size and sophistication of the weapon, it could kill hundreds of thousands or even millions of people." ~**David Krieger**, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

"Washington and New York, two primary targets for Al Qaeda." ~**Howard Bloom**, Graduate Psychology Department at New York University

"I think, in fact, the situation with respect to Al Qaida to say that, you know, that was a big attack we had on 9/11, but it's not likely again, I just think that's dead wrong. I think the biggest strategic threat the United States faces today is the possibility of another 9/11 with a nuclear weapon or a biological agent of some kind, and I think Al Qaida is out there even as we meet trying to figure out how to do that." ~**Dick Cheney**, Former Vice President of the United States

"I think then the next question is if they [Al Qaeda] got the material, and they managed to make it into a bomb, could they somehow deliver it to Washington, or New York, or another major city somewhere around the world. I think, in my view, the answer is yes." ~**Dr. Matthew Bunn**, Senior Research Associate for the Project on Managing the Atom at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's School of Government



"Al Qaeda's patient, decade-long effort to steal or construct an improvised nuclear device (IND) flows from their perception of the benefits of producing the image of a mushroom cloud rising over a U.S. city, just as the 9/11 attacks have altered the course of history." ~**Rolf Mowatt-Larssen**, Director of Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence for the Department of Energy





"A terrorist, massive, casualty-producing event [will occur] somewhere in the Western world - it may be in the United States of America - that causes our population to question our own Constitution and to begin to militarize our country in order to avoid a repeat of another mass, casualty-producing event." ~**General Tommy Franks**, Cigar Aficionado (December 2003)

"No greater fear than a terrorist who is inside the United States with nuclear weapons." ~**Thomas Kean & Lee Hamilton**, Chair and Vice-Chair of the 9/11 Commission

"Sooner or later there will be a nuclear 9/11 [by Islamic terrorists] in an American city or that of a US ally... A terrorist nuclear attack against an American city could take many forms. A worst case scenario would be the detonation of a nuclear device within a city. Depending upon the size and sophistication of the weapon, it could kill hundreds of thousands or even millions of people."  
~**David Krieger**, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (October 6, 2003)

"For the first time, preventing nuclear proliferation and nuclear terrorism is now at the top of America's nuclear agenda." ~**Barack Obama**



"The likelihood of a nuclear weapon attack in an American city is steadily increasing, and the consequences will be overwhelming,"  
~**Cham Dallas**, Director of the Center for Mass Destruction Defense (CMADD)

"The prospect of terrorists detonating a nuclear device on American soil sometime within the next quarter-century is real and growing. Such a calamitous attack would represent a game-changing event far exceeding the impact of 9/11 on the nation." ~**Gary Anthony Ackerman**, Research Director of the Homeland Security Department-Funded National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism

"Protecting Americans from nuclear terrorism rises above politics." ~**Lee H. Hamilton**

"The thing that keeps me awake at night is a nexus between terrorism and massive destruction...the possibility that a terrorist organization could either acquire a ready-made weapon or fabricate something improvised that would have a catastrophic effect for us." ~**Michele Flournoy**, Pentagon Undersecretary of Defense for Policy



"The threat of nuclear terrorism is growing faster than our ability to prevent an attack on our homeland." ~**Joseph Lieberman**, United States Senator (Connecticut) (2010)



"I'm absolutely convinced that the threat we face now, the idea of a terrorist in the middle of one of our cities with a nuclear weapon, is very real and that we have to use extraordinary measures to deal with it." ~**Dick Cheney**, Vice President of the United States (Former)



"The greatest threat to U.S. and global security is no longer a nuclear exchange between nations, but nuclear terrorism by violent extremists and nuclear proliferation to an increasing number of states." ~**Barack Obama** (Barry Soetoro), President of the United States

One of our gravest concerns is the entry of a nuclear device or materials into the U.S."  
~ **Charles E. Allen**, Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis and Chief Intelligence Officer at the Department of Homeland Security

## The Nuclear Bible: Quotes on Future Terror Attack



"It's the lone-wolf strategy that I think we have to pay attention to as the main threat to this country...Al Qaeda can be expected to continue and try to attack the United States until Osama bin Laden and his No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, are dead." ~**Leon Panetta**, Director of the CIA



"The near-term attacks ... will either rival or exceed the 9/11 attacks... And it's pretty clear that the nation's capital and New York city would be on any list..." ~**Tom Ridge**, Former DHS Secretary, December 2003

"Just like a football coach that might say, 'We're never going to fumble, we're never going to have an interception,' well that's not going to last long. In the war on terror, we're going to have to -- as hard as it is for people to hear this message -- we're going to have to get used to making risk management decisions that means we're not going to stop everything. But the important thing, the most important thing, is stopping the next 9/11." ~**Rolf Mowatt-Larsen**, Director of Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence for the Department of Energy

"What we're going to see is the emergence of the lone wolf rather than the planning of large numbers of people to carry out large attacks...Explosives are getting more sophisticated." ~**Dianne Feinstein**, United States Senator (California)



"We now have capabilities in science and technology that raise the very realistic possibility that a small group of terrorists could kill not only thousands of people, as they did on September 11th, but hundreds of thousands of people. And that has changed the dimension of the threat we face." ~**Michael Chertoff**, Former Homeland Security Secretary, Yale University (April 7, 2008)

"We assess that Al-Qaeda's homeland plotting is likely to continue to focus on prominent political, economic, and infrastructure targets with the goal of producing mass casualties, visually dramatic destruction, significant economic aftershocks, and/or fear among the U.S. population. The group is proficient with conventional small arms and improvised explosive devices, and is innovative in creating new capabilities and overcoming security obstacles. We assess that Al-Qaeda will continue to try to acquire and employ chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear material in attacks and would not hesitate to use them if it develops what it deems is sufficient capability." ~**National Intelligence Estimate (NIE, 2007)**

## The Nuclear Bible: Quotes on Al Qaeda & Osama bin Laden



"If there was ever a detonation in New York City or London or Johannesburg, the ramifications economically, politically, and from a security perspective would be devastating. And we know that organizations like al Qaeda are in the process of trying to secure a nuclear weapon -- a weapon of mass destruction that they have no compunction of using." ~**Barack Obama** (Barry Soetoro), President of the United States

"The enemy that struck on 9/11 is weakened and fractured yet it is still lethal and planning to hit us again." ~**Dick Cheney**, Former Vice President of the United States (January 7, 2006)

"Al Qaeda has tried to acquire or make nuclear weapons for at least 10 years [...] and continues to pursue its strategic goal of obtaining a nuclear capability." ~**The 9/11 Commission**



“Our main enemy is al Qaeda and its affiliates. Their allies choose their victims indiscriminately. They murder the innocent to advance a focused and clear ideology. They seek to establish a radical Islamic caliphate, so they can impose a brutal new order on unwilling people, much as Nazis and communists sought to do in the last century. This enemy will accept no compromise with the civilized world.”

~**President George W. Bush**, CENTCOM Coalition Conference, (May 1, 2007)

“Credible reporting indicates that Al Qaeda is moving forward with its plans to carry out a large-scale attack in the United States in an effort to disrupt our democratic process...” ~**Tom Ridge**, Former DHS Secretary (July 8, 2004)

“Al-Qaeda strives to move directly from the stage of obtaining the WMD to the stage of using it.” ~**Matti Steinberg**, Israeli Al-Qaeda Expert

“We’re fighting a war on terror because the enemy attacked us first, and hit us hard ... Al Qaeda’s leadership has said they have the right to “kill four million Americans,... For nearly six years now, the United States has been able to defeat their attempts to attack us here at home. Nobody can guarantee that we won’t be hit again ... All these authoritative statements point in chorus in the same direction: The enemy will strike again!” ~**President Dick Cheney**, Former U.S. Vice President, United States Military Academy Commencement, West Point, New York (May 26, 2008)

“The terrorists who have succeeded in carrying out spectacular attacks against Western targets in the past have been college-educated, technically proficient men who are capable of manufacturing and deploying chemical, radiological, and biological weapons. Al Qaeda attracts the kind of highly educated men who one day might be able to pull off such an attack.” ~**Peter Bergen**



“One mushroom cloud would change history. My deepest fear is that this is exactly what they [Al Qaeda] intend.” ~**George Tenet**, Director of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency)

“Bin Laden’s final act could be a nuclear attack on America.” ~**Graham Allison**, Harvard Professor

“Bin Laden is a Creature of the CIA. He was created by the CIA. He was financed by the CIA. He was trained by the CIA.” ~**Bill “William Cooper**, 9/11/2001

“My greatest concern, and what keeps me awake at night, is that al-Qaida and its terrorist allies and affiliates could very well attack the United States.” ~**Leon Panetta**, Director of the CIA

“Al-Qaida wants a nuclear weapon to use.” ~**Charles E. Allen**, United States Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Intelligence and Analysis

“Al Qaeda’s reasoning runs counter to analytic convention that equates the ease of acquisition of chemical, biological or radiological weapons with an increasing likelihood of terrorist use — i.e., a terrorist attack employing crude weapons is therefore more likely than an attack using a nuclear or large scale biological weapon. In fact, it is the opposite.” ~**Rolf Mowatt-Larssen**, Director of Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence for the Department of Energy

**On Al Qaeda’s future attacks:** “They want the most bang for the buck, and that is nuclear,” ~**Paul L. Williams**, Former FBI Official



“Today, as I’m in this chair, I can tell you it’s proliferation, the acquisition of a weapon of mass destruction by a terrorist organization. The difference between a nation-state doing so and a rogue group of a terrorist organization is that nation-states can be controlled. They know if they’re going to use one what’s going to happen. But terrorist groups will have no such limitation. That’s one aspect of the next decade that we’re going to have to focus on...It’s very clear that radical terrorist organizations, the most prominent of which of course is Al Qaeda will continue to try to obtain weapons of mass destruction - which I think is their singular goal, which would be a huge game changer.” ~**Janes Jones**, White House National Security



"There's been a long-term effort by Al-Qaida, to develop an improvised nuclear device," ~**Charles E. Allen**, United States Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis

"Jihadists have, since the mid-1990s, made at least 10 statements advocating the possession or use of nuclear weapons, and there have been at least a dozen reports of jihadists' attempts to acquire nuclear weapons, fissile material or technical knowledge. As an initial indicator of this trend, a recent analysis of online jihadist documents that deal explicitly with nuclear weapons has revealed that while their knowledge is still below par, there have been significant advances in the understanding of nuclear issues within the general jihadi community in only a few short years." ~**Gary Ackerman**, Research Director for the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism at the University of Maryland

"It is the duty of Muslims to prepare as much force as possible to terrorize the enemies of God." ~**Osama bin Laden** (CIA Code Name: Tim Osmond)

"An Al-Qaida nuclear attack would be in the planning stages at the same time as several other plots, and only Al-Qaida's most senior leadership will know which plot will be approved." ~**Rolf Mowatt-Larssen**, Director of Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence for the Department of Energy

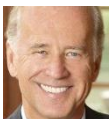
## The Nuclear Bible: Quotes on Pakistan

"A very serious possibility that the next mass casualty terrorist attack on the United States will be postmarked Pakistan. What we're seeing going on in Pakistan now is a very dangerous phenomenon. The ideology of al Qaida, the ideology of global Islamic jihad that all jihadists should focus on the United States as the ultimate enemy, is gaining ground with groups beyond al Qaida." ~**Bruce Riedel**, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

"Let me make this clear. There are terrorists holed up in those mountains, that murdered 3,000 Americans... You have got to deal with Pakistan." ~**Barack Obama** (Barry Soetoro), President of the United States

"There is a lethal proximity between terrorists, extremists, and nuclear weapons insiders... The greatest threat of a loose nuke scenario stems from insiders in the nuclear establishment working with outsiders, people seeking a bomb or material to make a bomb. Nowhere in the world is this threat greater than in Pakistan. As Pakistan moves forward to face an uncertain future, the government faces an ongoing challenge to its authority and myriad threats against which it must defend... With the passage of time, the odds steadily increase that Pakistan will face a serious test of its nuclear security... For its part, the United States must be fully prepared to respond to this eventuality." ~**Rolf Mowatt-Larssen**, Senior fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Centre for Science and International Affairs & Former Head of U.S. Department of Energy's Intelligence and Counterintelligence Office

"Pakistan is an ally, but there is a grave danger it could also be an unwitting source of a terrorist attack on the United States — possibly with weapons of mass destruction." ~**Commission on Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism**



"Pakistan already is bristling with nuclear weapons, all of which can hit Israel right now, all of which can strike the Mediterranean and well into the Indian Ocean." ~**Joe Biden**, U.S. Vice President

"Poorly secured nuclear material in the former Soviet Union, or secrets from a scientist in Pakistan could help build a bomb that detonates in Paris. The poppies in Afghanistan become the heroin in Berlin. The poverty and violence in Somalia breeds the terror of tomorrow." ~**Barack Obama** (Barry Soetoro), President of the United States

"There are 18 million potential delivery vehicles that could be used to smuggle a nuclear device into the United States. That is the number of cargo containers that arrive in the country annually. Of them, only 3 percent are inspected, and bills of lading do not have to be produced until the containers reach their destination, according to current regulations. Radioactivity is invisible, as was the case in the Chernobyl disaster in 1986. There is no way of knowing in advance the impact on health 10 years hence. It is more a weapon of mass disruption than mass destruction. An unidentified former chief of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency is believed to be the man who coordinated bin Laden's nuclear ambitions. One local intelligence source speculated that before September 11, a dirty bomb could have been smuggled out of Afghanistan in a truck all the way to Karachi and then shipped out in a cargo container." ~**Arnaud de Borchgrave**, The Washington Times (December 10, 2001)

**Pakistan:** "The world's No. 1 nuclear proliferator." ~**Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**



"Al Qaeda, operating from its safe haven in Pakistan's tribal areas, remains the most clear and present danger to the safety of the United States," ~**Michael Hayden**, U.S. General



"Pakistani state failure would provide transnational terrorist groups and other extremist organizations an opportunity to acquire nuclear weapons and a safe haven from which to plan and launch attacks." ~**General David H. Petraeus**, Commander, U.S. Central Command (March 31, 2009)

"Were one to map terrorism and weapons of mass destruction today, all roads would intersect in Pakistan. It has nuclear weapons and a history of unstable governments, and parts of its territory are currently a safe haven for al Qaeda and other terrorists." ~**Commission on Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism**

"The most dangerous country for the U.S. now is Pakistan. ... We haven't been this vulnerable since the British burned Washington in 1814." ~**Robert Gallucci**, Former U.N. Weapons Inspector, Dean of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service



"I think there is a very real threat that if Musharraf falls or is assassinated, that a radical Islamic government will take control. Then you would have a very grave threat of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal being used for international terrorist purposes." ~**John Bolton**

"A greater possibility of a nuclear meltdown in Pakistan than anywhere else in the world. The region has more violent extremists than any other, the country is unstable, and its arsenal of nuclear weapons is expanding." ~**Rolf Mowatt-Larssen**, Former investigator with the CIA and the US Department of Energy

"America's margin of safety is shrinking, not growing... Were one to map terrorism and weapons of mass destruction today, all roads would intersect in Pakistan." ~**Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism**



"It's very clear. This is a threat that we share, we have a common enemy. There is no time to waste in going after that common enemy as hard and fast as we can and we cannot tolerate having people encouraged, directed, trained and sent from Pakistan to attack us... I'm not saying that they're at the highest levels but I believe that somewhere in this government are people who know where Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda is, where Mullah Omar and the leadership of the Afghan Taliban is and we expect more cooperation to help us bring to justice, capture or kill, those who attacked us on 9/11... We've made it very clear that, if, heaven forbid, that an attack like this, if we can trace back to Pakistan, were to have been successful, there would be very severe consequences." ~**Hillary Clinton**, U.S. Secretary of State



“There really may be a terror strike, hah, legitimately, coming out of Pakistan. This should be the major news. Every day, virtually, they’re sending predator drones in and killing scores of innocent people. I believe the number is well over a 1000 now in the last year. This is as old as the Old Testament; it’s an eye for an eye. You have the greatest refugee crisis going on in Pakistan since Rwanda and they are escalating that war even more. And of course, the CIA is behind sending these drones in. Since when was the CIA supposed to be in the battle like this? I thought they were only there to collect intelligence. So we are really looking at something Alex where we have well over 200,000 Pakistani’s in this country. They are watching their families get murdered. You think they are gonna be angry? They are going to say when terrorists strike they hate our freedom and liberty. How about they hate your foreign policy and they hate you for killing innocent people. Look what happened in Pakistan yesterday; they strafed a passenger bus. There is plenty of hatred out there. False-flag or real, we are forecasting in 2010 a 9/11 magnitude terror strike. With the [U.S.] foreign policy going in the direction it’s going in, of course there is going to be major reprisals against the United States. Anybody that thinks differently is out of their mind. You can’t invade other countries, occupy them, kill hundreds of thousands of people and not want people to get even with you. How they do it; whether it’s nuclear, a biological attack, whether it’s a, whatever it might be, in a stadium, in a shopping mall, it’s going to happen.” ~**Gerald Celente**

**"It may be that A. Q. Khan & Associates already have passed bomb-grade nuclear fuel to the Qaeda, and we are in for the worst" ~Paul Leventhal, President of the Nuclear Control Institute**

"I wouldn't be at all surprised if nuclear weapons are used over the next 15 or 20 years first and foremost by a terrorist group that gets its hands on a Russian nuclear weapon or a Pakistani nuclear weapon. " ~**Bruce Blair**, President of the Center for Defense

**"Were one to map terrorism and weapons of mass destruction today, all roads would intersect in Pakistan." ~Study by the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism**

## **The Nuclear Bible: Quotes on Post Nuclear America**

"If one bomb goes off, there are likely to be more to follow. This fact, that nuclear terrorism will appear as a syndrome rather than a single episode, has major consequences." ~**Ashton Carter**, Senior Defense Department Official



“It means the potential of a weapon of mass destruction and a terrorist, massive, casualty-producing event somewhere in the Western world – it may be in the United States of America – that causes our population to question our own Constitution and to begin to militarize our country in order to avoid a repeat of another mass, casualty-producing event. Which in fact, then begins to unravel the fabric of our Constitution. Two steps, very, very important.... the Western world, the free world, loses what it cherishes most, and that is freedom and liberty we’ve seen for a couple of hundred years in this grand experiment that we call democracy” ~**Tommy Franks**, Retired U.S. General



“We are on the precipice of a crisis, a Constitutional crisis. The checks and balances, which have been at the core of this Republic, are about to be evaporated by the nuclear option.” ~**Charles Schumer**, United States Senator, New York

“We may yet work up to some serious shooting war, or maybe some acts of urban genocide committed with rogue nuclear weapons. But if that were the case, why would we call that "9/11"? If Washington disappeared in a mushroom cloud, we'd give that huge event a different name.” ~**Bruce Sterling**, American Author

**"If those [Nuclear] Bombs go off, there will be no fucking Constitution." ~FBI Agent, Unthinkable**

"The United States will make clear that it reserves the right to respond with overwhelming force – including potentially nuclear weapons – to the use of [weapons of mass destruction] against the United States, our forces abroad, and friends and allies." ~**NSPD 17**

**"One has to recall that the moment after a nuclear bomb goes off, someone -- either the perpetrator or another terrorist group -- is going to call up and say, "I've got five more, and they're already hidden in U.S. cities, and I'm going to start setting them off unless you do X, Y and Z." And one bomb having just gone off, they will have substantial credibility." ~Dr. Matthew Bunn, Senior Research Associate for the Project on Managing the Atom at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's School of Government**



"The media will convince the American people that a state of anarchy exists within the major cities. They are now building their case almost nightly on TV and daily in the newspapers. When public opinion has been won to this idea, they intend to state that a terrorist group armed with a nuclear weapon has entered the United States and that they plan to detonate this device in one of our cities (This is now being set up by the crisis in the Middle East). The Government will then suspend the Constitution and declare martial law." ~**William "Bill" Cooper**, Author of *Behold The Pale Horse*

## **The Nuclear Bible: Quotes on Nuclear War**



"Have no fear for atomic energy 'cause none of them can stop the time." ~**Bob Marley**

"Pro football is like nuclear warfare. There are no winners, only survivors." ~**Frank Gifford**, NFL Hall of Famer

"The World will note that the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima a military base. That was because we wished in this first attack to avoid, insofar as possible, the killing of civilians." ~**President Harry S. Truman**, Radio Speech to America (August 9, 1945)

"For while the threat of nuclear holocaust has been significantly reduced, the world remains a very unsettled and dangerous place."  
~**William S. Cohen**, United States Secretary of Defense (Former)



"We have discovered the most terrible bomb in the history of the world. It may be the fire destruction prophesied in the Euphrates Valley Era, after Noah and his fabulous Ark.... This weapon is to be used against Japan ... [We] will use it so that military objectives and soldiers and sailors are the target and not women and children. Even if the Japs are savages, ruthless, merciless and fanatic, we as the leader of the world for the common welfare cannot drop that terrible bomb on the old capital or the new. ... The target will be a purely military one... It seems to be the most terrible thing ever discovered, but it can be made the most useful." ~**President Harry S. Truman**, Diary, July 25, 1945)



"It would be our policy to use nuclear weapons wherever we felt it necessary to protect our forces and achieve our objectives." ~**Robert McNamara**, Former United States Secretary of Defense

"After World War II, the Americans became more aggressive and oppressive, especially in the Muslim world. American history does not distinguish between civilians and military, and not even women and children. They are the ones who used the bombs against Nagasaki. Can these bombs distinguish between infants and military? America does not have a religion that will prevent it from destroying all people."  
~**Osama bin Laden**

"So today, I state clearly and with conviction America's commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons. I'm not naive. This goal will not be reached quickly – perhaps not in my lifetime. It will take patience and persistence. But now we, too, must ignore the voices who tell us that the world cannot change. We have to insist, 'Yes, we can.'" ~**Barrack Hussein Obama**, (Barry Soetoro), President of the United States

"My guess is that nuclear weapons will be used sometime in the next hundred years, but that their use is much more likely to be small and limited than widespread and unconstrained." ~**Herman Kahn**, Former Nuclear Strategist, RAND Corporation

“As far as I know, the most conservative estimates of the number of Americans who would be killed in a major nuclear attack, with everything working as well as can be hoped and all foreseeable precautions taken, run to about fifty million.” ~**George Wald**, American Scientist & Nobel Prize Winner (1967)

“As a nuclear power - as the only nuclear power to have used a nuclear weapon - the United States has a moral responsibility to act.” ~**Barack Obama** (Barry Soetoro), President of the United States

“I told my therapist I was having nightmares about nuclear explosions. He said don't worry it's not the end of the world.” ~**Jay London**, American Comedian

## **The Nuclear Bible: Miscellaneous Quotes**

“Nuclear weapons kill Americans - they don't kill Republicans or Democrats - they kill Americans.” ~**Joe Wilson**, United States House of Representatives (South Carolina)

“Experts estimate that terrorists with 50 kilograms of highly enriched uranium (HEU), an amount that would fit into six one-litre milk cartons, need only smuggle it across borders in order to create an improvised nuclear device that could level a medium-sized city.” ~**High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change, A More Secure World: Our Shared Responsibility** (United Nations, 2004)

“It is not viable for one country to demand a right to increase and upgrade its nuclear weapons capabilities while asking others to eliminate theirs.” ~**John Bruton**, Irish Politician



“Right now what we have is a dictatorship run by a gang...It's a gang under Obama ...Savage predicts: a Reichstag fire-like event, sometime in the next year or two, in America, that will have been conducted by the government and blamed upon subversive elements in order to permit a dictatorship, a naked dictatorship, to emerge in this country [United States].” ~**Michael “Weiner” Savage**, American Radio Host

“The challenges of our time threaten the peace and prosperity of every single nation, and no one nation can meet these challenges alone...[T]he theft of loose nuclear materials could lead to the extermination of any city on Earth.” ~**Barack Obama** (Barry Soetoro), President of the United States of America



“A nuclear weapon reaching a terrorist group, which will not hesitate to use it immediately. They will send it in a container with a GPS to a leading port in the U.S., Europe, or Israel.” ~**Ehud Barak**, Israeli Defense Minister

“[Al Shabaab operatives] are certainly a real threat to U.S. security and an increasing threat to U.S. security...They [Al Shabaab] have been pretty busy in Texas.” ~**Joan Neuhaus Schaan**, Rice University Baker Institute Fellow

“But I think now these terrorists would probably do something much more spectacular than bring down a plane; they'll probably blow up a mall at Christmas, or blow up a major sporting event, or poison the water supply, or even blow up a big city subway system...they'd kill a lot more people” ~**John Duncan**, U.S. Congressman

“Nuclear holocaust might eliminate the Internet.” ~**Taylor Hanson**, Musician

“All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order.” ~**David Rockefeller**

“The really frightening thing about HEU [Highly Enriched Uranium] is that it is so easy to make an atom bomb out of it. You only need a couple of PhD students and a small amount of material. I think we should be very frightened about the possibility of nuclear terrorism; I'm surprised it hasn't happened yet.” ~**Frank Barnaby**, Former Aldermaston Nuclear Physicist

“Nuclear weapons and TV have simply intensified the consequences of our tendencies, upped the stakes.” ~**David Foster Wallace**, American Author

"One hundred suitcase-size nuclear bombs were lost by Russia." ~**Gerald Celente**, Professional Futurist, Trends Research

"We consider the Super Bowl so high profile that we see it as attractive to terrorists." ~**Milt Ahlerich**, NFL Vice-President of Security, Former FBI Agent of 25 Years

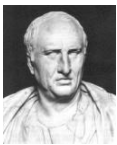
"We must perfect a worldwide system of accountability for nuclear, biological and chemical weapons." ~**Richard Lugar**, United States Senator (Indiana)

"I dare to say that at any given time, daytime or nighttime, one can get on a boat and traverse back and forth between Texas and Mexico and not get caught. If smugglers can bring in tons of marijuana and cocaine at one time and can smuggle 20 to 30 persons at one time, one can just imagine how easy it would be to bring in 2 to 3 terrorists or their weapons of mass destruction across the river and not be detected. Chances of apprehension are very slim." ~**Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez**



"Watch, we're gonna have an international crisis, a generated crisis, to test the mettle of this guy [Obama]. And he's gonna have to make some really tough - I don't know what the decision's gonna be, but I promise you it will occur. As a student of history and having served with seven presidents, I guarantee you it's gonna happen. I can give you at least four or five scenarios from where it might originate. And he's gonna need help. And the kind of help he's gonna need is, he's gonna need you, not financially to help him, we're gonna need you to use your influence, your influence within the community, to stand with him." ~**Joe Biden**, U.S. Vice President

"We need the UN, to deal with the threats to our common security from nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, not only in the case of Iraq. They must be tackled by the international community together, by strengthening conventions, treaties and agreements." ~**Ylva Anna Maria Lindh**, Former Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs



"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their arguments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murder is less to fear." ~**Marcus Tullius Cicero**

Regarding the Super Bowl: "Our tactical teams have been training throughout the year for different scenarios -- active shooter, bombs, and other hazards related to chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear threats." ~**John Gillies**, FBI Special Agent

"We must dare to think 'unthinkable' thoughts. We must learn to explore all the options and possibilities that confront us in a complex and rapidly changing world. We must learn to welcome and not to fear the voices of dissent. We must dare to think about 'unthinkable things' because when things become unthinkable, thinking stops and action becomes mindless." ~**James W. Fulbright**



"The tough mind is sharp and penetrating, breaking through the crust of legends and myths and sifting the true from the false. The tough-minded individual is astute and discerning. He has a strong austere quality that makes for firmness of purpose and solidness of commitment. Who doubts that this toughness is one of man's greatest needs? Rarely do we find men who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is an almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions. Nothing pains some people more than having to think" ~**Martin Luther King**

"How will they get their great war? How will they engineer it? How will they sell it? Will they let terrorists in with a nuke, or will they stage the nuke attack?" ~**Alex Jones**

“When hostilities commenced in Europe, in 1939, it was realized by these groups that the American people had no intention of entering the war. They knew it would be worse than useless to ask us for a declaration of war at that time. But they believed that this country could be entered into the war in very much the same way we were entered into the last one. They planned: first, to prepare the United States for foreign war under the guise of American defense; second, to involve us in the war, step by step, without our realization; third, to create a series of incidents which would force us into the actual conflict. These plans were of course, to be covered and assisted by the full power of their propaganda. Our theaters soon became filled with plays portraying the glory of war. Newsreels lost all semblance of objectivity. Newspapers and magazines began to lose advertising if they carried anti-war articles. A smear campaign was instituted against individuals who opposed intervention. The terms "fifth columnist," "traitor," "Nazi," "anti-Semitic" were thrown ceaselessly at any one who dared to suggest that it was not to the best interests of the United States to enter the war. Men lost their jobs if they were frankly anti-war. Many others dared no longer speak. We are on the verge of a war for which we are still unprepared, and for which no one has offered a feasible plan for victory--a war which cannot be won without sending our soldiers across the ocean to force a landing on a hostile coast against armies stronger than our own. We are on the verge of war, but it is not yet too late to stay out. It is not too late to show that no amount of money, or propaganda, or patronage can force a free and independent people into war against its will. It is not yet too late to retrieve and to maintain the independent American destiny that our forefathers established in this new world. The entire future rests upon our shoulders. It depends upon our action, our courage, and our intelligence. If you oppose our intervention in the war, now is the time to make your voice heard.” ~**Charles Lindbergh**, United States Senator (September 11, 1941)

“War is murder. And the military preparations now being made for a potential major confrontation are aimed at collective murder. In a nuclear age the victims would be numbered by the millions. This naked truth must be faced.” ~**Alva Myrdal**, Swedish Politician & Nobel Prize Winner (1982)

**Conclusion:** Should a nuclear attack occur in America, the aforementioned individuals should be immediately questioned as potential suspects tried in a court of law accordingly. It is still a mystery how certain politicians are so privy to the inner working of Al Qaeda and their top secret plan to nuke America, unless they actually are Al Qaeda!



## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Scholars & White Papers



**Intro:** The following scholarly whitepapers, research papers, think tanks papers, and journal articles cover the topics of Nuclear Terror and Pakistan in-depth. The plan is clear; terrorists WILL acquire nuclear weapons. Whether they make it, steal it, find it or buy it, they will acquire one. If these papers are to be believed, nuclear terror is written in stone, and once one nuke goes off another will follow.

### A Few Educated Guesses:

**Nuke # 1:** The NFL Super Bowl XLV , Arlington (Dallas), Texas, USA (February 6, 2011)

**Nuke # 2:** Washington D.C., USA (February 9, 2011, March 9, 2011 (Ash Wednesday), or the 9<sup>th</sup> of a month yet to be determined.



**Date:** August 1997

**Source:** Institute For Science And International Security, Kevin O'Neill

**Title/Headline:** *The Nuclear Terrorist Threat*

**Abstract:** The proliferation of nuclear weapons or radiological dispersal devices to terrorist groups is perhaps one of the most frightening threats to U.S. security. Nuclear materials, technologies and know-how are more widely available today than ever before. Small quantities of both fissile materials and highly radioactive materials, sufficient to manufacture a radiological dispersal device, are actively traded on the black market. **Although terrorist groups are not suspected of actually acquiring such materials in large quantities, it is difficult to know for sure. A nuclear detonation by a terrorist group would likely result in an unprecedented number of casualties.** In contrast, a radiological dispersal attack would probably be less violent, but could significantly contaminate an urban center, causing economic and social disruption. **Both types of attacks would have significant psychological impacts on the entire population.** Whether terrorists could make nuclear weapons has been addressed by many governmental and nongovernmental groups. The fundamental conclusion is that terrorists would find obtaining the wherewithal to make nuclear weapons a difficult task. **Nonetheless, terrorist organizations could over time develop such a capability, if they can obtain sufficient fissile material, likely through theft. Experts and governments officials have long acknowledged that a sub-national terrorist group could gather the technical skills and information needed to manufacture a nuclear weapon, given access to the necessary materials.** In the mid-1970s, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) concluded that “a small group of people, none of whom have ever had access to the classified literature, could possibly design and build a crude nuclear device.” In order to manufacture a crude nuclear weapon, **a terrorist organization needs to possess specialized expertise in areas such as high explosives, propellants, electronics, nuclear physics, chemistry and engineering.** Knowledge of the physical and chemical properties of plutonium or highly enriched uranium (HEU) is essential. The terrorist group also must obtain detailed design drawings of weapons components and of the final assembled device. In the past, such information was difficult to come by in the open literature. **Today, according to Defense Department and Energy Department officials, important and useful information about the design and assembly of nuclear weapons or weapons components can be found on internet sites and World Wide Web pages.** Given this anonymity, the internet can function as an instantaneous, global clearinghouse of information and provide a useful first source for terrorist groups, which otherwise would have to search the public literature in more conspicuous ways. Terrorists bent on assembling a nuclear explosive must acquire sufficient quantities of plutonium or HEU that is in a weapons-usable form. Depending on the quantity and form of material that it initially acquires, **a subnational terrorist group may need to convert fissile materials from one form to another, requiring expertise in chemistry and access to necessary chemicals and equipment. Much of the world's less-protected stocks of fissile material cannot be used directly in nuclear weapons.** By one recent estimate, over 700 tonnes of plutonium is contained in highly radioactive spent nuclear reactor fuel that has been discharged from commercial nuclear power reactors.<sup>4</sup> Before this plutonium could be used in nuclear weapons, it would have to be separated from the remaining uranium, cladding and fission products in a laboratory or reprocessing facility. **It is highly unlikely that a subnational terrorist group would be able to gain access to such facilities or carry out such activities without being detected.** The detonation of a crude nuclear device by a terrorist group would be devastating. Although the actual yield of such a device is highly variable, the OTA concluded that “a clever and competent group could design and construct a device which would produce a significant nuclear yield (i.e., a yield *much* greater than the yield of an equal mass of high explosive)” (emphasis in original). **Beyond the immediate physical damage caused by a nuclear terrorist attack, the psychological, economic and sociological impacts of such an attack would be devastating.** Unlike natural disasters, a nuclear attack may occur without warning, leaving little chance for preparation. **An attack in an urban area would not only kill large numbers of people, it also could render the area virtually uninhabitable for a long period of time.** Survivors may have to be relocated; hospitals and shelters would quickly become filled with displaced persons, many of them injured or suffering from radiation exposure. **The trauma of such an attack would leave lasting psychological and emotional scars on the survivors.** The clean up task would no doubt rival even the largest efforts undertaken following comparable natural disasters, such as hurricanes, **and would require long-term commitments from local, state and federal relief programs. The proliferation of nuclear weapons or radiological dispersal devices to terrorist groups is perhaps one of the most frightening threats to U.S. security.** Nuclear

materials, technologies and know-how are more widely available today than ever before. Small quantities of both fissile materials and highly radioactive materials, sufficient to manufacture a radiological dispersal device, are actively traded on the black market. **Although terrorist groups are not known to have actually acquired such materials, it is difficult to know for sure.** A nuclear detonation by a terrorist group would likely result in an unprecedented number of casualties. In contrast, a radiological dispersal attack would probably be less violent, but could significantly contaminate an urban center, causing economic and social disruption. Both types of attacks would have significant psychological impacts on the affected population. Opinions on terrorism are changing. In the past, analysts have regarded nuclear terrorism as unlikely, given the international backlash against such an attack. **Today, a new breed of terrorists, motivated by religious rather than political goals, seem less concerned with creating large numbers of casualties. Such groups might use nuclear weapons if given the chance** (O'Neill, 1997).



**Date:** October 1, 2001

**Source:** CDI (Center For Defense Information), B. G. Blair

**Title/Headline:** What If The Terrorists Go Nuclear?

**Abstract:** As the United States proceeds with its war on terrorism, one of the darkest clouds hanging over the campaign is the question of whether the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 horrors could strike again, this time with nuclear weapons. It seems doubtful that U.S. intelligence can definitively answer this question. Absent perfect foresight, one can nonetheless outline some of the **plausible threats and identify the range of U.S. responses that could reduce the exposure of citizens and troops to nuclear attack. The most accessible nuclear device for any terrorist would be a radiological dispersion bomb. This so-called 'dirty bomb' would consist of waste by-products from nuclear reactors wrapped in conventional explosives, which upon detonation would spew deadly radioactive particles into the environment.** This is an expedient weapon, in that radioactive waste material is relatively easy to obtain. Radioactive waste is widely found throughout the world, and in general is not as well guarded as actual nuclear weapons. **In the United States, radioactive waste is located at more than 70 commercial nuclear power sites, in 31 states. Enormous quantities also exist overseas — in Europe and Japan in particular. Tons of wastes are transported long distances, including between continents (Japan to Europe and back). In Russia, security for nuclear waste is especially poor, and the potential for diversion and actual use by Islamic radicals has been shown to be very real indeed.** In 1996, Islamic rebels from the break-away province of Chechnya planted, but did not detonate, such a device in Moscow's Izmailovo park to demonstrate Russia's vulnerability. **This dirty bomb consisted of a deadly brew of dynamite and one of the highly radioactive by-products of nuclear fission — Cesium.** Extreme versions of such gamma-ray emitting bombs, such as a dynamite-laden casket of spent fuel from a nuclear power plant, would not kill quite as many people as died on Sept. 11. **A worst-case calculation for an explosion in downtown Manhattan during noontime: more than 2,000 deaths and many thousands more suffering from radiation poisoning. Treatment of those exposed would be greatly hampered by inadequate medical facilities and training. The United States has only a single hospital emergency room dedicated to treating patients exposed to radiation hazards, at Oak Ridge, Tenn.** A credible threat to explode such a bomb in a U.S. city could have a powerful impact on the conduct of U.S. foreign and military policy, and could possibly have a paralyzing effect. Not only would the potential loss of life be considerable, but also the prospect of mass evacuation of dense urban centers would loom large in the minds of policy-makers. **A terrorist attack on a commercial nuclear power plant with a commercial jet or heavy munitions could have a similar affect to a radiological bomb, and cause for greater casualties. If such an attack were to cause either a meltdown of the reactor core (similar to the Chernobyl disaster), or a dispersal of the spent fuel waste on the site, extensive casualties could be expected.** In such an instance, the power plant would be the source of the radiological contamination, and the plane or armament would be the explosive mechanism for spreading lethal radiation over large areas. **The threat from radiological dispersion dims in comparison to the possibility that terrorists could build or obtain an actual atomic bomb. An explosion of even low yield could kill hundreds of thousands of people. A relatively small bomb, say 15-kilotons, detonated in Manhattan could immediately kill upwards of 100,000 inhabitants, followed by a comparable number of deaths in the lingering aftermath.** Fortunately, bomb-grade nuclear fissile material (highly enriched uranium or plutonium) is relatively heavily guarded in most, if not all, nuclear weapon states. Nonetheless, the possibility of diversion remains. **Massive quantities of fissile material exist around the world. Sophisticated terrorists could fairly readily design and fabricate a workable atomic bomb once they manage to acquire the precious deadly ingredients (the Hiroshima bomb which used a simple gun-barrel design is the prime example).**

**Pakistan:** Another potential source of diversion is the Pakistani nuclear arsenal, estimated to number around 30-50 atomic bombs with explosive yields ranging from 1 to 15 kilotons. The weapons are probably assembled at Wah (50 miles from Afghanistan), and are stored primarily at Sargodha near a missile complex close to the border with India and only about 250 miles from Afghanistan. **Pakistan's military government is walking a tightrope between pressure from the Bush administration on one side and anti-American Islamic militants on the other.** Growing street opposition from the latter could certainly de-stabilize or even topple the regime, and in the midst of such dissolution, the weakening of nuclear security would inevitably occur. **The ranks of government and military personnel are also fairly riddled with sympathizers of the radical Islamic faction, posing a distinct risk of insiders colluding to spirit away a bomb or two for bin Laden or other terrorists.** In any case, control over Pakistan's arsenal could all too readily buckle in a serious crisis inside the country. **Pakistani weapons are believed to lack sophisticated locks and other safeguards to prevent their unauthorized use. Loose nukes in the region would have unpredictable consequences, almost all of which would militate against the U.S. cause, not to mention the safety of U.S. forces dispatched there.** With such a panoply of possible threats, there are a number of actions that could be taken in the near term to shore up nuclear security. **The Pakistani situation, in particular, deserves careful monitoring — using surveillance and intelligence assets in the region. The U.S. government could urge Pakistani authorities to further consolidate and/or disable their nuclear devices, and beef up security around storage sites — and even offer security equipment and guards. In**

fact, the U.S. government should be prepared to provide arsenal security even without Islamabad's permission if emergency circumstances dictate. **The U.S. government also could begin drawing up contingency plans to 'rescue' the arsenal if the need arises. U.S. Special Operations forces should be kept on high alert for quick, covert insertion to the sites to disable or even re-locate weapons to prevent their capture by unauthorized persons.** It must be noted, however, that inserting commandos on short notice to gain control over the arsenal would put them in considerable jeopardy, and disarming the weapons could be dangerous indeed. **Pakistani weapons are believed to have quite primitive safety devices — they almost certainly lack the "one-point" safety design of U.S. weapons — which means that a Pakistani nuclear weapon could more easily detonate if subjected to conventional firefights between soldiers using grenades or similar munitions. Therefore, it would be highly desirable for nuclear experts from the Department of Energy to accompany any military troops in such a scenario.** DoE nuclear response teams, known as Nuclear Emergency Search Teams (NEST), are formed in a crisis from nearly 1,000 highly trained and knowledgeable individuals, and could be dispatched to the region to assist in locating and disarming any weapons. **The teams and their equipment, some on alert staging out of Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, know the design of Pakistani weapons (based on defector reports), and could x-ray the weapons and devise a disabling procedure on the spot. Compared to the military's commandos, these experienced civilian teams would stand a better chance of blowing up the triggering mechanisms on Pakistani weapons without causing the bomb to go off.** Another option for response in a crisis would be for such a joint military-civilian insertion mission to link up with a Russian counterpart to conduct search and disable missions together in the region. The mutual benefits would be considerable, and such a joint U.S.-Russian operation would have lasting positive effects on future cooperation.

**Nuclear Terror Within The United States:** The first steps to mitigate the possibility of nuclear terrorism would be serious and rapid effort to build intelligence capabilities that might warn of a potential attack, and as explained above, to take actions aimed at shoring up possible sources of nuclear material. In the meantime, increased monitoring at ports also must continue and be intensified, despite the negative ramifications on international trade. Inspection of containers up to Sept. 11 has been rather cursory, and infrequent. **This is changing, just as already the U.S. government and airlines are scrambling to beef up airline and airport security. Some of the additional security measures would include those exported to Russia under the Nunn-Lugar program.** A prime example is the transfer of nuclear materials detectors to Russia, which were then emplaced at strategic border crossings, ports and airports to detect diversion. **The U.S. government might consider the use of such equipment at similar American locations, particularly ports, as a method to detect and intercept materials being smuggled into the country. In addition, there are a number of methods to increase security around nuclear power plants that already are being discussed by U.S. authorities and nuclear plant operators, such as expanding the perimeters of restricted airspace.** Such measures should be implemented as rapidly as possible. Finally, NEST operations would go into effect if a credible threat of a dirty bomb or a full-fledged nuclear weapon were to manifest itself. **If the information available would allow the U.S. teams to locate the city affected, hundreds of team members would fan out along a matrix of the threat region to detect the bomb. Carrying gamma- and neutron-detectors inside carrying cases to preserve secrecy, the NEST members would cover the suspect area on foot, in vans and helicopters — going in and out of buildings hoping to register the tell-tale signals of a hidden bomb.** Once found, the bomb is x-rayed, "sniffed" and otherwise analyzed to determine its characteristics. **Obviously, intelligence that helps localize the bomb is the main key to success. Just as obviously, intelligence of such quality is seldom available — as proven on Sept. 11. Such a search could be truly looking for a needle in a haystack, as detection normally would succeed only if the detectors come within a few feet or so of the hidden bomb.** Disabling a bomb is easy by comparison. A radiological bomb might be surrounded by a tent enclosure several tens of feet in height and width, then filled with a special foam to contain the deadly radioactive material (such as Cesium 137) if the bomb explodes during further defusing attempts. For a nuclear device, a set of options for disabling the weapon are available including using explosives to wreck the bomb's wiring to prevent the triggering of the nuclear detonators. **Because of the difficulty inherent in finding a nuclear weapon once it entered the country, near-term U.S. response efforts would be best focused on prevention and intervention to secure possible sources of nuclear terrorism (Blair, 2001).**



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**Source:** Parliamentary Office Of Science And Technology

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** Recent reports of alleged terrorist plans to build a 'dirty bomb' have heightened longstanding concerns about nuclear terrorism. This briefing outlines possible forms of attack, such as: **Detonation of a nuclear weapon. Attacks involving radioactive materials. Attacks on nuclear facilities.** The detonation of a nuclear weapon, although extremely difficult for terrorists to accomplish, could have devastating consequences. Terrorists might attempt either to steal a nuclear weapon or construct their own device from illegally acquired nuclear material. **There are over 30,000 nuclear weapons worldwide, more than 90% of which belong to the USA or Russia.** Nuclear weapons are held under high security, although standards vary internationally and the US National Intelligence Council (NIC) has voiced concerns about internal security at Russian weapons complexes. **There is no evidence to date that any terrorist group has acquired nuclear weapons or enough nuclear material to construct one – although there is evidence that both Aum Shinrikyo and Al Qaida have attempted to do so.** The yield of a nuclear weapon constructed or stolen by terrorists could range from only a few tonnes to many thousands of tonnes. However, even a low yield device could have significant consequences. Attacks involving radioactive materials Radiological attacks involve dispersal of radioactive material but not a nuclear explosion. They pose fewer technical difficulties than deploying a nuclear weapon. Many radioactive materials are easier to acquire than nuclear materials and are used extensively in many countries, in medicine, industry, agriculture and research. Alternatively terrorists might set off a dirty bomb, using conventional explosives to disperse radioactive material over a wide area. **To date, no terrorist group has detonated a dirty bomb.** The effects are hard to predict, as they would depend on factors such as weather conditions and the type of material used. People could be exposed to radioactivity, not only from the initial dust cloud, but also from particles that settled on the ground and buildings or entered water or food

supplies. **Although such an attack may not necessarily result in large numbers of casualties, there could be significant psychological and social impact.** According to the Federation of American Scientists, dirty bombs could contaminate large urban areas above recommended exposure limits, with potentially serious economic implications. The duration of any contamination would depend on the type of radioactive material used. **In March 2002, the IAEA announced a programme of activities aimed at protection against nuclear terrorism, including measures to upgrade the physical protection of nuclear and radioactive materials worldwide.** The IAEA will need an additional \$34.5 million annually to bring this about. As of June 2002, IAEA member states had pledged an additional \$7.5 million towards this project. This allows work to begin but is less than required to meet the programme needs. **The most devastating form of nuclear terrorism would be the detonation of a nuclear weapon – although this would also be the most difficult form of attack.** Terrorists may face fewer technical difficulties dispersing radioactive material in a radiological attack. This may not result in mass casualties but could have major psychological and economic impact. The IAEA is taking measures to strengthen international conventions and guidelines relating to the physical protection of nuclear and radioactive materials and nuclear facilities (Parliamentary Office Of Science And Technology, 2002).



**Date:** January 28, 2003

**Source:** Center For Defense Information, Mark Burgess

**Title/Headline:** *A Nuclear 9/11: Imminent Or Inflated Threat?*

**Abstract:** The possibility that terrorists might crash a hijacked airliner into a nuclear power plant is one of the more nightmarish scenarios to have surfaced since the al Qaeda attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. However, disagreement remains as to whether a plant could survive such an attack as well as the likely consequences. According to a January/February 2002 article in the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, an average nuclear power plant contains 1,000 times as much long-lived radioactivity than was released by the Hiroshima bomb. The spent fuel pools at such a plant are said to contain 'some multiple of that — several Chernobyl's worth.' **However, unlike an atomic bomb, any damage from a terrorist attack on a nuclear power plant would result almost entirely from the release of radioactivity, not the initial blast, although casualties would be similar.** According to a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) study, a meltdown at one of Southern California's San Onofre reactors could cause: **130,000 'prompt' fatalities; 300,000 latent cancers; and 600,000 cases of genetic defects.** Another study carried out for the NRC in 1980 estimated that such an incident would cost up to \$314 billion (around \$700 billion in today's dollars). Others remain less convinced of the dangers posed by such an incident. One controversial September 2002 article in *Science* magazine, by Douglas M. Chapin and 18 other members of the National Academy of Engineering, claims that the implications of the 1986 Chernobyl accident are not applicable to American reactors, as on that occasion the fissile materials were mainly dispersed into the atmosphere by burning graphite. This article also goes on to claim that: **'The terrible and widespread consequences of that accident — increased suicide, alcoholism, depression, and unemployment, plus 100,000 unnecessary abortions — were caused primarily by fear of radiation and by poor planning based on that fear.'** Such findings contrast with those of the United Nations, which highlights a 25-fold increase in childhood thyroid cancers in some cities in Belarus, and explicitly link this to the accident at Chernobyl. Another study, by Richard L. Garwin, estimates that some 24,000 unidentified deaths are likely to be caused by the radioactive material released at Chernobyl.

**Nuclear Power Plant Survivability:** Nuclear power plants are designed to withstand extreme events such as hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes, but not necessarily to survive attacks by terrorists using large airliners such as Boeing 757s or 767s as ballistic missiles. The Nuclear Control Institute (NCI) — an organization often critical of safety at nuclear plants — estimates that a direct, high-speed hit by a large commercial passenger jet would 'have a high likelihood of penetrating a containment building' that houses a power reactor. **According to the NCI, such an incident could cause a significant release of radiation into the environment and result in tens of thousands of cancer deaths.** The authors of the September 2002 *Science* article disagree, citing a 1988 test in which an unmanned plane was flown at around 480 mph into a 12-foot thick concrete wall. **The plane was destroyed by the impact, its engines only piercing the structure by a couple of inches, while the main body penetrated even less.** The article also concluded that the greater impact of larger planes was offset by their absorption of more energy in their collapse, and that higher speed, while increasing the impact, would not do so 'enough to matter.' **However, a report by Sandia National Laboratories — which conducted this test — says it was meant to measure the jet's impact not the strength of the wall.** Moreover, the wall in question was not embedded in the ground as would be the case with that of a nuclear power plant. Consequently, according to the official test report, 'the major portion of the impact energy went into movement of the target and not in producing structural damage.' For their part, while Chapin *et al* concede that the test was not intended to measure the survivability of a concrete structure in such an incident, they maintain that it nonetheless confirms that large aircraft disintegrate on impact, causing little penetration. **This appears to ignore that fact that the F-4 Phantom fighter used in the tests is considerably smaller and lighter than a large civilian airliner. It also does not address the dangers posed should an aircraft be crashed into a plant's spent fuel pool rather than its reactor.**

**Spent Fuel Pools:** Such pools, generally around 40-feet deep, are made of reinforced concrete walls four or five feet thick with stainless steel liners. They are used to store and cool spent nuclear fuel, and can hold five to ten times more long-lived radioactivity than the reactor core itself. The biggest risk with such pools is said to stem from water loss. **If this happens the spent fuel can become exposed to air and steam. Its zirconium cladding would then react exothermically (giving off heat) and catch fire at 1,000 degrees Celsius.** Ironically, this process may be aided by the pools' safety equipment that is packed between fuel assemblies to guard against the risk of criticality by controlling water chemistry and absorbing neutrons. **According to the NRC, this safety equipment could restrict air and water flow to exposed spent fuel assemblies in the event of a terrorist attack that compromised the integrity of the cooling pool.** This could release up to 100 percent of the highly dangerous isotope cesium 137 contained in the pool. **A 1997 study for the NRC**



estimates that a severe pool fire could cause up to 28,000 cancer fatalities, render some 188 square miles of territory uninhabitable, and cause \$59 billion in damage. Moreover, as the NRC acknowledges, the risk of a zirconium fire cannot be dismissed even years after spent fuel has been moved into storage.

**The Wrong Threat?:** Such risks notwithstanding, recent computer analyses conducted by the Electric Power and Research Institute (EPRI) on behalf of the Nuclear Energy Institute — a trade association of utilities and nuclear energy firms found that a used fuel pool, the reactor containment structure, used fuel 'dry' storage facilities, and used fuel transportation containers would all survive a direct impact from a fuel laden airliner. Some, such as NCI President, Edwin Lyman, dispute such findings, claiming "we can't take anything the [nuclear] industry says at face value." **Underlying the seeming interminable nature of such disagreement is the fact that the debate often appears less about the risk posed by a terrorist attack on a nuclear power plant than more general safety concerns over such plants.** These concerns pre-date the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and may be distorting the actual risks posed by a terrorist kamikaze attack on such a target by a large airliner. **The willingness of al Qaeda and their fellow travelers to commit such an act cannot be doubted after the attacks on New York and the Pentagon.** Similarly, while as outlined above, consensus does not exist as to the damage any breach of a nuclear reactor would entail, the weight of scientific opinion suggests that such an event could be catastrophic — more so if the spent fuel pool is the target of the attack. However, not only does the recent EPRI study conclude that nuclear power plants are structurally secure against attack by terrorists crashing airliners into them, but 'Silent Vector' — an exercise conducted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) that examined the vulnerability of America's energy industry to terrorist attack — concluded that nuclear power plants were relatively secure. According to CSIS President John Hamre, **"Nuclear plants remain the best-defended parts of the energy infrastructure."** Conversely, chemical storage sites and liquefied natural gas facilities were found to **"remain a problem."** As such findings indicate, the risk of terrorists crashing a hijacked airliner into a nuclear plant is not the only potential threat facing America's energy infrastructure. Nor is it necessarily the greatest. **Moreover, by storming their hijackers and causing the plane to crash before reaching its target, United Airlines flight 93's passengers showed that hijacking an American airliner for use as a ballistic missile will never again be as easy as it once was.** In addition, according to a Dec. 8, 2002, *New York Times* article, **19 percent of guards at the Indian Point nuclear facility allegedly do not believe they provide sufficient protection for the plant against terrorist attack.** As this shows, an attack using an airliner is not the only danger when considering plant security, and probably not the most likely. **Looked at together, all these factors suggest that only an independent study of the vulnerabilities of America's entire civilian infrastructure can give a true picture of the threat posed to it by terrorists. Huge though such an undertaking might be, it is the only way to comprehensively assess and prioritize the terrorist threat to American soil (Burgess, 2003).**



**Date:** August 9, 2004

**Source:** Harvard, Belfer Center For Science And International Affairs, Graham Allison

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe*

**Abstract:** In *Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe*, Graham Allison, founding dean of Harvard's modern John F. Kennedy School of Government, a former top Pentagon official, and one of America's leading scholars of nuclear strategy and national security, gives us an urgent call to action. **He makes the case that nuclear terrorism is inevitable—if we continue on our present course—and he sets out an ambitious but achievable plan for preventing a catastrophic attack before it's too late.** Given the number of capable groups with serious intent, the increasing accessibility of weapons or nuclear materials from which elementary weapons could be constructed, and the countless ways by which terrorists could smuggle a weapon across America's borders, **Allison argues that if the U.S. and other governments keep doing what we are doing now, a nuclear terrorist attack is inevitable. Yet Allison is no pessimist. He contends that the big and underreported news is that nuclear terrorism is preventable. "As a simple matter of physics, without fissile material, there can be no nuclear explosion. There is a vast – but not unlimited – amount of it in the world, and it is within our power to keep it secure,"** Allison writes. "No fissile material, no nuclear explosion, no nuclear terrorism. It is that simple." The centerpiece of a strategy to prevent nuclear terrorism must be to deny terrorists access to nuclear weapons and materials. **To do this, we must shape a new international security order according to a doctrine of the Three No's: No loose nukes, No new nascent nukes, and No new nuclear states.** Allison provides in plain and accessible terms the "who, what, where, when and how" of nuclear terrorism – and explains how we can act now to prevent it (Allison, 2004).



**Date:** September 22, 2004

**Source:** CRS Report From Congress, Jonathan Medalia

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Terrorism: A Brief Review Of Threats And Responses*

**Abstract:** It would be difficult for terrorists to mount a nuclear attack on a U.S. city, but such an attack is plausible and would have catastrophic consequences, in one scenario killing over a half-million people and causing damage of over \$1 trillion. Terrorists or rogue states might acquire a nuclear weapon in several ways. **The nations of greatest concern as potential sources of weapons or fissile materials are widely thought to be Russia and Pakistan.** Russia has many tactical nuclear weapons, which tend to be lower in yield but more dispersed and apparently less secure than strategic weapons. It also has much highly enriched uranium (HEU) and weapons



grade plutonium, some said to have inadequate security. **Many experts believe that technically sophisticated terrorists could, without state support, fabricate a nuclear bomb from HEU; opinion is divided on whether terrorists could make a bomb using plutonium. The fear regarding Pakistan is that some members of the armed forces might covertly give a weapon to terrorists or that, if President Musharraf were overthrown, an Islamic fundamentalist government or a state of chaos in Pakistan might enable terrorists to obtain a weapon.** Terrorists might also obtain HEU from the more than 130 research reactors worldwide that use HEU as fuel. If terrorists acquired a nuclear weapon, they could use many means in an attempt to bring it into the United States. **This nation has many thousands of miles of land and sea borders, as well as several hundred ports of entry. Terrorists might smuggle a weapon across lightly-guarded stretches of borders, ship it in using a cargo container, place it in a hold of a crude oil tanker, or bring it in using a truck, a boat, or a small airplane.** The architecture of the U.S. response is termed “layered defense.” The goal is to try to block terrorists at various stages in their attempts to obtain a nuclear weapon and smuggle it into the United States. The underlying concept is that the probability of success is higher if many layers are used rather than just one or two. Layers include threat reduction programs in the former Soviet Union, efforts to secure HEU worldwide, control of former Soviet and other borders, the Container Security Initiative and Proliferation Security Initiative, and U.S. border security. Several approaches underlie multiple layers, such as technology, intelligence, and forensics. **Many policy options have been proposed to thwart or respond to nuclear terrorism, such as developing new detection technologies, strengthening U.S. intelligence capability, and improving planning to respond to an attack. Congress funds programs to counter nuclear terrorism and holds hearings and less-formal briefings on the topic. Many Members have introduced bills in this area. This report is intended for background, not for tracking current developments. It would be difficult for terrorists to attack a U.S. city using a nuclear weapon, but such an attack is plausible and would have catastrophic consequences.** A report of June 2004 by the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States found that even though an attempt by al Qaeda in 1994 to purchase uranium failed, **“al Qaeda continues to pursue its strategic objective of obtaining a nuclear weapon.”** A book by the Center for Nonproliferation Studies emphasizes the urgency of taking steps to reduce the risk that terrorists could obtain nuclear weapons or materials. A May 2004 report by Harvard University’s Project on Managing the Atom finds that a nuclear attack “would be among the most difficult types of attacks for terrorists to accomplish,” but that with the necessary fissile materials, “a capable and well-organized terrorist group plausibly could make, deliver, and detonate at least a crude nuclear bomb capable of incinerating the heart of any major city in the world.” An earlier report by the same group estimated the consequences of a ten kiloton weapon (two-thirds the yield of the Hiroshima bomb) detonated at Grand Central Station in Manhattan as over a half-million people killed immediately, hundreds of thousands injured, the possibility (depending on wind direction) of having to evacuate all of Manhattan, much of lower Manhattan permanently destroyed, direct costs of well over \$1 trillion, indirect costs several times that, and the prospect for nationwide panic and economic chaos if terrorists subsequently claimed to have another bomb.

**Weapon Acquisition:** Experts have raised concerns that terrorists might try to acquire two types of nuclear weapons. In the simplest, a “gun-type” weapon, a mass of uranium highly enriched in the fissile isotope 235 (highly enriched uranium, or HEU) is shot down a tube (resembling an artillery tube) into another HEU mass, creating a supercritical mass and a nuclear explosion. The Hiroshima bomb used this approach; its designers had such high confidence in it that they did not test this type of weapon prior to using it. The second type, an implosion weapon, typically uses weapons-grade plutonium (WGPU, composed mainly of the isotope 239). A shell of WGPU is surrounded by chemical explosives arrayed to produce a symmetrical inward-moving (implosion) shock wave that compresses the plutonium enough to be supercritical. The Nagasaki bomb was of this type. It is much more complex in design and manufacture than a gun-assembly weapon. An implosion device was tested in New Mexico prior to use on Nagasaki. A National Academy of Sciences report asserts, “Crude HEU weapons could be fabricated without state assistance.” **Some experts believe that terrorists could create an implosion weapon; others disagree. Terrorists or rogue states might acquire nuclear weapons or fissile materials in various ways.** The source of greatest concern is Russia. It has much fissile material. A National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) document shows that considerable work remains for the disposition of this material, and a National Academy of Sciences report states that the risk of diversion of special nuclear material (SNM, or fissile material) from Russia is “high” because “large inventories of SNM are stored at many sites that apparently lack inventory controls, and indigenous threats have increased.” **A related concern is that Pakistan might be the source of nuclear weapons or materials for terrorists under several scenarios: (1) Islamists in the armed services might provide such assistance covertly under the current government; (2) if that government were overthrown by fundamentalists, the new government might make weapons available to terrorists; or (3) such weapons might become available if chaos, rather than a government, followed the overthrow.** Other nations are seeking nuclear weapons. According to press reports, Iran has a program to produce HEU, North Korea has reprocessed WGPU from spent nuclear fuel, and “there is little disagreement inside the [U.S.] government over the intelligence indicating North Korea has been secretly building uranium enrichment capability in violation of the 1994 accord.” **The prospect that some nations might provide such materials to other states or to terrorists is a source of concern. A.Q. Khan, the father of Pakistan’s atomic bomb, ran a covert operation for many years that reportedly provided Libya, North Korea, and Iran with equipment for making HEU and plans for making an atomic bomb.** Such nations might use these weapons themselves, or leak or sell weapons, material, or expertise to terrorist groups. Nuclear research reactors offer still another route to obtaining a weapon. *Securing the Bomb* states, **“More than 130 research reactors still use HEU as their fuel, in more than 40 countries. Most of these facilities have very modest security — in many cases, no more than a night watchman and a chain-link fence.”** A gun-assembly weapon need not be particularly large. The Hiroshima bomb, according to one source, weighed 8,900 pounds and was 10 feet long and 28 inches in diameter. Much of that size and weight, however, was taken up by an armored steel shell and stabilizing fins, as well as by arming, fuzing, and firing devices. The gun barrel — the actual nuclear explosive device — measured 6 feet in length by over 6 inches in diameter and weighed about a half-ton. **Simple improvements might shrink size and weight. A terrorist-made implosion weapon or a weapon stolen from a nation’s arsenal could be smaller. In short, a weapon could fit in a car, boat, or small airplane, and would occupy a small corner of a shipping container.**

**Weapon Delivery:** The United States has many thousands of miles of land and water borders, as well as several hundred sea, land, and air ports of entry — 317 by one count — giving terrorists many pathways to smuggle a nuclear bomb into this nation. There are many types of borders, as the following table shows — oceans (tropical to temperate to Arctic), land and river borders with Mexico and

Canada, and the Great Lakes. Each poses its own set of opportunities for smugglers. **Legal and illegal crossings into the United States also present terrorists with different risks and opportunities. Legal crossings are points, such as seaports, airports, and border stations on roads entering the United States. Illegal crossings are lines — the thousands of miles of unguarded stretches of coasts and land borders. Securing points poses different requirements from securing lines.** Points have an immense volume of traffic, almost all of it legal, and a corresponding concentration of people and resources of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The task of CBP is to find the needle in the haystack while expediting legal traffic. Attempts to smuggle a nuclear weapon through a legal crossing would run the risk that the weapon might be detected by computerized screening of cargo manifests, imaging devices (similar to x-rays), neutron activation devices, or physical inspection, as discussed below. **That risk is reduced by the need for CBP agents to process huge numbers of vehicles, vessels, and passengers, leaving little time or attention for those not raising suspicions, and by the low radioactivity of fissile uranium-235 — approximately one hundred-millionth that of radioactive material that might be used in a “dirty bomb.”** On the other hand, risk to smugglers is reduced because CBP faces an immense task in patrolling the vast stretches of borders. **Terrorists could avoid the risks attendant to smuggling across both points and lines if they could place a weapon on board an airplane or ship bound for the United States and detonate it before it could be inspected, such as in the air above a city or as it entered a seaport.** Scenarios for smuggling a nuclear weapon across unguarded coasts or borders are similar to those for smuggling bales of marijuana, many of which are reportedly flown in, brought by small boats, or carried across land borders; the difficulty of patrolling the borders makes such scenarios feasible. **A key difference between smuggling marijuana and a nuclear weapon is that in the former case, losses due to interception by CBP are expected and are viewed as a cost of doing business. Terrorists attempting to smuggle a nuclear weapon into the United States, in contrast, would presumably have only one or a few weapons and would have to go to great lengths to succeed.** Conversely, because of the great value of a nuclear weapon to terrorists, methods that create a substantial probability of detecting an attempt to smuggle a weapon into the United States might deter such an attempt. Another scenario commonly discussed is smuggling a nuclear weapon in a shipping container. **These metal boxes, typically 8 by 8 by 20 feet or 8 by 8 by 40 feet, are used to transport vast quantities of goods ranging from clothes to computers to automobile engines. Some 7 million containers enter the United States by ship each year; container ships may carry several thousand containers.** From seaports, they are transported by truck or rail throughout the country. The concern is that if terrorists could place a bomb in a container overseas, they could ship it into the United States and transport it anywhere in the country. Under the Container Security Initiative (CSI), discussed below, CBP agents and their foreign counterparts screen containers being loaded onto container ships at certain foreign ports, and the foreign agents inspect containers that the screening identifies as suspicious, based on ports of call, manifest data, shipping company, etc. **Terrorists, however, might try to circumvent CSI by acquiring a trusted shipping company to avoid suspicion, falsifying manifest data, infiltrating CSI ports, shipping from non-CSI ports. A nuclear explosion in a U.S. port from a bomb in a shipping container would have not only direct effects, but could also have far reaching effects on the world economy because of its dependence on container traffic, an effect magnified by industry’s use of “just-in-time” deliveries. According to Robert Bonner, Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, Simply put, the shipping of sea containers would stop.** The American people, for one, would not likely permit one more sea container to enter the United States until there was a significantly greater assurance — such as 100% inspections — **Another possible scenario is the use of an oil tanker to transport a nuclear weapon. The Middle East is the dominant source of anti-American terrorism, the United States imports an average of more than 2 million barrels of crude oil a day from Persian Gulf nations, this crude oil is transported by ship, and it would be very difficult to detect a bomb inside a supertanker. Part of the difficulty of detecting a bomb inside a floating vat of crude oil would arise from the sheer size of supertankers, which carry 100,000 deadweight tons or more of crude oil.** For example, two supertankers built in 2003 for COSCO (China Ocean Shipping) Group were 330 meters (almost a quarter-mile) long and 60 meters in beam, and had a capacity of about 300,000 deadweight tons. There are even larger tankers that carry 500,000 deadweight tons of crude oil, and have a length of 396 meters and a beam of 71 meters. **On land, some detection devices use gamma rays (high-energy x-rays) to peer inside a shipping container and create an x-ray-type image, but the size of a supertanker and the thickness of the steel (especially with the use of double hulls) make this technique unworkable.** Another possible means of detecting a nuclear weapon is neutron activation, in which a burst of neutrons is sent into the item to be examined, such as a shipping container; neutrons that strike uranium-235 (or other radioactive material) will cause some atoms to fission, releasing neutrons and gamma rays. Any neutron coming back as a result of neutron bombardment would be suspicious. **The gamma rays produced by the disintegration of each isotope have a unique set of energies, creating a “fingerprint” that permits identification of the isotope. However, neutrons sent into the oil and any produced by fissioning of uranium would be absorbed (forming deuterium or tritium) or scattered by the hydrogen atoms in crude oil, and the large volume of oil would attenuate any gamma rays produced, defeating this form of detection.** At the same time, designing a means to detonate a bomb inside a tanker could prove a technical challenge for terrorists. **A bomb in a tanker could devastate an oil port by the blast and by secondary fires in nearby refineries and oil storage tanks. A tanker bomb might be used against other maritime targets, such as the Panama Canal. And if a bomb in a shipping container could lead to the shutdown of container traffic, seriously damaging the world economy, a tanker bomb might by the same token lead to the suspension of crude oil shipments, with similar results.**

**Responses:** At this point, three years after the attacks of September 11, the components of the U.S. and global response have become clearer. **The response is often termed “layered defense,” reflecting the idea that terrorists would have to proceed through many steps to acquire a nuclear weapon and smuggle it into the United States, and that attempting to thwart them at each step has a higher likelihood of success than trying to block one step only.** Whether layered defense is an overarching strategy, as is the case in ballistic missile defense, or simply a name given to what would have happened anyway as many agencies with different capabilities contribute in the ways each is able to, or some of both, is another matter. **In any event, many programs have been established to deal with nuclear terrorism since 9/11, and others created well before then have acquired new urgency.**

**U.S. Border Security:** The final line of defense tries to keep terrorists from smuggling a nuclear weapon across U.S. borders. It involves border patrols, barriers, remote sensors, radiation monitors, Customs inspections, seaport security, and the like, generally within the purview of CBP. Yet as noted in “Weapon Delivery,” above, there are great difficulties in securing the many “points” through which people and goods may enter legally, and the thousands of miles of “lines,” thinly-guarded stretches of coasts and land borders across

which entry is illegal. These difficulties illustrate the importance of the other defensive layers noted earlier in this section and show why it would be unwise to rely solely on border security. Supporting Capabilities. **Technology, intelligence, and forensics cut across and support the foregoing steps to keep terrorists or rogue states from acquiring and delivering a nuclear weapon.**

**Nuclear Forensics:** The ability to glean information from nuclear weapon debris and other radioactive material lies at the intersection of technology and intelligence. During the Cold War, the United States obtained much information by analyzing fallout from Soviet nuclear weapon tests. For example, analysis confirmed that the Soviet Union had conducted its first atomic bomb test, and analysis of fallout from the first Soviet hydrogen bomb test revealed many details about that weapon's design. Even minute samples are of value. With the current moratorium on nuclear testing, forensic studies are applied to verifying the safety of U.S. nuclear warheads, detecting signs of nuclear proliferation, and thwarting illicit trafficking of nuclear materials. **In the event of a terrorist nuclear attack, forensics might be able to identify the nation that originated the fissile material or weapon, and determine whether terrorists had fabricated the weapon on their own or obtained it from a nation's stockpile.** This information would aid efforts to prevent further leakage. The ability to attribute a weapon or material to a nation might also deter a nation from providing such items to terrorists by holding the prospect of a military response. **Further, if a terrorist nuclear weapon were found, forensic analysis could contribute to an understanding of the weapon's design, which could help determine whether it could be moved and how best to disable it. Other issues that bear on nuclear terrorism include missile defense, export controls, and nuclear nonproliferation efforts more generally.** Many organizations and other groups are involved, such as the U.N., the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the Group of Eight.

**Options & Implications For U.S. Policy:** In combating nuclear terrorism, the standard for success for the United States is daunting — zero nuclear detonations, which may require stopping every terrorist or rogue state attempt to acquire and deliver a nuclear weapon — while a single nuclear detonation in the United States would constitute a terrorist success. Measured against that binary standard, it is impossible to determine the extent to which, or even if, the initiatives discussed above have increased U.S. security. Nonetheless, studies have shown many potential weaknesses in U.S. ability to thwart nuclear terrorism. The main response of policymakers has been to strengthen, consolidate, coordinate, or initiate a wide array of programs. A Government Accountability Office report, for example, notes a number of recommendations that it and congressionally chartered commissions have made for defending against catastrophic threats (Medalia, 2004).

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**Abstract:** *Forward By Richard Hass:* A nuclear attack by terrorists against the United States has the potential to make the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, look like a historical footnote. In addition to the immediate horrific devastation, such an attack could cost trillions of dollars in damages, potentially sparking a global economic depression. Although, during the 2004 presidential campaign, President George W. Bush and Democratic challenger Senator John F. Kerry agreed that terrorists armed with nuclear weapons worried them more than any other national security threat, the U.S. government has yet to elevate nuclear terrorism prevention to the highest priority. Despite several U.S. and international programs to secure nuclear weapons and the materials to make them, major gaps in policy remain. **This report makes clear what is needed to reduce the possibility of nuclear terrorism. It identifies where efforts have fallen short in securing and eliminating nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear materials, and it offers realistic recommendations to plug these gaps in the U.S. and international response.** The result is a clear primer on a critical subject and a set of practical proposals that policymakers would be wise to consider carefully.

**The Threat:** The threat of a nuclear attack by terrorists has never been greater. Over the past two decades, terrorist violence and destructiveness have grown. As the September 11, 2001, attacks demonstrated, al-Qaeda and al-Qaeda-inspired terrorists desire to inflict mass casualties. Al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations have expressed interest in and searched for unconventional means of attack, such as chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons. Of these weapons, only a nuclear detonation will guarantee immediate massive destruction. A nuclear explosion would immediately devastate the heart of a city and could kill hundreds of thousands of people. In the longer term, hundreds of thousands more could suffer from radiation sickness and cancer, and thousands of square miles of property would experience radioactive contamination requiring several years and billions of dollars to decontaminate. The broader economic costs of the attack could soar into the trillions of dollars, potentially threatening the national economy and even disrupting the global economy. **The probability of nuclear attack has increased because traditional deterrence—threatening assured destruction against a valued asset such as a national territory—does not work against the terrorist groups most likely to covet nuclear weapons.** Such groups are usually not tied to a particular geographic location. Moreover, these terrorist organizations are often guided by religious, quasi-religious, or cult leaders who align themselves with a supreme being rather than with a nation-state that needs protection. **To launch a nuclear attack, terrorists must first obtain a nuclear bomb. They could do this in three ways: by stealing it, buying it, or building it. All three pathways pose significant constraints to terrorists, but one cannot discount any of these possible routes to catastrophic nuclear terrorism.**

**Stealing An Intact Nuclear Weapon:** With about twenty-seven thousand nuclear weapons in the arsenals of eight nations (Britain, China, France, India, Israel, Pakistan, Russia, and the United States), terrorists appear to have a target-rich environment. All but about one thousand of these weapons reside in two countries: Russia and the United States. **The theft of a nuclear weapon is a staple of movies such as *The Peacemaker* and television shows such as *24*.** In practice, such thefts are difficult to carry out. Often considered

the “crown jewels” of a nuclear-armed nation’s security, nuclear weapons are usually rigorously guarded. But being difficult to steal does not mean impossible. In particular, transporting and deploying nuclear weapons outside of highly secure, central storage sites can increase susceptibility to theft. **In December 2004, the U.S. National Intelligence Council warned, “Russian authorities twice thwarted terrorist efforts to reconnoiter nuclear weapon storage sites in 2002” and that terrorists inside Russia also “showed a suspicious amount of interest in the transportation of nuclear munitions.” Even if a nuclear weapon is stolen, terrorists must find a way to activate it.** Security and arming devices on most nuclear weapons may block terrorists from using these weapons. For example, specialized security codes called permissive action links (PALs) are required to unlock U.S. nuclear weapons. These electronic locks allow only a limited number of tries to enter the correct code before the weapon disables itself. The more advanced nuclear weapon states of Britain, China, France, and Russia reportedly use similar security systems. Although most Russian nuclear weapons are believed to be equipped with PALs, an unknown number of older Russian tactical nuclear arms may not have this security system. Most of these weapons may have been dismantled or are scheduled for dismantlement, but some may still be deployed. It is unknown whether North Korea also may have a small nuclear arsenal containing, at most, eight weapons. Although the North Korean government said, in February 2005, that it has nuclear arms, it has not unambiguously demonstrated this capability. **India, Israel, and Pakistan use PALs, although the United States in recent years may have provided PAL assistance to Pakistan.** Safeing, arming, firing, and fusing (SAFF) procedures also can enhance the security of nuclear weapons. To make a SAFF-equipped weapon ready for detonation, it has to undergo a specific sequence of changes in altitude, acceleration, or other parameters. **Even if a terrorist group seized an intact nuclear weapon, the terrorists may not be able to use it unless they had access to codes and information about SAFF procedures.** Although one cannot rule out widespread collusion among insiders to provide information about SAFF procedures or PAL codes, the barriers against successful terrorist acquisition and detonation of nuclear weapons securely guarded in arsenals appear extremely difficult to surmount. **Nonetheless, serious concerns remain about the security of Pakistani nuclear weapons and Russian tactical nuclear weapons, especially those that are relatively portable, that may not possess integral security mechanisms such as PALs, or that are not in secure central storage. In sum, stealing a nuclear weapon appears to be a very unlikely pathway for terrorists to detonate a nuclear explosive.**

**Buying A Nuclear Weapon:** Terrorists might buy (or be given) a nuclear weapon by a nuclear state. However, both established nuclear powers and nuclear-armed “rogue” states such as North Korea are unlikely to cooperate. Leaders of these countries know that if they are caught transferring nuclear weapons to terrorists, their states would likely suffer devastating retaliation. Despite the harsh rhetoric of current Iranian political leaders, similar calculations would likely influence Iran, which is believed to be five to ten years away from acquiring the capability to make nuclear weapons. Of course, deterrence hinges on making a credible retaliatory threat and having credible evidence that the transfer of a nuclear weapon has occurred. **Concerning the credible threat, the United States clearly warned in the 2002 “National Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction” that “it reserves the right to respond with overwhelming force—including through resort to all of our options—to the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) against the United States, our forces abroad, and friends and allies.”** Gathering credible “smoking gun” evidence, however, confronts substantial technical challenges. A nuclear explosion produces a complex mix of radioactive debris, which depends sensitively on the weapon’s design. **In recent years, the United States has undertaken a research program to analyze such evidence to identify a detonated weapon’s origin.** According to the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the nuclear forensics and domestic nuclear event attribution program became operational last year and has made significant progress, but the United States continues to improve this program. Although the exact budget for this program is hard to cull from the U.S. government’s open budget, officials familiar with the program acknowledge that it is funded at relatively modest levels of a few tens of millions of dollars annually. More likely routes for terrorists to buy or be given a nuclear weapon involve corruption among nuclear custodians, black markets, or a coup that brings to power officials sympathetic to terrorist causes. **In these respects, Pakistan stands out as a vexing security concern. First, it has a relatively new nuclear command and control system. Second, al-Qaeda and Taliban forces have established a formidable presence in the region. Third, some elements of Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency sympathize with the Taliban, although the extent to which the ISI has access to Pakistan’s nuclear arsenal is unclear. Fourth, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has twice been the target of assassination attempts. Fifth, the most infamous nuclear black market originated in Pakistan. Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan, a Pakistani metallurgist and the so-called father of Pakistan’s nuclear weapons program, ran a nuclear distribution network that sprawled across Europe, Africa, and Asia and supplied nuclear programs in Iran, Libya, and North Korea.** Although no evidence has emerged that Khan’s network sold nuclear materials or weapons to terrorists, his network did sell blueprints for a nuclear bomb to Libya. Conceivably, terrorists or criminals may have obtained or eventually could obtain this information. The Khan network also demonstrates that the Pakistani nuclear establishment is vulnerable to an insider threat.

**Building A Nuclear Weapon:** No terrorist organization currently has the ability to produce weapons-usable nuclear materials. Therefore, to build nuclear weapons, terrorists would have to acquire already made highly enriched uranium (HEU) or plutonium. **HEU does not exist in nature, and plutonium occurs naturally in only trace amounts.** Naturally occurring samples of uranium only contain a very small fraction (0.7 percent) of the type of uranium that readily fissions and releases the energy that can fuel nuclear reactors or nuclear weapons. This type is the isotope uranium-235. (Isotopes of the same chemical element have virtually identical chemical properties but distinctly different nuclear properties.) **To make a sample of uranium useful for fueling most commercial nuclear power plants, the concentration of uranium-235 is increased, or enriched, so that the amount of uranium-235 in the enriched product is 3 to 5 percent of the total amount.** This product is called low enriched uranium (LEU). The concentration of uranium-235 in LEU is too low to power a nuclear weapon. Further enrichment is required to produce weapons-usable uranium. **By definition, highly enriched uranium consists of 20 percent or more of uranium-235. Although HEU of any enrichment level, in principle, can power a nuclear weapon, the greater the enrichment level, the less HEU is needed to make a weapon because of the higher concentration of the fissile isotope uranium-235. Typically, nuclear weapons use uranium that is enriched to 90 percent or more in uranium-235. This material is termed weapons-grade uranium. Nonetheless, even 80 percent enriched uranium can fuel nuclear weapons, as was the case with the Hiroshima bomb.** The only significant technical hurdle to making the Hiroshima bomb was the industrial-scale effort needed to enrich the uranium. **At least one terrorist group is known to have tried to enrich uranium. It failed, largely because enrichment is an extremely challenging process, requiring the resources only available to large commercial enterprises or to**

**nation-states. Even some countries have failed to master uranium enrichment.** For example, despite making a concerted effort in the 1980s, Saddam Hussein's Iraq was unable to enrich enough uranium for a nuclear bomb. Iran has also. In 1993, Aum Shinrikyo tried to mine uranium in Australia. Some of Aum's scientists investigated the possibility of enriching uranium, but the technical challenges proved insurmountable and struggled with achieving this technological development. Lacking access to uranium enrichment facilities, terrorists would need to seize existing caches of HEU. Unfortunately, HEU stockpiles are plentiful, with about 1,850 metric tons available globally—enough fissile material to make tens of thousands of nuclear bombs. **The vast majority of HEU stockpiles are under military control. Russia and the United States possess an estimated 1,720 metric tons of HEU for weapons purposes and naval propulsion. Britain, China, and France hold tens of metric tons of HEU.** Pakistan and South Africa have HEU stockpiles that run upward of several hundred kilograms, enough to make dozens of crude nuclear weapons. Smaller amounts of HEU are contained in more than forty countries with civilian nuclear programs. **Still, many of the more than 120 research reactors and related facilities within these countries have enough HEU in each location to make a nuclear bomb.** The HEU stockpiles most vulnerable to theft are those located in Pakistan, Russia, and many of the countries with civilian reactor facilities. **Like enriching uranium, making plutonium is currently beyond the capability of terrorists without state-sponsorship.** Nuclear reactors to produce plutonium and reprocessing plants to extract plutonium from spent reactor fuel require the type of financial and industrial resources only available to states. **Therefore, in order to produce a nuclear weapon, terrorists would need to seize plutonium from existing stockpiles or receive aid from a state.** As with HEU, **plutonium exists in both military and civilian sectors.** Global military stockpiles contain more than 250 metric tons of plutonium—enough to make tens of thousands of nuclear bombs. **The United States and Russia possess more than 90 percent of this material, whereas Britain, China, France, India, Israel, North Korea, and Pakistan own the remainder.** The United States and Russia have declared approximately one hundred metric tons of plutonium as excess to defense needs, but they have yet to render this material into non-weapons-usable form. In addition, Britain has declared some 4.4 tons as excess to its defense needs. The United States, Russia, Britain, and France have stopped producing plutonium for weapons purposes. China may also have stopped military plutonium production, but it has never made an official announcement. **Barring pressure to halt production, India, Israel, North Korea, and Pakistan will likely continue creating plutonium for their weapons programs.** Civilian plutonium stockpiles also pose a risk for use in nuclear weapons. Although some experts continue to doubt the feasibility of employing reactor-grade plutonium in nuclear bombs, scientific authorities such as the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences have stated that this material is weapons-usable. **More than a dozen countries hold more than 230 metric tons of plutonium that have been separated from spent nuclear fuel. In this separated form, plutonium is less secure than plutonium embedded in spent fuel. Because spent nuclear fuel tends to be highly radioactive, it provides a protective barrier to acquisition by terrorists or criminals who do not have access to special handling gear.** Globally, more than thirteen hundred metric tons of plutonium are contained in spent nuclear fuel. The rate of reprocessing this spent fuel to separate plutonium exceeds the rate of consumption of the plutonium as reactor fuel. Based on the latest unofficial estimate, the global stockpile of civilian plutonium in separated form is growing at the rate of ten metric tons per year. **This translates into hundreds of terrorist- or state-constructed nuclear bombs per year. Should terrorists obtain HEU or plutonium, they then confront the hurdle of constructing a bomb.** The Manhattan Project designed and built the two basic types of nuclear bombs: a gun-type device and an implosion-type device. Most of the intellectual effort went into developing the implosion-type bomb, which is much more technically challenging than a gun-type bomb. **The gun-type bomb simply shoots one lump of highly enriched uranium into another to start an explosive chain reaction. This type of nuclear weapon can only use HEU to produce a high-yield explosion. Because the Manhattan Project scientists were so confident that this bomb would work, they did not conduct a full-scale nuclear test.** The gun-type bomb was first used against Hiroshima. Although a gun-type bomb is relatively easy to construct, it requires fairly large amounts of HEU to explode. **Terrorists would need about fifty kilograms (110 pounds) of weapons-grade HEU to make a Hiroshima-yield bomb. By using special techniques, terrorists could try to reduce the fissile material requirements. Still, acquiring enough HEU remains the most significant barrier to building a gun-type device.** In contrast to a gun-type bomb, an implosion-type bomb can use either plutonium or HEU. This bomb rapidly implodes, or squeezes, the fissile material into a chain-reacting mass that then explodes. **Fortunately, substantial technical barriers hamper terrorist efforts to build an implosion device. For instance, machining and assembling the parts for an implosion device are more difficult than making and fitting together the components of a gun device. Moreover, triggering the implosion demands greater technical skills and specialized equipment than activating the assembly of a gun-type bomb.** However, an implosion-type bomb offers the advantage of requiring about half the HEU, approximately twenty-five kilograms (fifty-five pounds) of weapons-grade uranium, than that needed for a gun-type bomb. Also, compared to HEU, less plutonium, about four to ten kilograms (nine to twenty-two pounds), is needed to make an implosion bomb. Terrorists would be aided by the fact that they would not need to build weapons that would meet military requirements. Professional militaries demand well-tested weapons with reliable explosive yields. **Terrorists, in contrast, need a weapon that will produce any appreciable damaging yield. A crude HEU gun-type bomb has a high probability of producing a massively destructive explosion. Moreover, skilled terrorists could make this type of weapon without state assistance. The truly onerous barrier for nuclear terrorists is acquiring enough HEU.**

**Gaps In The International Response:** Success in preventing nuclear terrorism requires numerous actions across a wide array of fronts. A multilayered defense strategy provides a comprehensive and balanced approach to stopping nuclear terrorism. Such a strategy involves disrupting and destroying terrorist cells, blocking terrorists from the sources of nuclear weapons and weapons-usable materials, developing and deploying radiation detection equipment, and improving intelligence assessments of when and where terrorists will launch a nuclear attack. **Once terrorists acquire nuclear arms, however, stopping detonation of these weapons is exceedingly difficult. The radiation emitted by a nuclear weapon is hard to detect and easy to shield. In addition, pinpointing the time and location of a terrorist attack stretches the limits of intelligence assessments. Identifying and eradicating terrorist cells is also extremely challenging.** Although reducing the growth of terrorist groups is vitally important for the United States to have success in the wider “war on terrorism,” no matter how many terrorists there are, they cannot launch a nuclear attack without access to weapons-usable nuclear materials or intact nuclear weapons. Consequently, securing and eliminating vulnerable nuclear materials and weapons offer points of greatest leverage in preventing nuclear terrorism. **For these activities, much more national and international action is urgently needed to address the problems of Pakistan's highly enriched uranium and nuclear arsenal; Russia's highly enriched uranium; highly enriched uranium at more than one hundred civilian facilities in dozens of countries; and tactical nuclear**



weapons. Here, the focus is on how to block terrorists from acquiring these vulnerable nuclear materials and weapons. **Preventing nuclear terrorism is also closely connected to stopping the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries. By reducing the number of countries with nuclear weapons or weapons-usable nuclear materials, terrorists will have fewer places to buy or steal these critical components of nuclear terrorism.** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is at the forefront of multilateral efforts to inspect nuclear facilities to try to detect diversion of weapons-usable nuclear materials. **Presently, 650 IAEA inspectors are responsible for inspecting nine hundred nuclear facilities in ninety-one countries. The annual budget of the IAEA is about \$120 million—comparable to the payroll of the Washington Redskins football team.**

**Pakistan's Highly Enriched Uranium Nuclear Arsenal:** The United States faces constraints in what security assistance it can offer Pakistan. As a signatory to the nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), the United States is prohibited in helping a non-nuclear-weapon-state acquire nuclear explosives. Although Pakistan clearly has nuclear weapons, it is considered a non-nuclear-weapon-state under the terms of the NPT. U.S. government officials also feel constrained in how hard they can push Pakistan to improve its nuclear security and take steps to cap and eventually reduce its nuclear arsenal. **Pakistan has a great deal of pride about its nuclear arsenal and relies on its nuclear weapons to offset India's conventional military superiority. As a newly designated major non-NATO ally, Pakistan is instrumental in the Bush administration's "war on terrorism."** Although President Musharraf has generally supported the fight against terrorists, he has not hunted down terrorists as much as the United States would like because he does not want to provoke the wrath of extremists seeking to topple his government. He has also refused American access to A. Q. Khan, citing Pakistan's sovereign right to handle its own affairs. President Musharraf has repeatedly stated that Pakistan's nuclear weapons are secure. Two days after 9/11, he ordered nuclear weapon components relocated. **Later that year, he also worked to root out some extremist elements in the ISI, armed forces, and nuclear weapons programs by firing his intelligence chief and some other officers, detaining suspected retired nuclear weapon scientists, and dispersing the nuclear arsenal to at least six new secret locations.** President Musharraf insists that he does not want foreigners to set foot in Pakistan's nuclear installations. **Despite these security enhancements, the biggest impediment to reducing the threat of nuclear terrorism involving Pakistan is President Musharraf's expressed belief that terrorists cannot make nuclear weapons and that "the West is overly concerned" about this threat.** Musharraf's assumption is that terrorists would have to enrich their own uranium; in his public comments at least, he has ignored the possibility that terrorists could steal HEU weapon parts that Pakistan has already made and possesses. **President Musharraf also seems to not recognize that a weapon with little military value could nonetheless be invaluable to terrorists. A terrorist-constructed nuclear bomb would be "the size of that sofa," he told one interviewer, pointing to a couch about six feet long. He asked, "How do you carry that?" However, a six-foot-long improvised nuclear device could easily fit inside a forty-foot-long standard shipping container, probably the delivery vehicle of choice for many nuclear terrorists.**

**U.S. Security Assistance To Pakistan:** Although it has not been reported whether the U.S. government has briefed President Musharraf about the likelihood of terrorists making a crude nuclear weapon, the United States has quietly provided some unclassified nuclear security assistance to Pakistan through what is called the U.S. Liaison Committee. Few of the details of the program have been made public. Based on what is known, the United States may have helped Pakistan establish a personnel reliability program to ensure that security guards are trustworthy as well as supplied the nation with unclassified information about physical security practices and information about PAL-type security codes for nuclear warheads. The last type of assistance is highly controversial. **Some Pakistanis have expressed concern that the United States might take over control of the codes to prevent Pakistan from using its nuclear weapons. However, even if the Pakistani government has accepted this assistance, it would very likely demand absolute control over the codes.** Still, President Musharraf's opponents can use this concern against him to try to characterize him as a puppet of the United States. Providing PAL codes can also run afoul of the NPT's provision not to assist another state in acquiring nuclear explosives. Although a PAL can help prevent unauthorized use of a nuclear weapon, it could promote brinkmanship because Pakistan might feel more confident in deploying PAL-protected nuclear warheads in a crisis with India. **Pakistan's warheads are widely believed to be demated—that is, the HEU is removed from the rest of the weapon. Security analysts generally applaud this posture as safer than having the weapons already assembled for firing, and some analysts argue that nuclear security assistance to Pakistan should be made contingent on keeping the warheads demated. Demated warheads, however, may pose a greater threat than mated warheads. Short of terrorists enlisting insider assistance to teach them how to detonate a fully assembled nuclear weapon, they would have more confidence in exploding bombs they built themselves.** Another advantage for the terrorists is that presently almost all of Pakistan's nuclear weapons are powered by HEU. **By stealing the HEU separated from a demated warhead, terrorists would have the material they would need to build the simplest, improvised nuclear device. Little has been reported about what the United States is prepared to do if extremists take control of Pakistan.** During her confirmation hearing in January 2005, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said, "We have noted this problem and we are prepared to deal with it. I would prefer not in open session to talk about this particular issue." **What is known is that the United States has helped with President Musharraf's personal security. Reportedly, electronic devices that the United States had provided delayed the detonation of the bomb meant to assassinate President Musharraf on December 14, 2003.** In July 2002, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) reestablished its mission to Pakistan. This USAID program concentrates on four areas: education, health, governance, and economic growth. **In December 2005, the Bush administration announced that "over the next five years" it will provide Pakistan with "more than \$3 billion in security, economic, and development assistance to enhance counterterrorism capacity and promote continued reform, including of the education system."**

**Tactical Nuclear Weapons:** Confusion surrounds the status and even the definition of tactical nuclear weapons, which are sometimes called nonstrategic nuclear weapons. This category of nuclear weapons is most clearly defined in the U.S.-Russia context in which strategic weapons that could readily strike the territories of the United States and Russia were subject to formal arms control treaties. In contrast, tactical nuclear weapons are usually short-range, covering less than five hundred kilometers (three hundred miles) and are generally lower yield compared to strategic nuclear weapons. **From the perspective of nuclear terrorism, tactical nuclear weapons possess some worrying characteristics. These weapons are typically intended for battlefield use and, thus, can be deployed in forward positions, which can be less secure than central storage. Tactical weapons are usually smaller and more portable than**

strategic weapons, making them more tempting targets for theft. Although tactical nuclear weapons are not currently subject to formal arms control agreements, President George H. W. Bush took a bold step in 1991 as the Soviet Union was collapsing and ordered the deactivation of thousands of American tactical nuclear weapons. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev soon followed with a similar step. In early 1992, President Bush ordered more U.S. nuclear forces deactivated, and Russian President Boris Yeltsin issued a similar order to Russian nuclear forces. These steps became known as the presidential nuclear initiatives. By issuing what are, in effect, gentlemen's agreements, the presidents were able to cut rapidly through bureaucratic red tape. However, in late 2004, thirteen years after the initiatives were ordered, the United States expressed concern that Russia has not fully lived up to its part of the bargain. In particular, the concerns are that Russia has not dismantled all of the weapons declared under the initiatives and that it still deploys many tactical nuclear weapons outside of secure central storage. **These concerns underscore that the largest remaining gap in the initiatives is the lack of transparency. The initiatives, as initially devised, did not provide for verification that the tactical nuclear weapons slated for destruction have been destroyed.**

**Recommendations: American Strategy To Prevent Catastrophic Nuclear Terrorism:** The United States is not alone in confronting the threat of catastrophic nuclear terrorism. As the world's sole superpower, the United States can and should exert leadership by taking unilateral decisions and initiatives, which, once launched, can serve as the basis for stronger multilateral work. Washington should also intensify initiatives to use bilateral relationships to tackle high priority nuclear security concerns involving Pakistan and Russia. The recommendations here target gaps in existing security programs and are focused on securing and eliminating vulnerable nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear materials.

**Unilateral Initiatives:** To help dissuade transfers of nuclear weapons from "rogue" leaders to terrorist groups, the United States should clearly articulate a declaratory policy that it reserves the right to respond with the strongest measures including removal of those leaders from power. Washington should then urge other major powers to support this policy. President Bush would have to spend considerable political capital to garner widespread support. **His administration can build on the precedent it established in April 2004 when it won unanimous support in the UN Security Council for a resolution calling on countries to enact stronger controls to block terrorists from acquiring biological, chemical, or nuclear weapons.** To provide necessary technical credibility to the declaratory policy, the United States should at least double the resources devoted to its nuclear explosive attribution program. This expenditure is affordable and well worth the added insurance protection. At the time of writing, this program reportedly receives at most a few tens of millions of dollars annually. **The United States should announce an unambiguous policy that it supports delegitimizing the use of highly enriched uranium in the civilian sector. Washington should then encourage other governments to commit to this policy.** When deciding to issue this policy, the United States would have to weigh the tradeoff between closing off future use of HEU for civilian purposes and taking an important effort to shutting down a route to nuclear terrorism. Fortunately, continued investment, as the United States is already doing, in developing alternative non-weapons-usable fuels for civilian nuclear reactors can make choosing to phase out civilian HEU easier to accept. **As part of the political heavy lifting in carrying out this policy, the United States should enlist HEU suppliers to work toward prohibiting the export of HEU-fueled research and power reactors.** Any further exports should be contingent on the recipients pledging to convert their reactors to non-HEU use as quickly as is feasible. **To make good on this policy, the U.S. Congress should reenact and strengthen previous restrictions on exporting highly enriched uranium to isotope production reactors.**

**Multilateral Initiatives:** The United States should urgently work with other leading IAEA member states to determine exactly how much additional funding the cash-strapped IAEA needs. Confronted with numerous nuclear facilities worldwide that are in need of security enhancements, at a minimum, a doubling of the \$15.5 million that the IAEA has annually budgeted for its nuclear security fund is easily within the means of the United States and other major member states. This additional funding should have as few restrictions attached to it as possible. The member states should give the IAEA the authority it requires to expand its nuclear security assistance and inspection activities. **Furthermore, the United States should urge member states in need of this assistance to request it.** The United States, Russia, the IAEA, and their partners within the Global Threat Reduction Initiative should expand the scope of the GTRI to include all currently operating HEU-fueled civilian reactors. **The GTRI partners should determine which of the remaining HEU-fueled reactors really need to continue operating and which do not.** Operators of the latter group should be offered incentives to shut those reactors down. Such incentives could include sharing resources with reactors still in operation and offering early retirement or other means of employment for personnel at facilities slated for shut down. **For the remaining operating HEU-powered reactors, GTRI partners should determine the technical feasibility and financial costs of increasing the rate of reactor conversion. Moreover, the United States and Russia should speed up efforts to reach agreement with countries holding U.S.- and Russian-origin fresh and spent HEU fuel to repatriate these materials.** The United States has already envisioned spending about \$450 million in the coming years on the current GTRI program. Expanding GTRI to include all HEU-powered civilian reactors could increase costs by several tens of millions of dollars. Cost savings, however, could come about by using the targeted approach recommended here. That is, shutting down certain reactor facilities in the near term could cost less than converting, continuing to operate, and, in the long term, shutting down these facilities. **The United States, Russia, and the IAEA should determine what funding the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction could provide.**

**U.S.-Pakistan Initiatives:** If the United States has not already done so, it should offer to brief President Musharraf and a broad spectrum of Pakistani leaders to convince them that certain terrorist groups can build crude, but devastating, nuclear weapons if these groups have access to enough highly enriched uranium. If President Musharraf and other Pakistani leaders can begin to take this threat seriously, Islamabad is far more likely to take further steps to improve nuclear security. It is not publicly known what nuclear security assistance the United States has offered and provided Pakistan. **If the United States has not already done so, it should offer security assistance that includes generic physical security procedures, unclassified military handbooks, portal control equipment, sophisticated vaults and access doors, and personnel reliability programs.** These types of assistance should be designed to not spur

nuclear testing, increase the likelihood of nuclear war in South Asia, harm relations with India or other countries, undermine the Pakistani government, or reveal the locations of nuclear weapons or weapons-usable nuclear materials. **As a neutral party, the IAEA may be able to offer some generic physical protection assistance, through its International Physical Protection Advisory Service, without stirring concerns about foreign powers wanting to take control of Pakistan's nuclear weapons. To receive this service, Pakistan must request it, which Islamabad has not done. As a major non-NATO ally, the United States should quietly press Pakistan to reach out for this assistance.** The physical protection assistance recommended here such as portal monitors and vaults would likely cost no more than about a few millions of dollars, whereas security handbooks, information about personnel reliability programs, and seminars on security procedures would cost considerably less (Ferguson, 2006).



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**Source:** Foreign Policy (CFR), Peter D. Zimmerman, Jeffrey G. Lewis

**Title/Headline:** *The Bomb In The Backyard*

**Abstract:** Osama bin Laden has not yet succeeded in launching a nuclear attack. But it isn't because he can't. With enriched uranium, a handful of military supplies available on the Internet, and a small team of terrorists, he could assemble a nuclear bomb in a matter of months. Nearly 3,000 people were killed five years ago when terrorists plowed airplanes into New York's World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania. The terrorist attack was undoubtedly a terrible tragedy. But it could have been much worse. Eight years earlier, aides to Osama bin Laden met with Salah Abdel al-Mobruk, a Sudanese military officer and former government minister who offered to sell weapons-grade uranium to the terrorists for \$1.5 million. He proffered up a 3-foot-long cylinder. The al Qaeda representatives agreed to the purchase, because after all, as one of them later said, "It's easy to kill more people with uranium" (Zimmerman & Lewis, 2006).

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**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida Able To Build Nuke Weapon Inside U.S.*

**Abstract:** Terrorists could assemble a small group of fewer than 20 to construct a Hiroshima-size nuclear bomb, purchase the fissionable uranium needed and transport it to the U.S. city of their choice for less than \$10 million, says a new report published in the November-December issue of Foreign Policy. "The Bomb in the Backyard" was the result of the investigative work of Peter D. Zimmerman and Jeffrey G. Lewis. Zimmerman is professor of science and security in the Department of War Studies at King's College in London and previously served as chief scientist of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and chief scientist of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Lewis is executive director of the Managing the Atom Project at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. "To put it in strictly commercial terms, terrorists would likely find a nuclear attack cost effective," they write in the article. "The simple appeal of nuclear terrorism can be illustrated with a hypothetical situation. A failed nuclear detonation, one that produced only a few tens of tons in yield, could kill 10,000 people in just a few hours if the device exploded in a crowded financial center. Not only would 10,000 persons represent the upward limit of a conventional terrorist attack, but that figure would exceed the combined casualties in all of al-Qaida's attacks over the entire history of the organization." And that's the "worst-case" scenario for the terrorists, the authors point out. If "successful," the nuclear detonation would kill 10 times more people – 100,000. Without giving away any information about the assembling of such a device that cannot already be found easily on the Internet, Zimmerman and Lewis construct a scenario for building a nuclear bomb within the U.S. for a budget of less than \$10 million – finding it can be done with a small team of about 19, the same number of people involved in the Sept. 11 attacks. "It is certainly possible that a terrorist group might not want to risk detection within U.S. borders and would prefer to make the bomb overseas," they write. "But, for purposes of this hypothetical situation, we chose a scenario that would be far less uncertain for the terrorists by eliminating the risks of moving the bomb across a border." In fact, the backyard bomb project came in under budget – at \$5.433 million. The authors said the project – from start to finish – would take no more than a few months. "Once complete, the nuclear device itself is likely to be less than 9 feet long," said the report. "Although it would not fit easily in a sedan, it could be transported in a van or small panel truck with, say, a couple drivers and a couple more people to keep an eye on the device. The plotters could target any number of metropolitan areas and would be free to choose based entirely on their desire to travel unobtrusively and undetected, presumably across a large fraction of the United States." The authors warn that nuclear terrorism is still very much on the minds of al-Qaida, which began plans more than a decade ago for what it dubbed "American Hiroshima," a nuclear attack on the U.S. As recently as September, they say, al-Qaida put out a call urging nuclear scientists to join its war against the West. Also in September, the new al-Qaida field commander in Afghanistan called for Muslims to leave the U.S. – particularly Washington and New York – in anticipation of a major terror attack to rival Sept. 11, according to an interview by another Pakistani journalist. Abu Dawood told Hamid Mir, a reporter who has covered al-Qaida and met with Osama bin Laden, the attack is being coordinated by Adnan el-Shukrijumah and suggests it may involve some form of weapon of mass destruction smuggled across the Mexican border. "Our brothers are ready to attack inside America. We will breach their security again," he is quoted as saying. "There is no timeframe for our attack inside America; we can do it any time." As WND has previously reported, el-Shukrijumah is a trained nuclear technician and accomplished pilot who has been singled out by bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri to serve as the field commander for the next terrorist attack on U.S. soil. The terrorist was last seen in Mexico, where, on Nov. 1, 2004, he allegedly hijacked a Piper PA Pawnee cropduster from Ejido Queretaro near Mexicali to transport a nuclear weapon and nuclear equipment into the U.S., according to Paul Williams, a former FBI consultant and author of "The Dunces of Doomsday." "He is an American and a friend of Muhammad Atta, who led 9/11 attacks five years ago," said Dawood. "We call him

'Jaffer al Tayyar' (Jafer the Pilot); he is very brave and intelligent. (President) Bush is aware that brother Adnan has smuggled deadly materials inside America from the Mexican border. Bush is silent about him, because he doesn't want to panic his people. Sheikh Osama bin Laden has completed his cycle of warnings. You know, he is man of his words, he is not a politician; he always does what he says. **If he said it many times that Americans will see new attacks, they will definitely see new attacks. He is a real mujahid. Americans will not win this war, which they have started against Muslims. Americans are the biggest supporters of the biggest terrorist in the world, which is Israel.**" Mir reportedly interviewed Dawood Sept. 12 at the tomb of Sultan Mehmud Ghaznawi on the outskirts of Kabul. Dawood and the al-Qaida leaders who accompanied him were clean-shaven and dressed as Western reporters. **The al-Qaida commander had contacted Mir by cell phone to arrange the meeting. El-Shukrijumah was born in Guyana Aug. 4, 1975 – the firstborn of Gulshair el-Shukrijumah, a 44-year-old radical Muslim cleric, and his 16-year-old wife. In 1985, Gulshair migrated to the United States, where he assumed duties as the imam of the Farouq Mosque in Brooklyn. The mosque, located at 554 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn, has served as a hive for terrorist activities. It has raised millions for the jihad and has served as a recruiting station for al-Qaida. Many of the planners of the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, including blind Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, were prominent members of this notorious "house of worship."** In 1995, the Shukrijumah family relocated to Miramar, Fla., where Gulshair became the spiritual leader of the radical Masjid al-Hijah Mosque, and where Adnan became friends with Jose Padilla, who planned to detonate a radiological bomb in midtown Manhattan; Mandhai Jokhan, who was convicted of attempting to blow up nuclear power plants in southern Florida; and a group of other homegrown terrorists. Adnan Shukrijumah attended flight schools in Florida and Norman, Oklahoma, along with Mohammad Atta and the other 9/11 operatives, and he became a highly skilled commercial jet pilot, although he, like Atta and the other terrorists, never applied for a license with the Federal Aviation Commission. **In April 2001, Shukrijumah spent 10 days in Panama, where he reportedly met with al-Qaida officials to assist in the planning of 9/11. He also traveled to Trinidad and Guyana, where virulent al-Qaida cells have been established. The following month, he obtained an associate's degree in computer engineering from Broward Community College.** During this time, he managed to get passports from Guyana, Trinidad, Saudi Arabia, Canada and the United States, according to Williams. He also began to adopt a number of aliases, including Abu Arifi, Jafar al-Tayyar, Jaafar At Yayyar, Ja'far al-Tayar, and Mohammed Sher Mohammed Khan (the name that appeared on his official FBI file). He traveled to Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, where he met with Ramzi Binalshibh, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, and other members of the al-Qaida high command. He also spent considerable time within al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan, where he received training in explosives and special operations. Following 9/11, el-Shukrijumah was reportedly singled out by bin Laden and al-Zawahiri to spearhead the next great attack on America. **One plan was for a nuclear attack that would take place simultaneously in seven U.S. cities, leaving millions dead and the richest and most powerful nation on earth in ashes. "Muslims should leave America," said Dawood. "We cannot stop our attack just because of the American Muslims; they must realize that American forces are killing innocent Muslims in Afghanistan and Iraq; we have the right to respond back, in the same manner, in the enemy's homeland. The American Muslims are like a human shield for our enemy; they must leave New York and Washington." "I am saying that Muslims must leave America, but we can attack America anytime," he said. "Our cycle of warnings has been completed, now we have fresh edicts from some prominent Muslim scholars to destroy our enemy, this is our defending of Jihad; the enemy has entered in our homes and we have the right to enter in their homes, they are killing us, we will kill them"** (World Net Daily, 2006).



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**Title/Headline:** *Vulnerability Of Populations And The Urban Health Care Systems To Nuclear Weapon Attack – Examples From Four American Cities*

**Abstract:** The threat posed by the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) within the United States has grown significantly in recent years, focusing attention on the medical and public health disaster capabilities of the nation in a large scale crisis. **While the hundreds of thousands or millions of casualties resulting from a nuclear weapon would, in and of itself, overwhelm our current medical response capabilities, the response dilemma is further exacerbated in that these resources themselves would be significantly at risk.** There are many limitations on the resources needed for mass casualty management, such as access to sufficient hospital beds including specialized beds for burn victims, respiration and supportive therapy, pharmaceutical intervention, and mass decontamination. **The effects of 20 kiloton and 550 kiloton nuclear detonations on high priority target cities are presented for New York City, Chicago, Washington D.C. and Atlanta.** Thermal, blast and radiation effects are described, and affected populations are calculated using 2000 block level census data. **Weapons of 100 Kts and up are primarily incendiary or radiation weapons, able to cause burns and start fires at distances greater than they can significantly damage buildings, and to poison populations through radiation injuries well downwind in the case of surface detonations.** With weapons below 100 Kts, blast effects tend to be stronger than primary thermal effects from surface bursts. From the point of view of medical casualty treatment and administrative response, there is an ominous pattern where these fatalities and casualties geographically fall in relation to the location of hospital and administrative facilities. **It is demonstrated that a staggering number of the main hospitals, trauma centers, and other medical assets are likely to be in the fatality plume, rendering them essentially inoperable in a crisis. Among the consequences of this outcome would be the probable loss of command-and-control, mass casualties that will have to be treated in an unorganized response by hospitals on the periphery, as well as other expected chaotic outcomes from inadequate administration in a crisis. Vigorous, creative, and accelerated training and coordination among the federal agencies tasked for WMD response, military resources, academic institutions, and local responders will be critical for large-scale WMD events involving mass casualties. The increasing likelihood of the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) on large civilian populations has been described in international government alerts, U.S. Congressional hearings, research studies, and numerous scientific publications.** Islamic terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. have accentuated the reality of this threat, though the magnitude of casualties with WMD would be many times greater in scale. **While we can**

continue to hope that large-scale mass casualties from WMD attacks will remain high consequence, low probability scenarios, it is mandatory that we invest the appropriate physical and human resources to deal with such a staggering prospect (Bell & Dallas, 2007).



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**Source:** The Center For Arms Control And Non Proliferation, Lt. Gen. Robert Gard

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Terrorism Is A Likely Event*

**Abstract:** At a Senate hearing recently, Undersecretary of Energy for Intelligence and Analysis Charles Allen testified, "Al-Qaida wants a nuclear weapon to use." It is well-known that al-Qaida considers it a religious duty to acquire a nuclear weapon, and its spokesperson has claimed the right to kill 4 million Americans. During the 2004 presidential election, both candidates agreed that the greatest threat to U.S. security is nuclear weapons in the hands of terrorists. **It seems unlikely that terrorists could obtain a usable nuclear weapon from any of the nine countries that currently possess them, although there is some concern that a possible source could be the Pakistani stockpile, should that unstable country implode.** It is more likely that terrorists could obtain the key ingredient for making a nuclear bomb, plutonium (Pu) or highly enriched uranium (HEU). While producing a weapon with Pu is a relatively complex task, there is consensus in the scientific community that it would not be difficult for a terrorist group to produce an explosive device similar to the one used on Hiroshima, with as little as 50 pounds of HEU. **The International Panel on Fissile Materials estimated in its 2007 report that there are 1,400-2,000 tons of HEU, enough for some 56,000-80,000 nuclear weapons, spread around the world.** Much of the HEU is in Russia and the states of the former Soviet Union, known to have weak security regulations and widespread corruption. **In April 2006, Russian police arrested the foreman of a nuclear plant for attempting to sell about 50 pounds of HEU, enough for a weapon.** Of at least equal if not greater concern is what Princeton professor Frank von Hippel calls significant quantities of HEU in some 140 locations around the world in research and medical isotope production reactors and in associated fuel development and fabrication facilities, many with only minimum security. **Dr. Matthew Bunn of Harvard University has warned that these materials are in hundreds of buildings in dozens of countries; some sites have reliable safety measures, but many are secured only by a chain-link fence. It would be a relatively simple matter to smuggle the material into the United States, where it could be fashioned into a crude but deadly nuclear weapon in a garage with tools purchased in a hardware store. It is incredible that our government is failing to accord the highest priority to taking the actions necessary to prevent terrorists from carrying out their threat to detonate a nuclear weapon on the territory of the United States, which would forever change our way of life (Gard, 2008).**



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**Title/Headline:** *A Nuclear 9/11?*

**Abstract:** Will terrorists go nuclear? It is a question that worried public officials and frightened citizens have been asking for decades. It is no less of a worry today, as we ponder the seventh anniversary of 9/11. Might Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions lead eventually to arming Hizbollah or Hamas with nuclear weapons? Might a financially desperate North Korea sell the wherewithal for nuclear weapons to terrorist buyers? **Might a political upheaval in always turbulent Pakistan put a nuclear weapon in the hands of extremists? Could there, ultimately, be a nuclear 9/11?** We have to take the long-shot possibility of nuclear terrorism seriously, but we must not allow ourselves to be terrorized by it. Nuclear terrorism and nuclear terror reside in different domains. Nuclear terrorism is about a serious threat-the possibility that terrorists might somehow obtain and detonate a nuclear weapon-while nuclear terror is about the anticipation of that event. Nuclear terrorism is about terrorists' capabilities, while nuclear terror is about imagination. Fear is not free. Fear can pave the way for circumventing established procedures for the collection of intelligence, for attempts to operate outside the courts, and perhaps for torture. **Distinguished scholars discuss the durability of the U.S. Constitution in the face of nuclear terrorism. Frightened populations are intolerant. Frightened people worry incessantly about subversion from within. They worry about substandard zeal. Frightened people look for visible displays to confirm unity of belief-lapel pin patriotism.** Fear creates its own orthodoxy. It demands unquestioning obedience to a determined order of apprehension. During the Cold War an all-out nuclear exchange would have meant planetary suicide. Today, we face one tyrant in North Korea with a handful of nuclear weapons, an aspirant in Iran enthralled by first-use fantasies, and a terrorist organization with an effective propaganda machine-dangerous, vexing, but not the end of the world, not the end of the nation, not the end of a single city. **Undoubtedly, a terrorist nuclear explosion of any size would have a huge psychological impact on America. But whether it would lead to social anarchy would depend heavily on the attitudes of the nation's citizens and the behavior and communications of its leadership. We may not be able to prevent an act of nuclear terrorism. But we can avoid destroying our democracy as a consequence of nuclear terrorism.** Whether or not we as citizens yield to nuclear terror is our decision (Jenkins, 2008).





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**Title/Headline:** *Report: World at Risk of Bio, Nuke Attack.*

**Abstract:** It's 'More Likely Than Not' That a WMD Attack Will Occur by 2013, Panel Determines A biological or nuclear attack is likely to occur somewhere around the globe during the Obama administration or shortly thereafter, a new congressionally mandated report has warned. The report, titled "The World at Risk," starkly states, "The commission believes that unless the world community acts decisively and with great urgency, it is more likely than not that a weapon of mass destruction will be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by the end of 2013." The ominous study by the Commission on the Prevention of WMD Proliferation and Terrorism and obtained by ABC News, will be released Wednesday. The biggest threat is a biological attack, which the report considers to be a greater possibility than a nuclear or radiological attack. "Terrorists are more likely to be able to obtain and use a biological weapon than a nuclear weapon. The commission believes that the U.S. government needs to move more aggressively to limit the proliferation of biological weapons and reduce the prospect of a bioterror attack," it says. "The acquisition of deadly pathogens, and their weaponization and dissemination in aerosol form, would entail fewer technical hurdles than the theft or production of weapons-grade uranium or plutonium and its assembly into an improvised nuclear device," the report argues. While terror groups lack the expertise to make biological weapons, the study warns that "terrorists are trying to upgrade their capabilities and could do so by recruiting skilled scientists." As a cautionary example, "The World at Risk" cites the 2001 anthrax attacks in the United States, which the FBI and Justice Department have maintained were conducted by the late Bruce Ivins, a bio-weapons researcher at Fort Detrick. The new report drew the same conclusions as a separate study released last month by the National Intelligence Council. That report, titled Global Trends 2025, predicted the threat from biological weapons would grow. "For those terrorist groups active in 2025, the diffusion of technologies and scientific knowledge will place some of the world's most dangerous capabilities within their reach. The globalization of biotechnology industries is spreading expertise and capabilities, and increasing the accessibility of biological pathogens suitable for disruptive attacks," it warns. The commission said that Pakistan posed a particular danger for a WMD attack because al Qaeda reportedly has a safe haven in Pakistan's wild tribal areas, the instability in the government and Pakistan's nuclear weapons stockpile. "Pakistan is an ally, but there is a grave danger it could also be an unwitting source of a terrorist attack on the United States -- possibly with weapons of mass destruction," it claims. The report notes that Pakistan's nuclear weapons stockpile consists of about 85 nuclear warheads and that China has recently agreed to build two nuclear power plants in Pakistan, which could help exacerbate a regional nuclear arms race with its nuclear armed neighbor India. "Though most U.S. and Pakistani officials say that these weapons and their components are safe from inside or outside theft, the risk that radical Islamists -- al Qaeda or Taliban -- may gain access to nuclear material is real." "America's margin of safety against a WMD attack is shrinking. But we also want to assure the people that there is ample and solid ground for hope about the future," the report states. It makes a series of 13 recommendations for the incoming administration, which includes conducting a comprehensive review of domestic stocks of deadly pathogens and tightening security at those biological labs and research facilities. While security has been known to be inadequate at bioresearch facilities overseas, especially in the former Soviet Union, the report makes mention of a recent GAO study that found that security at several of the United States' top biological laboratories containing the world's deadliest diseases and viruses was inadequate. **The report also recommends that the United States should bolster rapid response ability and pharmaceutical stocks to mitigate mass casualties and should advance bioforensic capabilities.** Other recommendations include for the United States to push internationally for countries to address the issue of biosecurity, enhance disease surveillance networks and push for the adherence of the Biological Weapons Convention, which countries are to review in 2011. **On the issue of nuclear security, the report recommends that the United States needs to strengthen the current nuclear nonproliferation treaties and seek a "restructuring" of the US-Russian relationship.** Concerning Iran and North Korea, the commission recommends that "As a top priority, the next administration must stop the Iranian and North Korean nuclear weapons programs. In the case of Iran, this requires the permanent cessation of all of Iran's nuclear weapons-related efforts. In the case of North Korea, this requires the complete abandonment and dismantlement of all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs." The study was conducted over six months, and included more than 250 interviews with government officials. Overseas site visits ranged from the U.S. national laboratories to Moscow. **The commission was to travel to Pakistan, but the trip was cut short after the September bombing of the Marriott hotel in Islamabad. The commission notes in the report that it came within hours of staying at the hotel** (ABC News, 2008).



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**Abstract:** Over the past several years, the prospect of a terrorist group armed with a nuclear weapon has frequently been cited as a genuine and overriding threat to the security of the United States. Although the likelihood of a nuclear terrorist attack may be relatively low, the consequences of such an attack would obviously be enormous. There is, therefore, widespread agreement regarding the severity of this threat. Despite this consensus, a number of important questions remain open to debate: **How real is the risk that a terrorist group could acquire or construct a functional nuclear device, and how might it attempt to do so?** Which group poses the greatest threat in this regard, how has that threat changed over time, and is it currently growing or abating? **What existing and prospective measures will prove most effective in preventing terrorists from obtaining a nuclear weapon, stopping them from delivering and detonating a weapon if prevention fails, and responding both at home and abroad in the event that an attack succeeds?** The purpose of this report is to examine these critical issues.

**Sources Of The Nuclear Terror Threat:** There are two major dimensions of the nuclear terrorist threat: the “supply” side of nuclear proliferation and the “demand” side of violent Islamist extremism. **Over the past decade, longstanding concerns over proliferation have become increasingly acute in light of a number of worrisome developments, including the status of India and Pakistan as overt nuclear weapon states, North Korea’s test of a nuclear weapon, the international community’s failure to restrain Iran’s nuclear ambitions, and the fear that an Iranian nuclear weapons program could spark further proliferation throughout the Middle East. Ultimately, while existing nuclear arsenals and stockpiles of fissile material represent the most immediate concern, the spread of nuclear weapons and material has increased the probability that terrorists might be able to acquire or construct a nuclear device.** At the same time that nuclear proliferation has become a growing concern, terrorism has also been elevated from a secondary to a primary threat to US security because of the emergence of groups that have few inhibitions on inflicting mass casualties by means of chemical, biological, and even nuclear weapons. **Today, for example, the threat of nuclear terrorism is primarily associated with Osama bin Laden and his followers, who have not only pursued these weapons for some time, but have expressed their willingness to use them against their enemies.** Since the US invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, however, al Qaeda has lost a key sanctuary and much of its original senior leadership. **Does it still hope to acquire and use weapons of mass destruction? Is it capable of obtaining or building a nuclear weapon? The answer to the first question appears to be “yes.”** Publicly available information leaves little doubt that the group’s intentions remain unchanged. Nevertheless, al Qaeda appears to be much less capable of conducting a major attack against the United States, and especially a catastrophic attack using a nuclear weapon, than it was when it had a base of operations in Afghanistan. After the downfall of the Taliban regime, al Qaeda evolved into an increasingly decentralized organization. Moreover, as the influence and capabilities of its central leadership have waned, the source of the terrorist threat has shifted toward regional groups affiliated with **al Qaeda and homegrown extremists inspired by it, neither of which are likely to possess the knowledge, skills, resources, or discipline necessary to plan and successfully carry out a nuclear attack.** Unfortunately, numerous accounts suggest that **al Qaeda’s core leadership is regaining its strength, reasserting and even expanding control over its far-flung network of allies and sympathizers, and reestablishing its ability to organize and execute major attacks, developments that would not be possible without the sanctuary it has established in remote areas of Pakistan. To the extent that this sanctuary allows al Qaeda’s leadership to plan future operations, the likelihood that the group might be able to conduct a catastrophic attack at some point in the future appears to be increasing once again.** An analysis of the supply and demand sides of the nuclear terrorist threat suggests two major conclusions. First, limiting and preferably stopping any further proliferation of nuclear weapons and the technology to produce nuclear material is and will remain an important goal. At present, this goal hinges largely on Iran — if Tehran does pursue and develop nuclear weapons, this could be the catalyst for a wave of proliferation in the Middle East. Yet stopping Iran from becoming a nuclear weapon state, while certainly desirable, may not be feasible through diplomacy, economic sanctions, or military action. The United States must, therefore, work to develop a comprehensive strategy to prevent further proliferation in the region if and when Iran does become a full-fledged nuclear power. **Second, because there is a very strong probability that any credible plot to conduct a nuclear terrorist attack will originate with al Qaeda’s central leadership, a critical component of a broader strategy to prevent such an attack will involve measures directed at weakening al Qaeda’s leaders and eliminating — or at the very least restricting — their sanctuary in Pakistan.**

**Terrorist Acquisition Of Nuclear Weapons: How, & How Likely?:** If a terrorist group like al Qaeda was determined to “go nuclear,” how might it attempt to do so and what obstacles would it face? There are four main alternatives that prospective nuclear terrorists might pursue. **First, terrorists could attempt to manufacture the fissile material needed to fuel a nuclear weapon (either highly enriched uranium or plutonium) and then use that material to construct a nuclear device. Of all the scenarios, this is by far the most ambitious, most difficult, and least likely.** Producing fissile material is both the most crucial and the most challenging aspect of developing nuclear weapons, and is the step that has in the past prevented aspiring nuclear powers such as Libya and Iraq from becoming nuclear-weapon states. Thus, the knowledge, infrastructure, and finances needed to undertake this step with any realistic prospect of success very likely outstrip the resources that even a well-funded terrorist group might possess. **A second possibility is that a terrorist group might seek out a state sponsor, in particular a rogue nation that already possessed nuclear weapons and might provide the group with this capability.** While the direct transfer of a nuclear weapon would certainly be the easiest route from a terrorist group’s perspective, several factors suggest that it is also highly unlikely. First, nuclear weapons are an extraordinarily valuable commodity that any state would be reluctant to part with. Second, any state that deliberately provided a terrorist group with a nuclear weapon would run the risk of being discovered and suffering the consequences. **Third, it is also unlikely that a regime would willingly entrust a terrorist group with such a powerful weapon, since there would be no way to ensure that the group would carry out an attack against the intended target rather than another state or even the sponsoring regime itself. A third possibility is the theft of an intact nuclear weapon, although this would hardly be an easy task. Most nuclear weapons are heavily guarded, and, even if terrorists did manage to acquire a weapon, they would still have to overcome any security features that render a weapon inoperable without the proper arming codes. Despite these factors, fears of “loose” nuclear weapons persist and are warranted, especially in the cases of Russia and Pakistan. In Pakistan, ongoing political instability and popular unrest, as well as suspicions that members of Pakistan’s military, intelligence, and scientific establishments continue to sympathize with and perhaps even support violent Islamist groups, have exacerbated fears that Pakistan’s nuclear weapons may be vulnerable. Finally, there is the possibility that a group could purchase fissile material on the black market or steal it from a military or civilian facility and then use that material to construct an improvised nuclear device.** In recent years, analysts have increasingly come to view this scenario as the most plausible route for terrorists seeking nuclear weapons, for two main reasons. First, large stockpiles of fissile material can be found throughout the world in military as well as civilian facilities, some of which are inadequately monitored and protected. Second, building a crude nuclear device once a sufficient amount of this material has been obtained, although not an easy task, is certainly within the realm of possibility. **Here, the principal challenge for terrorists would involve the tradeoff between the quantity of fissile material required for a weapon and the type of weapon that could be built. That is to say, while a gun-type nuclear weapon would be relatively easy to build, it requires a significant amount of highly enriched uranium; conversely, far less uranium or a very small amount of plutonium would be needed to fuel an implosion weapon, but building this device would prove extremely difficult.** Nevertheless, this threat remains particularly salient.

**Developing A Response:** At the most basic level, a comprehensive strategy for addressing the threat of nuclear terrorism should be

structured around three core objectives: **preventing terrorists from acquiring nuclear weapons or fissile material; stopping terrorists from delivering a nuclear weapon to their intended target should prevention fail; and being prepared to respond as quickly and effectively as possible, both at home and abroad, in the event that terrorists succeed in detonating a nuclear weapon inside the United States.**

**Keeping Terrorists From The Bomb:** The first and most important way to avert a nuclear terrorist attack is to prevent terrorists from acquiring an intact weapon or from collecting a sufficient amount of fissile material to build a nuclear device. If terrorists do succeed in either of these endeavors, thwarting an attack will ultimately depend on locating any missing fissile material before a weapon can be assembled or intercepting a device before it can be delivered to the target and detonated. These are extremely challenging tasks that cannot be relied upon as a primary line of defense. **Achieving this objective requires adopting a multi-dimensional approach that significantly decreases the prospects that terrorists will succeed at each major stage in their plot — obtaining a nuclear weapon, transporting the weapon to the target, and enjoying the benefits they anticipate will follow if they conduct a nuclear attack.** Not only will such an approach increase the likelihood that prospective nuclear terrorists will fail in their efforts, it could as a result dissuade terrorists from seriously pursuing the nuclear option at all. There are three main areas that can contribute to dissuasion: delegitimizing the killing of civilians generally and the use of nuclear weapons specifically, reducing stockpiles of highly enriched uranium and plutonium and securing existing weapons and fissile material, and developing and deploying radiation monitors and other detection systems. **First, efforts must be made to foster the perception among terrorists that an act of nuclear terrorism will not help them to achieve their aims, but will instead prove counterproductive by causing sympathizers and potential supporters to turn away from them rather than rally to their side. If terrorists can be convinced that a successful catastrophic attack will ultimately backfire, they may grow reluctant to pursue this type of attack in favor of more “acceptable” forms of violence.** Al Qaeda, for example, has recently displayed some concern over the increasingly widespread criticism of its violent tactics, particularly the murder of Muslim civilians. The US government should therefore work through intermediaries to publicize as widely as possible al Qaeda’s acts of violence and their immediate and longer-term effects on those who have suffered from them. **It should also seek to support individuals and organizations throughout the Muslim world that not only eschew violence, but can publicly and credibly challenge al Qaeda by arguing that the large-scale killing of civilians and the use of nuclear weapons are immoral, religiously impermissible, and unlikely to help the situation of those whom al Qaeda claims to be fighting for.** Second, if terrorists cannot be persuaded to abandon the idea of nuclear terrorism, the next best thing would be to convince them that it is not a realistic option. Specifically, if a terrorist group concludes that it cannot acquire a nuclear weapon or enough fissile material to make one on its own, or that any attempt to do so would require enormous human and material resources and would still have only a very small chance of succeeding, it will likely devote most of those resources elsewhere. **Continuing and, where possible, accelerating and expanding efforts to eliminate or secure potentially vulnerable nuclear weapons and material can therefore thwart determined terrorists from obtaining these items and dissuade prospective nuclear terrorists from attempting to do so in the first place.** Moreover, as individual nations and international organizations work to secure loose weapons and material, a corresponding effort should also be made to publicize their successes and ensure that these actions are exploited for their dissuasive value. **Finally, detection systems can also play an important role in preventing a nuclear terrorist attack, not only by stopping a group from successfully transporting a nuclear weapon or material to its target, but also by dissuading terrorists from pursuing the nuclear option.** In concert with the other recommendations discussed above, the deployment of radiation monitors and other detection systems can increase the prospect that potential nuclear terrorists will judge the possibility of success as too low to merit the effort required. **It is important, however, to ensure that the presence of these systems influences terrorists’ calculations in the expected way — i.e., that they discourage terrorists from pursuing nuclear weapons and material as opposed to providing a roadmap for which routes, ports, or border crossings should be avoided.** In addition to “red teaming” how terrorists might attempt to sneak a weapon or fissile material into the United States, analyses should be undertaken to determine how to convince terrorists that they will be unable to circumvent existing defenses, which may depend as much on publicizing (and possibly exaggerating) existing capabilities as developing new ones.

**Stopping Terrorists From Delivering A Weapon:** Although preventing terrorists from acquiring nuclear weapons and material is the best, safest, and most feasible way to avoid a catastrophic attack, prudence demands that the US Government be as well prepared as possible to locate and intercept a terrorist group that obtains these items before it can deliver a weapon to its intended target. Two areas in particular are likely to play a crucial role in these efforts: human intelligence and Special Operations Forces. Given the inherent difficulty of detecting nuclear weapons and material, especially from any significant distance, locating and stopping terrorists who are in possession of these items may depend first and foremost on knowing where to look. **Yet terrorist groups are often reluctant to use electronic forms of communication that could be monitored, and al Qaeda is notoriously difficult to penetrate through the cultivation of human sources.** Therefore, resources might be better spent on the comparatively easier task of developing assets within the military and/or scientific establishments of nations that are the most probable sources of loose nuclear weapons and material, especially if individuals working in particularly high-risk facilities or more senior individuals who would be among the first to learn of any missing items can be identified in advance. **If terrorists obtain stolen nuclear material or a nuclear weapon and have been located by human intelligence sources or some other means, Special Operations Forces will likely be tasked with interdicting and securing these items.** Ideally, special operations personnel trained to render safe a nuclear device would be capable of responding quickly to a potential nuclear terrorist threat. In reality, however, the small number of personnel qualified for this mission, the high demand for those personnel in support of ongoing operations, the inherent uncertainty over where a nuclear terrorist threat might materialize, and the constraints imposed by geography all make the ideal response capability difficult to realize. **Despite these problems, a number of measures could be taken to enable qualified personnel to respond to a nuclear terrorist threat in relatively short order, for example training select allies and partners in render-safe procedures, prepositioning necessary equipment overseas at bases or operating sites centrally located to various known smuggling routes and/or terrorist sanctuaries, and forward-deploying a small, dedicated response team in Europe or Central Asia.**

**Responding To An Attack:** The aftermath of a terrorist attack would involve response efforts both at home and abroad. Response

efforts at home would primarily focus on consequence management — limiting the damage caused by an attack. Improving consequence management capabilities will require continued investment in a number of areas, for example training first responders, prepositioning stockpiles of medication to treat radiation sickness, ensuring that various federal as well as state agencies have clearly defined and well understood areas of responsibility in the event of an attack, developing public communication strategies that can quickly and effectively instruct citizens on how to respond to an attack, and improving capabilities for decontaminating large areas that have been exposed to radiation. **Although the government's immediate focus will be on mitigating the consequences of an attack, it will quickly shift its attention toward identifying those responsible and retaliating against the perpetrators.** As a first step, scientists would be tasked with analyzing the radioactive debris from a nuclear explosion in order to gain as much information as possible on the weapon and material used, in order to determine their origin — a field that has received increased attention and funding in recent years. **An effective nuclear attribution capability could also help to prevent an attack in the first place by ensuring that state sponsors would not be able to retain anonymity.** In fact, a number of analysts have advocated a strategy of deterring nuclear terrorism by threatening potential state sponsors with retaliation if they are identified as the source of a nuclear weapon or material used in an attack. **Nuclear attribution is an important capability that deserves the increased attention and funding it has received. The US Government should continue to invest in this area, and may even want to publicly exaggerate its capabilities to encourage the belief that state sponsors will not be able to remain anonymous.** At the same time, policymakers should also exercise caution when contemplating public declarations regarding who will be held responsible for an attack and what type of response will follow. **Ambiguous warnings that do not explicitly call for a military reprisal could be useful by reinforcing the notion that governments may be culpable for the actions of a terrorist group.** While declarations that overtly threaten a military reprisal will certainly capture a state's attention, these threats may not prove credible or particularly effective in the most important cases, and could even risk doing more harm than good. **Over the past several years, the prospect of a terrorist group armed with nuclear weapons has frequently been cited as a genuine and overriding threat to the security of the United States.** The Bush administration, for example, repeatedly argued that the nexus between terrorism and weapons of mass destruction (WMD), particularly nuclear weapons, represents one of the greatest dangers of the twenty-first century. Although the previous administration's efforts to prevent this threat from materializing were hardly immune from criticism, few argued that its underlying concerns were misplaced. **Critics were far more likely to argue that the administration devoted too little attention to this issue rather than too much, or that it focused its efforts in the wrong place by emphasizing the possibility of a rogue state transferring a nuclear weapon to a terrorist group as opposed to other, more plausible scenarios.** There is clearly widespread agreement that the possibility of a nuclear terrorist attack is and will likely remain one of the most significant threats facing the United States. Yet, a number of important questions remain open to debate: **How serious is the risk that a terrorist group could acquire or construct a functional nuclear device, and how might it attempt to do so? Which group poses the greatest threat in this regard, how has that threat changed over time, and is it currently growing or abating? What existing and prospective measures will prove most effective in preventing terrorists from obtaining a nuclear weapon, stopping them from delivering and detonating a weapon if prevention fails, and responding both at home and abroad in the event of an attack?** The purpose of this report is to examine these critical issues.

**An Emerging Consensus:** In September 2004, near the conclusion of an otherwise contentious political debate, President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry displayed a brief moment of agreement in response to perhaps the most important question of the evening. When asked to name the single greatest threat to the security of the United States, both candidates unequivocally cited the proliferation of nuclear weapons and material, and the possibility that either might fall into the hands of terrorists who would not hesitate to use them. **Four years later this consensus appears to remain firmly intact, as the recent presidential election saw both major party candidates identify the nuclear terrorist threat as one of their chief concerns.** While delivering a foreign policy speech on the subject of nuclear weapons in May 2008, Senator John McCain called on the United States and Russia to “redouble our common efforts to reduce the risk that nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons may fall into the hands of terrorists or unfriendly governments.” Emphasizing the danger of nuclear terrorism in particular, McCain declared, **“No problem we face poses a greater threat to us and the world than nuclear proliferation. In a time when followers of a hateful and remorseless ideology are willing to destroy themselves to destroy us, the threat of suicide bombers with the means to wreak incomprehensible devastation. There is widespread agreement that the possibility of a nuclear terrorist attack is and will likely remain one of the most significant threats facing the United States.** Several weeks later, Senator Barack Obama delivered a major speech on national security issues. Joined by former Senator Sam Nunn, a co-sponsor of legislation in 1991 to secure nuclear weapons and material in the former Soviet Union, Obama called the prospect of nuclear terrorism “the gravest threat we face.” He went on to observe that today's most pressing dangers now revolve around the existence of unsecured nuclear material, the risk of a breakdown in the nuclear nonproliferation regime and, most of all, the possibility of “a rogue state or nuclear scientist transferring the world's deadliest weapons to the world's most dangerous people: terrorists who won't think twice about killing themselves and hundreds of thousands in Tel Aviv or Moscow, in London or New York.” For example, while serving as Director of the Office of Homeland Security in 2002, former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge was asked by reporters what scenario worried him most. He responded with a single word: “nuclear.” Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton, respectively the Chair and Vice-Chair of the 9/11 Commission, have admitted to having “no greater fear than a terrorist who is inside the United States with nuclear weapons.” Upon reviewing al Qaeda's longstanding interest in and efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction in his memoir, former Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet ominously concluded, **“One mushroom cloud would change history. My deepest fear is that this is exactly what they intend.”** In a 2005 survey of eighty-five national security experts conducted under the direction of Senator Richard Lugar, **more than 60 percent of the respondents believed that the chance of a nuclear attack somewhere in the world over the following decade stood between 10 and 50 percent. More remarkably, nearly 80 percent of those surveyed believed that if a nuclear attack did occur within this timeframe, it would most likely be the act of a terrorist group rather than that of a government.** Finally, Sam Nunn recently warned that “The risk of a nuclear weapon being used today . . . is growing and not receding.”

**Nuclear Terrorism: Hazard Or Hype?:** It is hardly surprising that the threat of nuclear terrorism has preoccupied many individuals both inside and outside of government, especially over the past several years. **Thankfully, despite the apparent willingness of some terrorist groups to use WMD, the likelihood that a terrorist cell could somehow obtain a nuclear weapon from an existing stockpile or acquire the fissile material needed to build one and then successfully construct an improvised nuclear device (IND) remains far**

smaller than the probability of an attack using conventional explosives. As the former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Michael Hayden, recently commented, “We are fortunate that those with the clearest intent to acquire and use weapons of mass destruction are also the least capable of developing them.” Nevertheless, the prospect of a nuclear weapon being detonated in an American city understandably evokes tremendous fear. Moreover, by demonstrating that some terrorist groups will go to extraordinary lengths to inflict mass casualties against their enemies, the 9/11 attacks radically altered how low-probability, high-consequence threats would be perceived in the future. As terrorism analyst Brian Michael Jenkins has observed, those attacks “redefined plausibility.” In their aftermath, “scenarios previously considered far-fetched suddenly became operative presumptions.” Yet the possibility of a nuclear terrorist attack is not only small compared to the likelihood of a conventional attack, it is also the least likely form of WMD terrorism. If attacks using other so-called weapons of mass destruction are more plausible than a nuclear terrorist attack, why focus on the comparatively unlikely threat of nuclear terrorism? Quite simply, the potential consequences of a nuclear terrorist attack are so devastating as to outweigh the very low probability of such an event. Nuclear weapons remain unique in their ability to kill and injure large numbers of people, damage and destroy infrastructure, and contaminate wide areas with radiation, to say nothing of the psychological effects that a nuclear explosion would have on the targeted population as well as the broader international political repercussions of a nuclear attack after more than half a century of non-use. As the Congressionally appointed Gilmore Commission noted in its initial report on threats to the US homeland, “the only certain way for terrorists to achieve bona fide mass destruction would be to use a nuclear weapon.” Although other forms of WMD terrorism merit concern, only biological weapons pose a danger comparable to nuclear weapons.<sup>20</sup> Because they are living organisms and reproduce once inside a host, biological agents can be extraordinarily lethal, even in very small doses.<sup>21</sup> According to a report from the now defunct Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), while “nuclear weapons remain the most massively destructive weapons that can be built . . . biological weapons efficiently delivered under the right condition against unprotected populations would, pound-for-pound, exceed the killing power of nuclear weapons.” Nuclear terrorism thus remains the most serious, although not the most likely, form of WMD terrorism. Moreover, while the probability of an attack is relatively low, the threat itself is unfortunately not ephemeral. Presently, the greatest source of concern with regard to terrorist use of unconventional weapons in general and nuclear weapons in particular stems from al Qaeda and its affiliates. Not only have Osama bin Laden and his followers sought these weapons for years, but conventional wisdom holds that they would be unlikely to show restraint if they acquired them. Although states can be deterred, a religiously-motivated, transnational terrorist organization like al Qaeda is far less likely to be discouraged from using WMD — including nuclear weapons — by the prospect of overwhelming retaliation. With no “return address” or fixed assets to hold at risk, a determination to inflict mass casualties against its enemies, and a readiness to use suicide operations in order to achieve its goals, traditional notions of deterrence that guided US strategy successfully during the Cold War would seem to offer a much lower chance of success in this case. It is important to note, however, that the prospect of a nuclear terrorist attack was a growing concern before al Qaeda was identified as the central threat to US security, and it is likely to remain a danger even after al Qaeda is discredited and defeated. As Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, former Director of the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, has argued: It would be a mistake . . . to view nuclear terrorism strictly through the prism of the threat posed by al-Qaeda today . . . the sober reality is that the threat posed by nuclear terrorism is much broader than the aspiration of any single terrorist group. We live in a world of escalating levels of asymmetric vulnerabilities. Increasing numbers of disaffected groups are turning to violence to achieve their goals . . . The extremes of 20 years ago are no longer extreme, and we must guard against any conventional thinking that places limits on the art of the possible for terrorist action. It is precisely the potential to surprise, along with the asymmetric impact of weapons of mass destruction that makes them appealing to the desperate designs of terrorists. In short, because it is rooted in a number of trends — several of which are discussed below — that are likely to persist for some time, it appears that the danger of nuclear terrorism, while small, will nonetheless remain an enduring feature of the security environment.

**Structure Of The Report:** The 9/11 attacks immediately elevated the possibility of nuclear terrorism from a serious but secondary concern to a principal one. While the heightened anxiety over this threat may be due in large part to the jarring effect of those attacks, the threat itself is rooted in and influenced by the core strategic challenges that define the current security environment, specifically the nexus of violent Islamist extremism (and possibly other sources of religiously inspired or apocalyptic terrorism) and nuclear proliferation, or what the 2002 *National Security Strategy* referred to as “the crossroads of radicalism and technology.”<sup>30</sup> Certain terrorist groups — particularly al Qaeda and its various affiliates — have sought and appear willing to use weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons, in order to carry out catastrophic attacks against the United States, its allies, and possibly other nations. If more and more nations acquire the means to produce fissile material and especially if they develop nuclear weapons, the likelihood that a terrorist group like al Qaeda could fulfill its ambitions and obtain the means to carry out a catastrophic attack would increase markedly.

**The Proximate Threat: Al Qaeda’s Pursuit Of WMD:** Given the events of the past several years, it is hardly surprising that, at present, the threat of WMD terrorism in general and nuclear terrorism in particular comes primarily from Osama bin Laden and his followers, who have not only expressed a willingness to use WMD against their enemies, but who have also made repeated — although largely unsuccessful — efforts to acquire unconventional weapons. Al Qaeda’s pursuit of weapons of mass destruction has been well documented in recent years, as evidenced by a number of highly publicized incidents, including the purchase of a container believed to contain uranium (but which was in fact counterfeit) by a bin Laden representative in Sudan; bin Laden’s own reference to the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction as a “religious duty;” his success at prompting a well-known Saudi cleric to issue a fatwa (or religious opinion) sanctioning mass murder with WMD; the group’s claim to have purchased several so-called suitcase nuclear weapons from former Soviet scientists; intelligence reports over a period of several months in 2002 and 2003 indicating that al Qaeda was negotiating the purchase of three Russian nuclear weapons;<sup>59</sup> and a meeting that took place between bin Laden, Zawahiri, and two high ranking Pakistani nuclear scientists who “appear to have provided Al Qaeda a road map to building nuclear weapons.” Initially, the group’s interest in WMD appears to have been driven by the hope of deterring the United States from invading its sanctuary in Afghanistan by acquiring several nuclear weapons, smuggling them into the United States, and using them to retaliate in the event of an American attack. Over time this view changed, however, and the group began to consider



unconventional weapons as something that should be used in a first strike against its enemies. Bin Laden in particular was and perhaps remains focused primarily on acquiring nuclear weapons, which have apparently been the subject of his attention since at least 1992. Journalist Steve Coll describes how these weapons fit within bin Laden's worldview: **Since the late 1980s and certainly since 1991, bin Laden has seen the United States as the principal invader of the Muslim world because of its support for the Saudi Royal family, Israel and other Middle Eastern governments he labels apostate. In often tedious debates with comrades during the 1990s, he has argued that only by attacking distant America could al Qaeda hope to mortally wound the Middle East's frontline authoritarian governments.** His inspiration, repeatedly cited in his writings and interviews, is the American atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which he says shocked Japan's fading imperial government into a surrender it might not otherwise have contemplated. **Bin Laden has said several times that he is seeking to acquire and use nuclear weapons not only because it is God's will, but because he wants to do to American foreign policy what the United States did to Japanese imperial surrender policy. By contrast, bin Laden's deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, has displayed a greater interest in fabricating chemical and biological weapons, which he has previously described as both easier to develop than nuclear weapons and equally lethal. Zawahiri personally oversaw al Qaeda's efforts in this area, including the development of laboratories in Afghanistan that were used to conduct experiments with nerve gas and weaponize anthrax.** Before the loss of its sanctuary as a result of Operation Enduring Freedom, al Qaeda not only had a program underway to develop chemical and biological agents, it was also investigating the option of pursuing nuclear weapons, although it appears that its efforts were relatively primitive. Documents discovered in Afghanistan following the Coalition invasion provide a glimpse into these efforts. **According to David Albright, these documents did not suggest that al Qaeda had acquired any fissile material, and showed that the group had attained only a very limited ability to construct a weapon itself. At the same time, however, the documents also indicated that "al Qaeda was intensifying its long-term goal to acquire nuclear weapons and would have likely succeeded, if it had remained powerful in Afghanistan for several more years."**

**Al Qaeda Today: Intentions & Capabilities:** Since the US invasion of Afghanistan, al Qaeda has lost a key sanctuary and much of its original senior leadership. Does it still hope to acquire and use weapons of mass destruction? Is it capable of obtaining or building a nuclear weapon? The answer to the former question appears to be "yes": publicly available information gives little doubt that the group's intentions remain unchanged. According to the unclassified key judgments of a July 2007 National Intelligence Estimate, **"al-Qa'ida will continue to try to acquire and employ chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear material in attacks and would not hesitate to use them if it develops what it deems is sufficient capability."** Similarly, in March 2008 then-Director of National Intelligence J. Michael McConnell testified that while the US intelligence community still believed that an attack using conventional explosives was the most likely scenario, **"al-Qaida and other terrorist groups are attempting to acquire chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons and will continue to try to acquire and employ these weapons and material."** To cite one recent example of this continuing interest, in September 2006 Zarqawi's successor as the head of AQI, Abu Hamza al-Muhajir, released an audio recording soliciting help in developing unconventional weapons: **To people of distinguished skills and high levels of expertise of the sciences of chemistry, physics, management, electronics, media, and all other specializations that require depth of knowledge, and particularly the nuclear scientists and explosives engineers, we call on you to tell you that we are in need of you . . . . The battlefield will accommodate more room for independent and copycat terrorist operations."** Moreover, as significant elements of the core leadership have been hunted, captured, and killed, and as its control over global operations has waned as a result, the main source of danger appears to have shifted toward the independent and quasi-independent franchises as well as local extremists. **As a result of this shift, al Qaeda has paradoxically managed to become both more dangerous and less dangerous.** On the one hand, the declining influence of al Qaeda's central leadership has provided an opening for the various groups and individuals that comprise the broader movement to act more independently, take the initiative, and engage in more regular attacks. **In addition, al Qaeda arguably represents a more enduring threat today than it did before the 9/11 attacks and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Not only is an amorphous, decentralized movement less susceptible to disruption or decapitation than a top-heavy and rigidly hierarchical organization, but the evolution of al Qaeda into a source of inspiration and emulation suggests that the violent ideology it advocates will be perpetuated in some capacity for many years to come.** On the other hand, while the danger posed by various al Qaeda affiliates and homegrown extremists may have grown over the past several years, **the likelihood of a major attack against the US homeland and especially a catastrophic attack using WMD has in all probability declined.** This is because these groups and individuals are unlikely to possess the knowledge, skills, resources, or discipline necessary to plan and successfully carry out an operation of such magnitude. Put simply, **"Leaderless organizations can't mount spectacular operations which require years of planning and training."** Yet it would be premature to dismiss the possibility of such an attack in the future, as this trend already appears to be in the process of reversing itself. As Peter Bergen has recently argued, **"al-Qaeda continues to gather strength, both as a terrorist/insurgent organization . . . and as an ongoing model for violent Islamists around the globe."** The reason for its growing strength as an organization can be traced in large part to the support it retains in several parts of Pakistan and, most importantly, the sanctuary it has established in that country's Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) — a largely autonomous region that borders Afghanistan and is nominally under the control of Islamabad but is not fully integrated into Pakistan's government or society. As a result of this development, the primary terrorist threat appears to be shifting yet again, only this time it is moving away from the local extremists and back toward al Qaeda's core leadership, which, according to numerous accounts, is regaining its influence, reasserting and even expanding control over its far-flung network of allies and sympathizers, and reestablishing its ability to organize and execute major attacks. **According to the 2007 NIE cited above, al Qaeda "has protected or regenerated key elements of its Homeland attack capability, including: a safehaven in Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), operational lieutenants, and its top leadership."** In his March 2008 testimony, then-Director of National Intelligence McConnell reaffirmed these conclusions, noting that al Qaeda's sanctuary in the FATA "provides the organization many of the advantages it once derived from its base across the border in Afghanistan, albeit on a smaller and less secure scale." **As a direct consequence, the group "has been able to maintain a cadre of skilled lieutenants capable of directing the organization's operations around the globe."** Even more worrisome, however, is the fact that al Qaeda has apparently been able to reconstitute some of its research and development efforts involving unconventional weapons. **Of course, this does not mean that the group is on the verge of conducting an act of WMD terrorism, or that it is likely to acquire or construct a nuclear weapon in the near future. In fact, terrorists' knowledge of nuclear weapons and material appears to be quite rudimentary.** According to the

testimony of Charles Allen, then-Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis at the Department of **Homeland Security (DHS)**, documents available on the Internet indicate that terrorists do not have “a sophisticated or detailed understanding of nuclear principles and technologies,” although he qualified this assessment by noting that an actual nuclear capability “may not be advertised.” Perhaps most significantly, al Qaeda’s short-term prospects for developing WMD suffered a notable setback in July 2008, when Abu Khabab al-Masri — one of the group’s key lieutenants and the individual in charge of its reconstituted WMD program — was killed in a US airstrike. Nevertheless, what does seem increasingly clear is that al Qaeda not only retains the intent to conduct a catastrophic attack, but it is also in the processing of regaining capabilities that it had previously lost.

**Implications:** There are two key implications to be drawn from the discussion in this chapter. The first involves the supply side of the nuclear terrorist threat. Namely, limiting or preferably stopping any further proliferation of nuclear weapons material, the technology needed to produce this material, and especially nuclear weapons themselves, is an important goal, even if this only reduces the number of opportunities for terrorists to gain access to these items. As Thomas Schelling noted over twenty-five years ago, “there is at least one principle that I think is undeniable: the best way to keep [nuclear] weapons and weapons-material out of the hands of non-governmental entities is to keep them out of the hands of national governments.” More recently, Graham Allison has argued that halting the spread of enrichment and reprocessing technologies and preventing the emergence of additional nuclear-weapon states are key pillars of a broader strategy to prevent nuclear terrorism. Of course, both goals fall squarely into the category of “easier said than done.” Over the past several years the United States, several other nations, and even a private non-governmental organization have put forward proposals designed to guarantee the supply of nuclear fuel to nations with power reactors in the hope that this might alleviate their fear of supply disruptions and thus discourage them from developing indigenous fuel cycle capabilities. These proposals face a number of obstacles, however, and whether or not they can succeed remains an open question. **Precluding the further spread of nuclear weapons is even more pressing, and it may also be even more problematic.** At present, this goal hinges largely on Iran, which may or may not intend to develop these weapons. Yet stopping Iran from becoming a nuclear weapon state, while certainly desirable, may not be feasible through diplomacy and economic sanctions alone. **At the same time, a preventive military strike against Iran’s nuclear facilities could achieve little more than a temporary delay of its nuclear program due to the hardening of those facilities, the possibility of additional facilities in unknown locations, and Iran’s ability to stockpile and disperse key components and material in advance of an attack.** Regardless of how the United States and the rest of the international community address Iran’s nuclear aspirations in the coming months and years, ongoing debates over the value of diplomacy versus military force should not distract the United States from preparing for the worst over the long-term. As discussed above, one of the key dangers of an Iranian nuclear weapons program is the possibility that it could trigger further proliferation throughout the region, as states like Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, Algeria and perhaps others might seek to develop or otherwise acquire a nuclear capability to bolster their security. In a region as volatile as the Middle East, this outcome has the potential to be extremely destabilizing in a number of different ways. Perhaps most importantly, it would increase the probability of a terrorist group eventually obtaining either a nuclear weapon or the material needed to build one; all else being equal, the more states that possess these items, the more likely it is that they will fall into the wrong hands. **Thus, if Iran does build a nuclear arsenal, and especially if it becomes increasingly aggressive behind its newfound military strength, the United States may have to dissuade surrounding nations from developing nuclear weapons or a nuclear “hedge” of their own.** Although some analysts paint this task as a relatively simple one, it could become quite complicated. To provide just one example, the US Government might determine that the most effective (or the only) way to halt further proliferation in the region is by publicly committing to retaliate against Iran for an attack on its neighbors, if, in return, the latter promise not to pursue nuclear weapons. Yet this decision would raise a host of difficult questions: Which nations would receive this extended deterrence commitment and which ones would be excluded? Would the United States commit to retaliating with conventional or nuclear weapons? Would the commitment apply to irregular and conventional attacks as well as nuclear attacks? Retaliation for an attack below the nuclear threshold may not be desirable, but could a commitment to respond only to a nuclear attack actually encourage lower-level forms of aggression? If Iran were to conduct a significant irregular attack, could the United States even prove its culpability? How could deterrent commitments be made credible in these circumstances? Would the United States need to deploy a substantial number of troops to threatened countries to serve as a “tripwire” as it did in Europe and Asia during the Cold War? If so, how might this affect US efforts to prosecute the war on terrorism or improve its standing in the region? **Given the complexity of these issues, an ad hoc or poorly conceived response could do more harm than good. Clearly, developing a comprehensive plan to prevent further proliferation in the region if Iran does indeed become a nuclear-armed state should not be put off until it already has a weapon in hand.** The second major implication addresses the demand side of the threat. Specifically, a critical component of a broader strategy to prevent a nuclear terrorist attack will involve measures directed at weakening al Qaeda’s leaders and eliminating — or at the very least restricting — their sanctuary in the FATA. **Because obtaining or building a nuclear device and delivering it to a target would be a difficult and expensive operation it is highly likely that any credible plot will originate with al Qaeda’s central leadership, whether its operatives attempt to carry out such an attack on their own or instead finance, organize, and coordinate the efforts of one or more affiliates.** By themselves, al Qaeda’s various franchises and especially local extremists would likely find an attack of this scale beyond their abilities. In fact, the group’s franchises might not even be tasked to help with such a large and important operation, beyond providing limited logistical support. According to Bruce Hoffman, “high value, ‘spectacular’ attacks are entrusted only to al Qaeda’s professional cadre: the most dedicated, committed, and absolutely reliable elements of the movement.” Therefore, to the extent that its sanctuary in the FATA has allowed al Qaeda’s leadership to regain its strength and plan future operations, the probability that the group might be able to conduct a catastrophic attack at some point in the future has correspondingly increased. Unfortunately, efforts to diminish al Qaeda’s presence in Pakistan so far have met with only limited success. On the positive side, the United States has increased its use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to launch airstrikes, which have killed a number of prominent al Qaeda figures. Between 2002 and 2007, however, the United States provided nearly \$6 billion dollars of assistance to the Pakistani government to help it combat terrorist groups in the FATA. Yet during this period al Qaeda’s strength grew substantially. Moreover, within the US Government there has been a great deal of uncertainty and debate over a number of thorny issues, including: how much the United States can pressure Pakistan’s government to take action in the FATA without undermining its stability, provoking a backlash, or both; the extent to which the United States should rely on efforts to train,

advise, and equip indigenous forces such as Pakistan's paramilitary Frontier Corps, which can then combat local terrorist and insurgent groups largely on their own; whether increased emphasis should be placed on non-military solutions, in particular addressing the underlying political and socioeconomic ills that afflict this part of Pakistan; and whether or not to expand covert operations and the use of US Special Operations Forces (SOF) inside Pakistan to capture or eliminate key targets. While there are no easy answers to these dilemmas, developing a plan to eliminate or restrict al Qaeda's FATA sanctuary will be a crucial task for the new administration. In order to assess a threat, two critical elements must be considered: the potential consequences of that threat, and its likelihood. Although the consequences of a successful nuclear terrorist attack — the human toll in deaths and injuries, the direct economic costs stemming from damaged or destroyed infrastructure, and the psychological repercussions among the general population — may seem obvious, it is important to have a thorough understanding of these effects in order to truly appreciate the significance of the threat. Toward that end, this chapter provides a brief overview of one possible nuclear attack scenario, including the direct effects of the attack itself as well as the secondary effects that would likely materialize in the days, weeks, and months to follow. Because the effectiveness of nuclear weapons and the outcome of a nuclear exchange were frequently examined subjects during the Cold War, the direct effects of a detonation are fairly well understood. While the secondary effects are much more speculative and context dependent, the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks provides some indication of what might take place following a nuclear explosion, though the scale of such an attack would almost certainly be orders of magnitude greater than the attacks of September 2001.

**The Immediate Effects Of A Nuclear Detonation:** The precise effects of a nuclear terrorist attack would depend greatly on a number of variables, most importantly the yield of the weapon used, but also whether the attack took place in the heart of a major city or in a less densely populated area, whether the detonation took place during a busy workday when the population of most urban areas is highest, the extent to which buildings and other structures shield bystanders from blast and radiation effects, wind patterns that would influence the distribution of radioactive fallout, and several other factors. Nevertheless, a surface level nuclear explosion in a major urban area, even one with a relatively low yield, could result in tens or even hundreds of thousands of casualties, if not more. For example, in October 2001, only a few weeks after the 9/11 attacks, the US intelligence community received information from a foreign agent claiming that al Qaeda had acquired a 10-kiloton Russian nuclear weapon, which it was planning to smuggle into New York City. Thankfully, this report proved to be a false alarm; had it been accurate, the results could have been devastating. A nuclear explosion generates both immediate effects (principally thermal radiation, blast, and prompt ionizing radiation) and delayed effects (notably radioactive fallout), which together are responsible for most of the damage and casualties caused by nuclear weapons. At the moment of detonation, a 10-kiloton nuclear weapon would release a massive amount of thermal radiation, immediately producing temperatures in the tens of millions of degrees. This in turn would create a fireball of superheated gas and debris that would destroy everything for 200 meters in all directions. The intense light and heat radiating from the fireball would also ignite clothing as far away as 1,100 meters from the epicenter and cause second-degree burns to exposed skin out to 1,700 meters. In addition to the effects of thermal radiation, the explosion would generate an outwardly moving shockwave of overpressure (a sudden increase in air pressure) capable of crushing heavy objects, and extremely high velocity winds of several hundred miles per hour. This shockwave would impact objects within 500 meters of ground zero with a force equivalent to 15 pounds per square inch (psi), which could destroy steel reinforced concrete buildings; out to 1,000 meters, the blast-wave overpressure would measure at 5 psi, which is strong enough to destroy wood-frame buildings and homes. While thermal radiation and blast damage would cause much of the immediate destruction, the explosion would also release gamma rays and neutrons, delivering a prompt dose of ionizing radiation to bystanders over a wide area. Within 1,500 meters of the point of detonation, anyone who was not in some form of shelter when the detonation occurred would immediately receive a 500 rem<sup>97</sup> dose of radiation, which would prove lethal to half of those exposed within thirty days. Finally, a nuclear explosion would also lead to widespread and deadly contamination. While an air-burst (a nuclear detonation that occurs high enough above the surface that the fireball does not make contact with the ground) generates comparatively little radioactive debris, a surface-level explosion would cause a significant amount of material to be vaporized and carried up into the atmosphere, only to return to the ground and cover a large area in fallout. For a 10-kiloton explosion, an area of approximately 30 square kilometers would be covered with enough radioactive material that anyone who did not evacuate immediately or find adequate shelter would also receive a 500 rem dose of radiation within 48 hours. A recent assessment paints a less abstract, and far more chilling, portrait of a nuclear explosion of this magnitude in a major city: The downtown area, about one mile in radius, would be obliterated. Just outside the area leveled by blast, people wounded by flying debris, fires, and intense radiation would stand little chance of survival. Emergency workers would not get to them because of the intense radiation, and in any event, their burns and acute radiation exposure would require sophisticated and intensive medical care to offer any chance of survival. Further downwind from the detonation point, a plume of radioactive debris would spread. Its shape and size would depend on wind and rain conditions, but within one day, people within five to 10 square miles who did not find shelter or flee within hours would receive lethal radiation doses. One self-described "conservative" estimate suggests that if the October 2001 intelligence report had been correct and a 10-kiloton nuclear weapon had detonated at Grand Central Station in New York City during a typical workday, the explosion would have killed more than half a million people almost immediately, wounded several hundred thousand more, and inflicted significantly more than \$1 trillion in direct economic costs. Two government studies produced in 2003 and 2004 also examined the potential effects of a 10-kiloton nuclear detonation, this time in Washington, DC, and estimated the number of deaths at somewhere between 99,000 and 300,000, depending on factors such as the direction of wind and the success of evacuation efforts.

**Secondary Costs Of Consequences:** These figures are sobering, but they are hardly the only costs or consequences that would follow a nuclear terrorist attack. In the immediate aftermath of an attack, federal, state, and local emergency responders would very likely be overwhelmed by the demands placed upon them, which could include rescuing survivors from heavily damaged and contaminated areas, containing widespread fires that would break out as the result of thermal radiation igniting combustible material and blast damage to fuel sources such as gas lines and electrical circuits, and coordinating the evacuation of locations near the point of detonation. Meanwhile, any medical facilities spared by the explosion would be inundated with victims, and would have to be supported by military field hospitals. In the weeks and months to follow, economic costs would mount, as areas that were not destroyed by

the initial blast would have to be decontaminated. **Moreover, if ports and border entry points were closed for an extended period of time in an effort to prevent any additional weapons from entering the country, supply chains would be severely disrupted and the economic effects of the explosion would ripple throughout the nation and the globe.** This could in turn lead stock markets worldwide to plummet. In the wake of a nuclear explosion, both the government and the general public would also be preoccupied with the possibility that additional attacks might occur, much as they were in the aftermath of 9/11. Indeed, this fear might be quite justified; as Ashton Carter has argued, **“If one bomb goes off, there are likely to be more to follow.”** Given the difficulty of acquiring even a single intact nuclear weapon or the fissile material necessary to build one, this is not a foregone conclusion. What can almost certainly be expected, however, are multiple claims of responsibility and threats of future attacks. Unfortunately, even fictitious claims and false alarms can have significant, and extremely costly, effects. **While some threats might easily be dismissed as apocryphal, the grave consequences of ignoring these claims and being proven incorrect would require many and perhaps all of them to be investigated.** Doing so, however, would further tax government agencies already occupied with preventing subsequent attacks, determining who was responsible for the attack, and formulating a response both at home and abroad. Moreover, the heightened possibility of follow-on attacks also increases the likelihood that preemptive emergency measures such as evacuations would be taken in cities throughout the country, which would in turn require additional time, effort, and resources on the part of a severely overstretched government. To these concerns, one can also add the possible psychological, strategic, and political consequences of a nuclear explosion. **The very idea of a nuclear attack on American soil, along with the graphic images such an attack would produce, could lead to widespread panic and a tremendous loss of confidence in government, especially if response efforts were handled poorly.** The public reaction to an attack could also include emotional demands for retaliation that might be ill advised, given that a recurring goal for terrorists generally and al Qaeda and its affiliates in particular is to incite a reprisal, or even to spark a wider interstate war between their enemies. For example, one of the key goals bin Laden hoped to achieve with the 9/11 attacks was to provoke an American invasion of Afghanistan, which he calculated would be as protracted and draining for the United States as it had been for the Soviet Union two decades earlier. Another al Qaeda plot — one that was never carried out — envisioned recruiting pilots from the Saudi Royal Air Force to steal their own fighter jets and conduct a rogue attack against Israel, in the hope that this would instigate another Arab-Israeli war. **Should a nuclear terrorist attack ever occur, the perpetrators could have similar motives. Finally, there is also the possibility that a nuclear terrorist attack directed against the nation’s political leadership and institutions could paralyze the operation of government.** One of the most difficult problems encountered when assessing the threat of nuclear terrorism and determining how best to confront it is the inherent uncertainty that exists regarding the likelihood of a future attack. As discussed above, the consequences of a successful attack, although dependent on a number of factors, can be estimated with some level of confidence and would undoubtedly be profound. **Yet the probability of a nuclear terrorist attack actually taking place is impossible to predict.** While it is certainly much lower than almost any other form of attack, it is still greater than zero, but just how much greater is unknown. Moreover, even though the most likely culprits — the members of al Qaeda’s central leadership — can be identified in advance, and though it seems clear that they are gaining strength, this says nothing about how they or any other terrorist group might try to acquire (or fabricate) a nuclear weapon and what their prospects for success would be. Despite this considerable uncertainty, the remainder of this chapter attempts to provide a more detailed assessment of the threat in order to better understand how realistic it actually is. **If a terrorist group was determined to “go nuclear,” how might it attempt to do so and what obstacles would it face? Although it is possible to imagine any number of scenarios, some more plausible than others, there are four main alternatives that prospective nuclear terrorists might choose to pursue: manufacturing fissile material on their own for use in a nuclear weapon, finding a state sponsor that could provide a weapon or the material and expertise required to build one, stealing an intact nuclear weapon from a nation’s arsenal, and stealing or purchasing the necessary fissile material and then constructing an improvised nuclear device.** These pathways are described below from least to most likely. Some analysts have offered their predictions, however. For example, Graham Allison estimates that, **“on the current trend line, the chances of a nuclear terrorist attack in the next decade are greater than 50 percent.”** Allison, **“Apocalypse When?”** *The National Interest*, November/December 2007, p. 13. is only an assessment of relative probability — while some of these pathways may be more or less likely than others, this does not mean that any one pathway is either extremely likely or impossible.

**Background: Fissile Material & Nuclear Weapons:** Before discussing how terrorists might attempt to acquire nuclear weapons, it is necessary to provide a brief overview of (1) the primary fissile materials used to fuel these weapons, and (2) the basic principles behind first-generation weapons, which terrorists attempting to construct an improvised nuclear device would seek to replicated.

**Alternative 2: State Sponsorship:** A second possibility is that a terrorist group might seek out a state sponsor, in particular a rogue nation that already possessed nuclear weapons and might provide the group with this capability, presuming the two shared a common enemy. Indeed, this particular scenario has been cited frequently in recent years by policymakers and commentators, most notably during the months preceding Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, when Saddam Hussein’s presumed efforts to reconstitute Iraq’s nuclear weapons program and ties to various terrorist organizations were both central to the rationale for war. **Today, this scenario is once again receiving significant attention due to Iran’s ongoing nuclear program and its close and longstanding relationship with the terrorist group Hezbollah.** While the direct transfer of a nuclear weapon would certainly be the easiest route to the bomb from a terrorist’s perspective and is therefore a serious concern, several mutually reinforcing factors suggest that it is also highly unlikely. **First, nuclear weapons are obviously an extraordinarily valuable commodity which any state would be reluctant to part with. Not only do they bolster a nation’s military power and provide it with an enhanced deterrent, they also confer no small amount of prestige domestically and, in some corners, internationally.** Moreover, as noted above, developing an indigenous capability to safely produce reliable nuclear weapons requires an enormous investment of time, effort, and money. **The notion that a state — especially a relatively new nuclear weapon state with only a small arsenal — would willingly give away such an important asset is difficult to imagine, although not impossible.** Second, any state that deliberately provided a terrorist group with a nuclear weapon would run the risk of being discovered and suffering the consequences. In general, state sponsorship of terrorism occurs because it offers a relatively safe and inexpensive way to impose costs on an adversary: because terrorism generally causes less damage than conventional military attacks, and because sponsors can retain a degree of plausible deniability by claiming that terrorist groups operate independently, pressure can be

brought to bear on an adversary with a decreased risk of precipitating a full-scale war. In fact, sponsors are generally more conservative than their clients, who must often be restrained from taking overly aggressive actions that could provoke forceful and costly reprisals. **As a result, state sponsorship arguably makes it less likely that a terrorist group will use any type of WMD — if it were revealed (or even strongly suspected) that a state knowingly provided a terrorist group with a nuclear weapon, it would almost certainly suffer devastating retaliation.** Third, it is also unlikely that a regime would be confident enough in its relationship with a terrorist group to willingly entrust it with such a powerful weapon, even if that regime did not fear or did not expect retaliation. Because terrorist groups have interests that are often quite different from those of their sponsors, and because they also have been known to turn against their patrons, a sponsor could hardly be certain that the group would carry out an attack against the intended target rather than against another state or even the sponsoring regime itself. **Although the deliberate transfer of a nuclear weapon by a government may be unlikely, there are two other related possibilities that merit brief discussion.** First, a state might choose to assist a terrorist group in a more limited way, by providing the fissile material, weapon components, and/or scientific and engineering knowledge that would allow the group to construct a nuclear device on its own, in the belief that these actions would be more likely to go undetected than transferring an entire nuclear weapon. Second, members of government, military officers, or scientists in a nuclear weapon state who have access to these items could provide or sell them to a terrorist group without the direct sanction of the state's leadership, either out of ideological sympathy or simply for profit. **This possibility in particular has been the subject of considerable attention and concern in the wake of the AQ Kahn affair. On their face, both of these scenarios seem more plausible than the direct transfer of a weapon by a state's leadership.** At the same time, neither seems very likely, at least compared to the two other alternatives discussed below. For example, while the transfer of fissile material or weapon components might be more difficult to detect either before a weapon was used or even after an attack took place, the risk of detection and retaliation would still remain. **Any government that deliberately adopted this policy would therefore have to be extremely risk-acceptant. Moreover, that government would also have to be willing to share or part with extremely valuable commodities, and would still need to trust that its terrorist partner would ultimately use a weapon that it constructed in a way that conformed to the sponsor's interests.** In short, most of the constraints listed above would still apply, although perhaps not quite as strongly. Alternatively, the possibility that rogue elements within a state's government, military, or scientific establishment might transfer sensitive materials on their own is a more serious danger. **It is worth noting, however, that AQ Khan's sale of nuclear technology to other nations appears to have had at least the tacit consent of the Pakistani government. If this is true, it implies that the government could have stopped his activities earlier but chose not to, which in turn suggests that the danger of rogue actors within a state independently trafficking in nuclear weapons technology may not be as high as it has recently been portrayed.** While several factors suggest that the transfer of nuclear weapons, material, and/or expertise is unlikely, the proliferation of nuclear weapons and material to known state sponsors of terrorism is still a dangerous and destabilizing possibility. During the Cold War, for example, the relative strategic stability of mutually assured destruction — the knowledge that both the United States and the Soviet Union were capable of absorbing a nuclear first strike and retaliating in kind — was tempered by a dynamic referred to as the "stability instability paradox." **According to this perspective, a full-scale nuclear war would be so devastating for both sides that nuclear retaliation for anything short of a nuclear attack was not a credible proposition.** Therefore, the Soviet Union might be tempted to engage in lower-level forms of aggression — either a conventional war in Europe or proxy wars in the developing world — because it would not fear escalation to the nuclear level. **Despite major differences between the US-Soviet rivalry during the Cold War and today's strategic environment, the proliferation of nuclear weapons to states that sponsor terrorism could have the similar effect of encouraging aggression.** Specifically, rather than arm a terrorist group with a nuclear weapon, possession of these weapons might encourage a state to provide increased military and logistical support to terrorist or insurgent groups engaging in more traditional methods of attack such as bombings, raids, and assassinations, confident that its nuclear deterrent will prevent any significant retaliation by the targets of these attacks (an assumption that would clearly fail to apply if that support included providing a nuclear weapon or the material necessary to make one). Pakistan, for example, was encouraged by its own nuclear capability to begin arming insurgents in the disputed province of Kashmir as part of an effort to draw its Indian adversary into a costly irregular conflict. **The Pakistani government was willing to pursue this strategy in part because it calculated that India would refrain from engaging in a large-scale reprisal for fear that the conflict might escalate out of control.**

**Alternative 3: Stealing A Weapon:** If terrorists cannot manufacture their own fissile material or find a state that is both willing and able to provide them with an intact nuclear weapon, could they steal one instead? The fear of stolen nuclear weapons is not new. As the Cold War came to an end concerns emerged regarding the safety of the Soviet nuclear arsenal, which had been dispersed across the republics of the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact nations of Central and Eastern Europe. **Of particular concern were the tens of thousands of tactical nuclear weapons (including artillery shells, mines, gravity bombs, and warheads for air defense systems as well as ballistic and cruise missiles with ranges of less than 500 kilometers), many of which were forward-deployed outside of Russia's borders.** These fears were magnified in 1997, when former Russian National Security Adviser Alexander Lebed claimed that the Russian military could not account for over one hundred so-called "suitcase" nuclear weapons, although the existence of these weapons, let alone their status, has never been definitively confirmed. Today, the possibility of a nuclear weapon being stolen and falling into the hands of terrorists remains a serious concern. As the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) noted, "The prospect that a nuclear-capable state may lose control of some of its weapons to terrorists is one of the greatest dangers the United States and its allies face." Although the total number of nuclear weapons in the world has decreased by more than half since reaching a Cold War peak of approximately 65,000 warheads,<sup>137</sup> there are still more than 10,000 operational nuclear warheads in the inventories of the nine nuclear-weapon states, with another 15,000 warheads either held in reserve or scheduled to be dismantled by the United States and Russia. **Despite this large number of weapons, acquiring and then using one would hardly be an easy task. Not surprisingly, most nuclear weapons are heavily guarded. To steal one, a terrorist group would almost certainly require help from one or more individuals working at a weapons storage site or transfer point in order to quickly locate a weapon, bypass or disable alarm systems or other passive security measures, and avoid on-site security personnel. Absent this support, stealing a weapon would be all but impossible. As one report argues, "A terrorist organization planning to seize a nuclear weapon without insider assistance would need to invest in training and arming a force able to defeat all security measures protecting the weapons, including the intervention of guard and response teams. The task would be so daunting in most settings, unless security at the facility is**



sufficiently lax, as to appear more the stuff of fiction than a practicable approach for a terrorist organization.” Even if terrorists did manage to acquire a weapon, actually using it would pose a number of significant challenges. For example, most and in some cases all operational nuclear weapons held by the United States, Britain, France, and Russia are believed to be equipped with security measures called permissive action links (PALs), which would make it very difficult for unauthorized users to activate and detonate them. **PALs were first employed on some US nuclear weapons in the early 1960s, and consisted of relatively simple, five-digit locks on warhead containers. Modern PALs are integrated directly into the warheads themselves, require the input of dual six- or twelve-digit numeric codes (the “two man” rule), and may also include “limited try” features that disable the weapon if the incorrect code is entered too many times, sensors that can detect unauthorized entry attempts into the weapon or the PAL system and then render the entire device inoperable, and command codes that can be used to disable a weapon if its security is in jeopardy.** Modern weapons may also be equipped with environment sensing devices (ESDs) that prevent them from being armed until specific environmental conditions matching their intended delivery method — for example, changes in altitude or acceleration — are detected. **It might be possible for a terrorist group to overcome these security measures given enough time, especially if it obtained the assistance of experts, or if a weapon was equipped with older, less complex PALs. Nevertheless, if a weapon was stolen and a massive recovery effort was launched, the time needed to overcome any built-in security measures would increase the probability that the terrorist group would be discovered before it could transport the weapon to its intended target and detonate it.** Alternatively, a group could attempt to remove the fissile material from a stolen weapon and then use that material to construct its own improved nuclear device, a possibility that is discussed in greater detail below. Doing so would, however, risk setting off the weapon’s conventional explosives. Moreover, modern nuclear weapons may not have enough fissile material in their core to fuel a crude IND. These factors suggest that the possibility of terrorists stealing and then using an intact nuclear weapon, although real, is relatively small. **Nevertheless, fears of “loose” nuclear weapons persist, especially with regard to Russia and Pakistan. Russia, for example, remains a source of concern for a number of reasons. While efforts to help the Russian government reduce, consolidate, and secure its nuclear arsenal have been underway for more than a decade, the sheer size of that arsenal, incomplete accounting of Russian’s weapon stockpiles, and limited or problematic safety measures at its nuclear facilities have contributed to lingering questions over Moscow’s ability to safeguard its weapons, even with US assistance.** In addition, Russian nuclear weapons have a much shorter shelf life than US weapons, and must be remanufactured every eight to twelve years. This requires them to be transported, during which time they are more vulnerable to potential attackers. Finally, older Russian tactical nuclear weapons — some of which may still be deployed — are not believed to incorporate PALs or other modern safeguards. **These weapons remain a significant source of concern; as Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has recently remarked, “I have fairly high confidence that no strategic or modern tactical nuclear weapons have leaked [from Russia]. What worries me are the tens of thousands of old nuclear mines, nuclear artillery shells and so on, because the reality is the Russians themselves probably don’t have any idea how many of those they have or, potentially, where they are.”** While concerns over the status of Russia’s nuclear weapons date to the end of the Cold War, the security of Pakistan’s weapons quickly became a pressing issue for the United States Government in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks and the subsequent revelation of bin Laden’s meeting with two Pakistani nuclear scientists. Both of these events led the United States to pressure then-President Pervez Musharraf to address potential vulnerabilities in his nation’s nuclear arsenal. **Since that time, ongoing political instability and popular unrest, the details of AQ Kahn’s proliferation network, multiple failed assassination attempts on Musharraf and the murder of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, and lingering suspicions that members of the Pakistani Army and the Inter-Services Intelligence continue to sympathize with and perhaps even support violent Islamist groups have intensified fears that Pakistan’s nuclear weapons may not be safe.** The most worrisome developments, however, have been the growing influence of al Qaeda in Pakistan, its alliance with a resurgent Taliban and their joint efforts to destabilize the country, which have raised fears that the state could collapse. Not surprisingly, **Pakistani officials have repeatedly sought to reassure outsiders that its command-and-control arrangements prevent its weapons from being used without proper authorization, and that the security of its nuclear facilities is sufficiently robust. Nevertheless, the possibility of a terrorist group stealing a nuclear weapon with or perhaps even without insider assistance appears particularly acute in Pakistan given its continuing instability.** Several factors do suggest that Pakistan’s nuclear weapons remain secure, although the onset of a massive civil disturbance or full-scale internal conflict could obviously render the effectiveness of any security measures questionable. In recent years, the Pakistani government appears to have undertaken a number of important steps, including the implementation of a more rigorous personal reliability program — one targeted at rooting out religious extremists — for members of its nuclear program and the development of its own PALs, which were apparently absent from its nuclear weapons several years ago. **The United States has assisted in some of these efforts, spending nearly \$100 million to train and equip Pakistani security personnel and bolster physical security at nuclear facilities.** Perhaps most important, however, is that Pakistan reportedly keeps the fissile cores of its weapons separate from their non-nuclear detonators, which would make it extremely difficult for terrorists to steal an entire nuclear weapon. Ultimately, even in the wake of Benazir Bhutto’s assassination and the upheaval that followed, the US intelligence community concluded that **“the ongoing political uncertainty in Pakistan has not seriously threatened the military’s control of the nuclear arsenal, but vulnerabilities exist . . . we judge that the Army’s management of nuclear policy issues — to include physical security — has not been degraded by Pakistan’s political crisis.”**

**Alternative 4: Building An Improvised Nuclear Device:** Of the various pathways by which terrorists might attempt to acquire a nuclear weapon, including those discussed above, perhaps none has been the subject of as much attention and concern in recent years as the possibility of a group constructing its own improvised nuclear device, either entirely on its own or with the assistance of any experts who could be persuaded, bribed, or coerced to provide technical assistance. In fact, analysts have increasingly come to view this scenario not only as a plausible threat but also as the most feasible route for terrorists seeking nuclear weapons, for two main reasons: the large stockpiles of fissile material that can be found throughout the world in military as well as civilian facilities, some of which are inadequately monitored and protected; and the relative ease of building a crude nuclear device once a sufficient amount of this material has been obtained. As the report issued by the Baker-Cutler Task Force described the threat, **“In a worst-case scenario, a nuclear engineer graduate with a grapefruit-sized lump of HEU or an orange-sized lump of plutonium, together with material otherwise readily available in commercial markets, could fashion a nuclear device that would fit in a van like the one . . . parked in the World Trade Center in 1993.**

**Acquiring Fissile Material:** How much HEU or plutonium would a terrorist group have to accumulate if it was attempting to construct its own fission weapon, and where might it obtain this material? The amount needed would depend on several factors, including the isotopic composition of the HEU or plutonium, the presence or absence of weapon components such as a neutron reflector that could significantly reduce the quantity of fissile material that would be required, and most importantly the design of the weapon itself. As described above, a gun-type device assembles a supercritical mass relatively slowly, and therefore cannot use plutonium as its fuel; it requires HEU, which has a larger critical mass. Moreover, because it compresses the fissile material in its core, an implosion device using HEU would require significantly less material than a gun-type weapon. Based on these boundary conditions, as well as the likely technical sophistication of a terrorist group (or lack thereof), most estimates suggest that a crude, gun-type IND would require somewhere between 50 and 100 kilograms of weapon-grade HEU, while an implosion device would require on the order of 25 kilograms or less of weapon-grade HEU, or between five and eight kilograms of weapon-grade plutonium. These estimates could vary significantly, however, due to several factors. For example, if a terrorist group attempted to build a gun-type weapon and was somehow able to fashion a neutron reflector from beryllium, then the amount of material required could be reduced considerably, perhaps by as much as 50 percent. If, on the other hand, terrorists acquired HEU enriched to substantially less than 90 percent U-235, or reactor-grade plutonium that contained significantly less than 90 percent Pu-239, then the amount of material needed would increase, particularly in the case of HEU. Finally, in most cases the amount of fissile material that would have to be acquired would exceed the amount needed to build a weapon, perhaps by a significant margin, because processing the fuel into a pure metallic form and then casting and machining the HEU or plutonium into the appropriate shape (or shapes) would likely result in the loss of some material. Where could a terrorist group potentially gain access to a sufficient amount of fissile material? There are several areas of concern. One is the possibility that terrorists could make a black market purchase of material that had previously been stolen or diverted, perhaps from Russia's large stockpiles during the tumult of the 1990s. According to George Tenet, in 2002 President Bush asked Russian President Vladimir Putin whether all Russian nuclear material was accounted for. Putin responded that he could only account for this material during his tenure, implying that some material may have gone missing during Boris Yeltsin's presidency. In 2004, the US National Intelligence Council concluded that "undetected smuggling has occurred [in Russia], and we are concerned about the amount of material that could have been diverted or stolen in the last 13 years." The black market is, however, opaque by nature. The IAEA's Illicit Trafficking Database does contain 1,340 confirmed incidents "involving unauthorized acquisition (e.g., by theft), provision, possession, use, transfer, or disposal" of nuclear explosive and radioactive materials between 1993 and 2007, including 303 incidents of "unauthorized possession and related criminal activity," such as attempts to illicitly buy or sell these materials. Only eighteen of these incidents involved either HEU or plutonium, however, and in most cases the total quantity of material amounted to only a few dozen grams; none of the reported incidents involved more than three kilograms of HEU or plutonium. Although this is far less than what is required to build a nuclear weapon, the database is limited by the fact that it primarily includes incidents that were reported by nations that voluntarily participate in the program. There is also the possibility that the small amounts of material discovered were merely samples. Finally, the database can obviously include only those instances in which traffickers were actually caught by the authorities. Whether other, more successful transactions involving larger quantities of fissile material have occurred is unknown. Irrespective of what may or may not have found its way onto the black market in the past, there are still some 1,900 metric tons of HEU and separated plutonium in the world's fissile material stockpiles according to the most recent estimates. These materials can be found in different forms, but a terrorist group hoping to construct a nuclear weapon would certainly prefer to acquire HEU or plutonium in its metallic form, which could be used to fuel a weapon without additional chemical processing. Metallic fissile material would most likely be located in the weapons production, assembly, or disassembly facilities of a nuclear-weapon state, or at a reprocessing plant that produced weapon-grade plutonium for military use. Although ideal for terrorists, this material is also likely to be the most securely guarded and difficult to obtain; doing so would necessitate either significant insider assistance, a large and well-armed group to overwhelm a facility's on-site and backup security forces, or both. Of course, this does not mean that these facilities are completely secure. For example, the US Departments of Energy and Defense have worked for more than a decade to improve security at facilities in Russia and other former Soviet republics. There have even been concerns regarding the potential vulnerability of US nuclear facilities and the adequacy of their security measures. These concerns, along with costs associated with maintaining a high level of security at multiple facilities, have prompted the removal of fissile material from some of the national weapons laboratories and their subsequent consolidation at a smaller number of sites. Given the difficulties of acquiring metallic fissile material directly, a terrorist group could pursue other options. For example, separated plutonium might be found at civilian reprocessing facilities or mixed oxide (MOX) fuel fabrication plants, but this material would likely be in the form of an oxide powder. If a terrorist group managed to steal plutonium from either facility, or during transport from the former to the latter, there is a strong possibility that it would attempt to reduce the plutonium to its metallic form and alloy it with another metal to make it easier to work with; although plutonium oxide could be used directly in an implosion device, this would increase both the amount of material that was required and the probability that the weapon would fizzle, or achieve a lower than expected yield when detonated. producing a weapon, though the ability to do so "could certainly be within the reach of a dedicated technical team." In theory, terrorists could also pursue an even more difficult route — stealing spent power reactor fuel or fresh (unirradiated) MOX fuel, both of which would need to have their plutonium chemically extracted. While separating the plutonium could be done with appropriate equipment, neither scenario poses much of a danger. Nuclear fuel assemblies are not only quite large, they are also extremely radioactive — emitting enough radiation to give thieves a lethal dose almost immediately — and are therefore considered "self-protecting" for decades after they are removed from a reactor. Moreover, because plutonium comprises only 1 percent of spent nuclear fuel, approximately one metric ton would be needed to obtain a sufficient amount of plutonium for a weapon. In addition, while MOX fuel is not very radioactive, it also contains only a small portion of plutonium, and between 150 and 250 kilograms would therefore be required to obtain enough plutonium for a weapon. While the aforementioned routes to acquiring fissile material all present significant difficulties for terrorists, one of the greatest sources of concern at present involves civilian research reactors, many of which use HEU containing 90–93 percent U-235 as their fuel. According to recent estimates, there are approximately 140 such reactors operating in forty countries, which between them have more than 50 metric tons of HEU. A number of these facilities do not have enough HEU on site to build a weapon, meaning that terrorists might have to target multiple locations to obtain

enough material. Nevertheless, there are 128 facilities with at least 20 kilograms of HEU, which could be enough to construct an implosion device (although more than 20 kilograms would be required for a gun-type device). Despite the limited and dispersed quantities of HEU in civilian facilities, the danger posed by research reactors stems largely from the small size of their fuel elements in comparison to the large fuel rods and assemblies found in power reactors, and, most importantly, their weak security and high vulnerability in comparison to military facilities. For example, the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) recently assisted in the transport of 341 pounds of irradiated HEU — in theory enough material for six nuclear weapons — from a research reactor in Budapest, Hungary, to a storage facility in Russia. When asked about the security at the research reactor site, an NNSA official noted, "they had a fence and a guard." If a terrorist group did manage to steal enough research reactor fuel to build a weapon, they would have to take the step of processing the fuel elements to separate the uranium from the aluminum that it is often alloyed with and then reduce it to a metallic form, but this would not be a particularly difficult task. As one assessment notes, "the chemical processing required is less sophisticated than some of the processing criminals routinely do in the illegal drug industry."

**Constructing A Weapon:** Presuming that terrorists did manage to acquire enough fissile material to fuel a weapon and were able to process it into metal and then cast and machine it into the appropriate size and shape, could they construct a functional IND? Unfortunately, there is widespread agreement that acquiring the fissile material is in fact more difficult than building a device, especially in the case of a gun-type weapon. Consequently, most assessments of this question conclude that a determined and well-funded terrorist group could, in a relatively short period of time and even without the assistance of scientists or engineers, build a crude nuclear weapon that would have a significant chance of producing a yield somewhere between one and possibly as many as 20 kilotons. Several factors suggest that the knowledge, skills, and technology required to build an improvised nuclear device are not necessarily beyond the reach of a well-funded terrorist group. For example, while blueprints for nuclear weapons are highly classified, and producing detailed specifications for a weapon would take no small amount of time and effort, the basic principles of nuclear weapons — particularly first generation gun-type and implosion designs — are no secret, and the equipment needed to produce them is over half a century old. According to one government assessment, "Although successfully designing a nuclear explosive device requires individuals with expertise in metallurgy, chemistry, physics, electronics, and explosives, the required technology dates back to the 1940s, and the basic concepts of nuclear bombs have been widely known for some time. Much of the relevant physics for a workable design is available in published sources." Moreover, as the State Department's most recent report on terrorism also notes, this information continues to be disseminated widely through the Internet and is only becoming more accessible, increasing the prospects that a terrorist group could successfully build an IND. In addition, despite having fewer resources than a state, a terrorist group seeking to construct a nuclear weapon would have a much more modest goal. Whereas a state would be interested in developing an arsenal of safe, reliable devices that were small and sturdy enough to be delivered by a plane or missile, a terrorist group would likely be willing to settle for something far easier to produce — a crude, inefficient weapon that would only need to fit into a cargo container or a small truck, and which might not achieve its intended yield but would nonetheless cause significant damage and tremendous fear, even if it failed to detonate as expected. For these reasons, a report by the Office of Technology Assessment concluded more than three decades ago that if a sufficient amount of fissile material was acquired, a small group of people, none of whom have ever had access to the classified literature, could possibly design and build a crude nuclear device. They would not necessarily require a great deal of technological equipment or have to undertake any experiments. Only modest machine-shop facilities that could be contracted for without arousing suspicion would be required . . . The group would have to include, at a minimum, a person capable of searching and understanding the technical literature in several fields and a jack-of-alltrades technician . . . The small non-national group described above would probably not be able to develop an accurate prediction of the yield of their device . . . However, there is a clear possibility that a clever and competent group could design and construct a device which would produce a significant nuclear yield. The difficulty of producing a nuclear weapon would, however, depend on the type of device that a terrorist group was attempting to construct. For example, if terrorists acquired either plutonium or an insufficient amount of HEU to fuel the simpler gun-type weapon, they would be forced to construct a more technically complex implosion device. In that case, designing and constructing a firing system capable of generating a uniform shockwave that will compress the fissile core without flattening it, testing the firing system with non-nuclear materials to determine whether or not it will achieve the necessary amount of compression and function effectively, acquiring the large amounts of chemical explosives that would be needed to conduct those tests, and developing a neutron initiator that could start the chain reaction at the appropriate moment would all pose significant challenges. The difficulties associated with building an implosion device would be even greater if a terrorist group acquired reactor-grade plutonium for a weapon. Not only would the higher neutron emission rate from plutonium isotopes other than Pu-239 make building the weapon more complex, but the increased heat and radioactivity would also make handling the material more difficult and could adversely affect the weapon's non-nuclear components. These challenges would not, however, be insurmountable for a determined and well-funded terrorist group, especially one that counted scientists and/or engineers among its members or was able to recruit outside support. According to one analysis, "An implosion-type bomb does not . . . require as extreme a level of sophistication as is sometimes imagined. Today, with the knowledge that it can be done and substantial unclassified literature on the underlying physics, materials properties, and explosives the challenge, though still significant, would be less than during the Manhattan Project." By comparison, if terrorists acquired an adequate amount of HEU to build a gun-type weapon, their task would be considerably easier; as Charles Ferguson, William Potter, and their coauthors note, "Because of the inherent simplicity of a gun-type device, designing and constructing it would be relatively straightforward." In fact, this design was not even tested before being used for the first time over Hiroshima in 1945, due in large part to the confidence its designers had that it would function properly. According to one recent estimate, a gun-type device could potentially be built in as little as two months, while an implosion device would take closer to a year to complete. Another, more detailed analysis concludes that constructing a gun-type device would take approximately one year, cost roughly two million dollars (not including the cost of acquiring HEU on the black market), and would produce a weapon that could fit inside a van or a small truck. The relative ease of building this type of device is a particular concern given the types of individuals that al Qaeda has managed to recruit in the past. According to Peter Bergen, "The terrorists who have succeeded in carrying out spectacular attacks against Western targets in the past have been college-educated, technically proficient men who are capable

of manufacturing and deploying chemical, radiological, and biological weapons. At some point they could also assemble a crude ‘gun-type’ nuclear. However, because of its high rate of spontaneous fission, an implosion weapon built with reactor-grade plutonium might not require a neutron generator, which would simplify building the device. Potter and device and detonate it in a European city.” In short, “Al Qaeda attracts the kind of highly educated men who one day might be able to pull off such an attack.”

**Summary:** The possibility that a terrorist group such as al Qaeda could one day obtain a nuclear weapon is real, and the extraordinary consequences of a nuclear terrorist attack — even one using a crude and inefficient improvised nuclear device — dictate that preventing this threat from ever materializing should be a priority for the United States Government. At the same time, it is important not to exaggerate the likelihood of an attack; any terrorist group that chose to pursue the nuclear option would confront a host of obstacles, regardless of which path it followed. For all intents and purposes, the prospect of terrorists manufacturing their own fissile material for use in a weapon can be discounted; this task has proven too difficult for a number of states, and the knowledge, resources, and infrastructure it would require far exceed what a terrorist group could accumulate, let alone in secret. The possibility of a terrorist group receiving a nuclear weapon from a state sponsor, while certainly greater than the possibility of a group creating its own HEU or plutonium, is also quite small. **Of course, there is always a chance that an irrational, malevolent, or extremely risk-acceptant government could provide a nuclear weapon to a terrorist client if it sought to attack the United States indirectly or had no other means of delivery. While this scenario cannot be ignored, neither should it be a focus of US efforts to prevent nuclear terrorism, especially if addressing this one comparatively remote possibility comes at the expense of addressing more plausible alternatives.** The prospect of a rogue element within a state’s military or its scientific community providing a nuclear weapon, fissile material, and/or expertise to a terrorist group is more conceivable. **A somewhat more likely scenario involves stealing an intact nuclear weapon — perhaps with insider assistance — from a state like Russia or Pakistan.** While the former has a large arsenal, parts of which may not be sufficiently well protected or accounted for and thus vulnerable to theft, the latter has a small and closely guarded arsenal, but one that could quickly become vulnerable if the country experiences widespread civil conflict or state failure. **Even in these cases, however, the presence of various safety measures on most weapons suggests that the prospect of a terrorist group acquiring an intact weapon that it could actually use is fairly low.** Finally, the most significant threat centers on the possibility of a group purchasing fissile material on the black market or stealing it from a military or civilian facility and then using it to construct an IND. Here, the principal challenge for terrorists is that while a gun-type weapon would be relatively easy to build, it requires a significant amount of HEU, perhaps more than could be stolen from a single research reactor — the most vulnerable potential target. At the same time, less HEU and a very small amount of plutonium would be needed to fuel an implosion weapon, but building this device would prove extremely difficult. **Nevertheless, the existence of inadequately secured fissile material, the possibility that terrorists could indeed build an implosion weapon, and the widespread consensus that building a gun-type device would not be an insurmountable challenge for a determined and well-funded terrorist group if it acquired enough HEU all make this threat particularly salient.** There is no uniform solution to the danger of nuclear terrorism. Rather, any strategy that attempts to address this threat should include a number of different elements, such as efforts to improve the security of existing nuclear weapons and material; diplomatic, economic, and perhaps even military policies directed at halting or at least limiting the further proliferation of nuclear weapons, fissile material, and the technology and infrastructure needed to produce the latter; **a counterterrorism campaign to weaken terrorist groups and disrupt their plans; the continued deployment of radiation sensors at domestic and international ports and border crossings to detect a smuggled weapon or nuclear-explosive material; intelligence-sharing measures such as the Proliferation Security Initiative; and many others.** At the most basic level, however, a comprehensive strategy should be structured around three core objectives:

- 1) Preventing terrorists from acquiring nuclear weapons or fissile material
- 2) Stopping terrorists from delivering a nuclear weapon to their intended target should prevention fail
- 3) Being prepared to respond as quickly and effectively as possible, both at home and abroad, in the event that terrorists succeed in detonating one or more nuclear weapons.

Attempting to develop a comprehensive strategy that encompasses all three objectives is a formidable task, one that goes beyond the scope of this report. **Nevertheless, the remainder of this chapter examines each of these objectives in greater detail and suggests options for achieving them. The primary focus, however, is on ensuring that terrorists do not obtain nuclear weapons or material, preferably by taking steps that will discourage them from pursuing these items in the first place.**

**Keeping Terrorists From The Bomb:** The first and most important way to prevent a nuclear terrorist attack is to make certain that terrorists do not acquire an intact weapon or a sufficient amount of fissile material to build one on their own. Once either of these steps has been achieved, thwarting an attack by a determined terrorist group will ultimately depend on locating any missing fissile material before a weapon can be assembled or intercepting a device before it can be delivered to the target and detonated, both of which are extremely challenging tasks that cannot be relied upon as a primary line of defense. **Achieving this objective requires adopting a multi-dimensional approach that significantly decreases the prospect that terrorists will succeed at each major stage in their plot — obtaining a nuclear weapon, transporting the weapon to their target, and enjoying the benefits they anticipate will result from a nuclear attack.** Not only will such an approach increase the likelihood that prospective nuclear terrorists will fail in their efforts (or decrease the possibility that they can succeed at an acceptable or feasible cost), it could also dissuade terrorists from seriously pursuing the nuclear option at all.

**Deterrence Versus Dissuasion:** It has become a widely accepted proposition that terrorist groups like al Qaeda cannot be deterred from conducting an attack — including an attack using nuclear weapons if they manage to acquire them — because their willingness to die for their cause, along with the relative anonymity that comes from having no clear “return address” that can be targeted in response to an attack, makes them immune to the prospect of retaliation. This view was expressed in the 2002 *National Security Strategy*, which noted, “Traditional concepts of deterrence will not work against a terrorist enemy whose avowed tactics are wanton destruction and the targeting of innocents; whose so-called soldiers seek martyrdom in death and whose most potent protection is

statelessness.” The implication often drawn from this assessment is that only proactive, offensive measures stand any real chance of preventing future terrorist attacks. **For example, while the 2006 *National Security Strategy* presented a more qualified criticism of deterrence than its precursor, it still maintained that the United States “can no longer simply rely on deterrence to keep the terrorists at bay or defensive measures to thwart them at the last moment. The fight must be taken to the enemy, to keep them on the run.”** Not surprisingly, efforts to capture and kill key terrorist operatives have arguably been the focus of the US Government’s efforts against al Qaeda and other violent groups since 9/11. Yet this approach has its limitations as well, which have been demonstrated over the past several years. As noted in Chapter 1, despite the relentless pressure that has succeeded in killing and capturing a number of mid- and upperlevel al Qaeda operatives, the group has proven quite adept at regenerating precisely these elements of its organizational structure. **Therefore, while measures to weaken al Qaeda will undoubtedly play a crucial role in averting future mass casualty attacks by removing key operatives and applying the continuous pressure that inhibits terrorists’ ability to plan, organize, and conduct large scale operations, these efforts may not be sufficient to prevent or disrupt a nuclear terrorist plot.** Yet offensive measures, while important, are not the only alternative (or complement) to traditional methods of deterrence. Despite the problems associated with deterring terrorists, it may be possible to dissuade them from devoting substantial time, effort, and resources toward obtaining nuclear weapons in the first place. **In other words, if steps can be taken to convince terrorists that they cannot purchase or steal nuclear weapons or material (or that the costs of doing so are too high and the difficulties are too great), that even if they do obtain these items it will be extremely difficult to smuggle them into the United States and deliver them to their target without being discovered, and that a successful attack will ultimately prove counterproductive to their underlying objectives, then they may choose to abandon their nuclear aspirations and turn their attention elsewhere.** The importance of dissuasion has already been recognized in a number of key strategic documents over the past several years. For example, the 2006 *National Security Strategy* notes that the United States will endeavor to “convince our adversaries that they cannot achieve their goals with WMD, and thus deter and dissuade them from attempting to use or even acquire these weapons in the first place.” **Can terrorist groups like al Qaeda be dissuaded from pursuing nuclear weapons? While it is impossible to say for certain, it appears to be a distinct possibility. Although al Qaeda undoubtedly would like to possess these weapons, it would be a mistake to assume that the group and its members will devote significant and scarce human and material resources to acquiring them if the prospects for doing so are extremely low, if the chances they can transport them undetected to their intended target are extremely small, or if they calculate that a nuclear attack may not in fact serve their larger strategic interests — a smaller possibility, but one that should not be discounted entirely.** Instead, most indicators suggest that despite its interest in nuclear weapons, the majority of al Qaeda’s time and resources have been devoted to supporting more plausible types of attacks, whether conventional explosives, hijacked commercial aircraft, or even other weapons of mass destruction. **For instance, as noted earlier in this report, bin Laden’s deputy Zawahiri emphasized the pursuit of chemical and biological weapons rather than nuclear weapons, in large part because he determined that they were easier to develop. This calculus appears to have prevailed among his cohorts.** In 2004, then-Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security John Bolton noted that in terms of al Qaeda’s pursuit of WMD, “the overwhelming bulk of the evidence we have is that their efforts are focused on biological and chemical” weapons, because “the technology for bio and chem is comparatively so much easier than that’s where their efforts are concentrating. In addition, al Qaeda’s own ideological idiosyncrasies may actually facilitate dissuasion and help steer the group away from pursuing nuclear weapons as this option becomes increasingly infeasible. According to Brian Michael Jenkins, jihadists believe that God’s will is expressed in success and failure. To succeed is to have God’s support. Failure signals God’s disapproval . . . Catastrophic attacks with unconventional weapons remain jihadist ambitions, but determined fighters with conventional explosives remain the most reliable weapons. Multiple attacks increase death and destruction, but operations with too many moving parts risk failure. Jihadist planners continue to think big but execute conservatively. Therefore, measures that decrease the prospects for success at each stage of a nuclear terrorist plot will not only yield the direct benefits of thwarting terrorists that attempt to obtain nuclear weapons and material, possibly intercepting these items before they can be used, and reducing the benefits that accrue to the perpetrators of an attack, they may also decrease the probability that a terrorist group will devote significant time and effort toward the pursuit of nuclear weapons and material.

**The remainder of this section focuses on three specific areas that, individually and especially together, can contribute to dissuasion:**

- 1) Delegitimizing the killing of civilians generally and the use of nuclear weapons and other WMD specifically
- 2) Reducing stockpiles of HEU and plutonium and securing existing weapons and fissile material
- 3) Developing and deploying radiation monitors and other detection systems.

Before proceeding, however, it is necessary to mention an important qualification, namely, that successfully dissuading terrorists from pursuing nuclear weapons, while a major accomplishment, could have pernicious second-order consequences. **Just as the hardening of government and military facilities led terrorists to shift their focus to so-called “soft” targets that were much more vulnerable, if they also choose to abandon any serious efforts to acquire nuclear weapons and conduct a nuclear attack, they will almost certainly redirect those efforts and the human and material resources that supported them to other, more viable methods of attack, whether convention or unconventional. The United States could, therefore, become a victim of its own success. This point is symptomatic of a larger issue. To the extent that preventing nuclear terrorism is a focus for US foreign and defense policy and draws attention — and perhaps resources as well — away from addressing other aspects of the terrorist threat, the danger posed by more likely types of attacks may grow.** This concern is not new, as a number of prominent terrorism analysts have warned against an excessive focus on low-probability WMD scenarios that might inhibit the ability of the US Government to prepare for and defend against more realistic dangers.<sup>201</sup> If one believes that the prospect of a catastrophic attack is what truly makes terrorism an overriding threat, then this potential tradeoff may be acceptable, but there is no easy answer to this dilemma.

**Delegitimizing Nuclear Terrorism:** The 2006 *National Security Strategy* emphasized that “the War on Terror has been both a battle of arms and a battle of ideas . . . for it is ideas that can turn the disenchanted into murderers willing to kill innocent victims.” This theme — that the United States and violent Islamist extremist groups are locked in an ideological competition in which both sides are vying for the sympathy and support of the world’s Muslim population — has not only been echoed by a number of



experts, it has also been identified as one the most important components of a broader strategy against al Qaeda, its affiliates, and the individuals they inspire, especially in the long run. According to one analysis, "Cutting off the supply of recruits to this movement, eliminating its financial support networks, and preventing it from metastasizing into new regions will . . . require a campaign to undermine its ideological appeal." Yet the US Government's attempt to fight the "war of ideas" has frequently been singled out as one of the least effective elements of the war on terrorism. As one recent assessment notes, "By any measure, U.S. efforts at communicating with Muslim-majority nations since 9/11 have not been successful. They have lacked energy, focus, and an overarching strategy." In 2006, then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld even admitted that the US government had earned poor marks in this area, and only deserved "a 'D' or a 'D plus' as a country as to how well we're doing in the battle of ideas that's taking place in the world today." Yet improving this situation is critical, because prevailing in the war of ideas can help to prevent future catastrophic terrorist attacks, including acts of nuclear terrorism. Specifically, one way to discourage terrorists from pursuing (or using) nuclear weapons is to take steps that delegitimize their actions in the eyes of their supporters as well as those they are attempting to impress and recruit to their cause. The central goal is to convince terrorists that certain actions — for example, an act of nuclear terrorism — will not help them achieve their aims, but will instead prove counter-productive by causing these audiences to turn away from them rather than rally to their side. If terrorists can be convinced that a successful catastrophic attack will ultimately backfire, they may grow reluctant to pursue this type of attack in favor of more "acceptable" forms of violence. Due in large part to the inherent difficulties of operationalizing traditional notions of deterrence against transnational terrorist groups, there is now a growing recognition that efforts along these lines can indeed play an important role in preventing future attacks. For example, President Bush's National Security Advisor, Stephen Hadley, acknowledged that "Many terrorists value the perception of popular or theological legitimacy for their actions. By encouraging debate about the moral legitimacy of using weapons of mass destruction, we can try to affect the strategic calculus of the terrorists." The fear of alienating existing or potential supporters is one factor that has prevented ideologically and politically motivated terrorists groups from undertaking mass casualty attacks and pursuing WMD in the past. Are al Qaeda and similar groups inhibited in this way, and if not, could they be encouraged to exercise selfrestraint? Although the conventional wisdom suggests that religiously motivated terrorists are unlikely to be affected by these kinds of calculations, the difference between "old" and "new" terrorists in this respect may not be quite as large as it seems. For example, one study notes that despite their commitment to violence generally, al Qaeda and its supporters disagree over the strategic value and religious permissibility of different forms of violence: "Even the most fanatic . . . debate the acceptability of collateral Muslim casualties. They argue about whether Shia Muslims are potential allies or apostates, and, if the latter, whether they are legitimate targets of violence. They wonder aloud whether tactics such as kidnapping or taking children hostage are counterproductive." Several developments in particular indicate that al Qaeda is indeed concerned about how it is perceived among the world's Muslim population, and does fear that certain acts might diminish its standing among this audience. One notable example is the central leadership's response to the actions taken by the Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who, before he was killed in a US airstrike in June 2006, was the head of AQI. Zarqawi's immediate strategy in Iraq was to isolate the United States by driving out non-US foreign forces and non-governmental organizations, and to precipitate a civil war between Iraq's Sunni and Shiite communities. His brutal methods included indiscriminately killing Shiite civilians with suicide car bombings that often left dozens dead, and murdering hostages and releasing graphic videos of their executions. This earned him a rebuke from bin Laden's chief lieutenant, Zawahiri. In a July 2005 letter, Zawahiri wrote that if al Qaeda and its allies hoped to drive the United States out of Iraq and establish an Islamic regime or the beginnings of a wider caliphate there, we will see that the strongest weapon which the mujahedeen enjoy is popular support from the Muslim masses in Iraq, and the surrounding Muslim countries. So, we must maintain this support as best we can, and we should strive to increase it the mujahed movement must avoid any action that the masses do not understand or approve. He then gently chastised Zarqawi for his brutality, noting, "the things which the feelings of the Muslim populace who love you and support you will never find palatable are the scenes of slaughtering the hostages." Ultimately, Zawahiri lectured "we are in a battle, and . . . more than half of that battle is taking place in the battlefield of the media . . . we are in a media battle in a race for the hearts and minds of our Umma [i.e., the wider Islamic community]." More recently, al Qaeda's popularity has declined in several parts of the world, a development that has been attributed to widespread disgust over the large number of Muslim civilians that have died in attacks conducted by the group and its affiliates in Iraq, North Africa, Pakistan, and elsewhere. It has also been forced to contend with public denunciations by several former supporters and fellow extremists, including Sayyid Imam al-Sharif (also known as Dr. Fadl), once a leading figure in Egyptian Islamic Jihad who has been described as the "ideological godfather" of al Qaeda for his role in articulating the doctrine of takfir (declaring fellow Muslims apostates) and providing the theological justification for killing civilians who did not support armed jihad against the apostate rulers of Middle Eastern nations such as Egypt. These developments appear to have been taken very seriously by al Qaeda's leadership. According to Ted Gistaro, the US National Intelligence Officer for transnational threats, even as al-Qaeda attempts to push its propaganda in the West, its support has suffered several setbacks among its key constituents. Al-Qaeda's brutal attacks against Muslim civilians are tarnishing its image among both mainstream and extremist Muslims. Al-Qaeda senior leaders in 2008 have devoted nearly half their airtime to defending the group's legitimacy. This defensive tone continues a trend observed since at least last summer and reflects concern over allegations by militant leaders and religious scholars that al-Qaeda and its affiliates have violated the Islamic laws of war, particularly in Iraq and North Africa. This preoccupation with public relations was demonstrated in April 2008, when Zawahiri issued a lengthy response to questions that had been posted on Internet forums, which he himself had solicited the previous December. A number of these questions dealt with the moral legitimacy of targeting civilians, and according to an analysis of his responses, Zawahiri "revealed deep-seated worries about the controversies created by al-Qa'ida's killing of innocents." These developments suggest that al Qaeda may not be so quick to pursue or use a nuclear weapon, given the amount of devastation this would cause, the number of civilians — including Muslims — who would die as a result of such an attack, and the possibility that both of these factors could trigger a significant backlash among its sympathizers and potential followers. As one report notes, "nuclear use does have the potential of provoking revulsion among the very communities that bin Laden is seeking to rally to his restored Muslim Caliphate." In fact, during the earliest debates among al Qaeda's leadership on the value of pursuing WMD, there were some members who cautioned that the use of these weapons would only diminish sympathy for the group's cause and the cause of Muslims generally. The US Government should therefore take steps to persuade al Qaeda that mass casualty and catastrophic attacks would hinder rather than advance its long-term interests. Already it appears that some positive steps have been taken, as the United States' strategy for winning the war of ideas seems to have shifted away from an

earlier focus on improving perceptions of the United States abroad and toward the more feasible goal of supporting and promoting elements within the Muslim world that offer a non-violent alternative to al Qaeda's brand of extremism. This shift was recently described by James Glassman, who was at the time the State Department's Undersecretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs: **"the aim of the war of ideas is not to persuade foreign populations to adopt more favorable views of the United States and its policies . . . our main role is to support constructive alternatives to violent extremism. Our priority is not to promote our brand but to help destroy theirs."** In this vein, the US Government should work through intermediaries to publicize as widely as possible al Qaeda's acts of violence and their immediate and longer-term effects on civilians. **It should also seek to support individuals and organizations throughout the Muslim world — especially those that have at least some minimal level of grass roots support — that not only eschew violence, but that can publicly and credibly challenge al Qaeda by arguing that the killing of civilians and the use of WMD (including and especially nuclear weapons) are immoral, religiously impermissible, and unlikely to help the situation of those whom al Qaeda claims to be fighting for.** In addition, it is crucial that these efforts be effectively promoted and publicized; it is important to remember that the goal is not to affect a change of heart among al Qaeda's core members, but rather a change of strategy. By making it clear to them that their actions are alienating far more people than they are inspiring, they might become less likely to view a catastrophic attack as a strategically viable option.

**Securing Nuclear Weapons & Material:** Although the prospect of delegitimizing nuclear terrorism may be appealing, actually convincing terrorists that using a nuclear weapon will erode if not eliminate their base of support and prevent them from achieving their ultimate objectives may not be possible. **For example, the terrorists who are most likely to attempt a nuclear attack — the core members of al Qaeda — may also be the least susceptible to this message given their commitment to their cause as well as their apparent desire to conduct increasingly spectacular attacks. If terrorists cannot be persuaded to abandon the idea of nuclear terrorism, the next best thing is to convince them that it is not a realistic option. In other words, if a terrorist group concludes that it cannot acquire a nuclear weapon or enough fissile material to make one on its own, or that any attempt to do so would require enormous human and material resources and would still have only a very small chance of succeeding, it will likely devote most of those resources elsewhere.** Continuing and, where possible, accelerating and expanding efforts to eliminate or secure potentially vulnerable nuclear weapons and material can therefore thwart determined terrorists from obtaining these items and dissuade prospective nuclear terrorists from attempting to do so. **As one senior US official has observed, "If terrorists believe that it will be extremely risky, or impossible, to acquire [nuclear] weapons or materials, they may seek other avenues of attack."** Reducing stockpiles of nuclear weapons and material, while improving security for what remains, is generally regarded as the single most important measure that can be taken to prevent a nuclear terrorist attack. Because terrorists will probably not attempt to manufacture fissile material on their own, and because it is also highly unlikely that a nuclear-armed state would transfer a weapon to a nonstate actor, preventing these groups from illicitly obtaining either item is the logical focus for preventive efforts. **As Graham Allison has argued: The first goal in the plan to prevent nuclear terrorism must be to ensure that there is no place in the world where terrorists can acquire nuclear weapons or the materials from which such weapons can be made. To this end, every nuclear nation must be persuaded to lock down all weapons and fissile material to a new "gold standard" — and to do so on the fastest feasible timetable.** Material that cannot reasonably be secured to this standard, particularly at research reactors in developing and transitional countries, must be removed. In addition, improving the security of vulnerable nuclear weapons and material is not only prudent because it addresses the most likely routes by which terrorists might attempt to pursue a nuclear bomb, it is also the most feasible defense against the nuclear terrorist threat (in comparison, for instance, to relying primarily on detecting and interdicting nuclear weapons and material once they have been stolen and are in transit). **According to a report by the National Academies: Nuclear weapons and SNM [special nuclear material, i.e., HEU and plutonium] can most effectively be protected, controlled, and accounted for at their sources, which are relatively few in number compared with the many potential points of transit across national borders and are protected by state-run security infrastructures.** Therefore, the first line of homeland defense against nuclear and radiological terrorism is a robust system for protecting, controlling, and accounting for nuclear weapons and SNM at their sources.

**Deploying Detection Systems:** In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, fears of nuclear terrorism prompted the United States Government to undertake a broad deployment of radiation detectors in an effort to prevent a nuclear weapon (or the material needed to make one) from being smuggled into the country or into the heart of a major American city. Unlike efforts to secure nuclear weapons and material, however, the role of detection in preventing a nuclear terrorist attack has been and continues to be the subject of much debate. On the one hand, there are those who are extremely skeptical of any large-scale efforts to deploy detection systems due to a host of factors, including the immense length of US borders, the ability of clever terrorists to avoid entry points that are likely to be well defended, and perhaps most importantly the difficulties associated with the detection of fissile material. As two skeptics note, **"The physics of nuclear materials and nuclear weapons, the geography of the huge and complex American borders, and the economics of the global flow of people and goods conspire to make the terrorists' job easy and the defenders' job very difficult. Once stolen, the nuclear material for a bomb could be anywhere, and it is very difficult to detect, especially if shielding is used to limit radiation emissions."** On the other hand, there are those who view detection system as a crucial defensive measure against the threat of nuclear terrorism, with some advocating for significantly expanded government efforts not unlike the Manhattan or Apollo projects to research and develop new generations of detection systems capable of locating nuclear material with much greater accuracy and at far greater ranges than are currently feasible. Both sides make a valid point, although they overstate the limitations as well as the potential value of this approach. Detection systems can play an important role in preventing, deterring, and perhaps even dissuading a nuclear terrorist plot. Nevertheless, the inherent limitations of this line of defense suggest that further study is warranted before devoting significant increases in resources. Detecting nuclear weapons and material is a technically challenging task under most operating conditions. **In the 1950s, Robert Oppenheimer was asked in a closed Senate session whether a small group of men could smuggle nuclear weapons into New York and detonate them. "Of course it could be done," Oppenheimer replied, "and people could destroy New York."** He was then asked what instrument might be used to find weapons that had been hidden in a large city. "A screwdriver," he responded. **Although technology has obviously improved over the past half century, many of the fundamental difficulties remain. Three general methods exist to detect nuclear weapons and material: passive detection of the radiation emitted by nuclear material; active detection of dense**

objects within a package or container (for example through the use of x-rays or gamma radiography to discover hidden nuclear material or any shielding surrounding it); and active interrogation, which involves irradiating objects in order to induce fission reactions that will generate increased emissions of neutrons or gamma rays, which can then be detected. Passive detection of radiation is currently the principal method available for locating a smuggled nuclear device or fissile material. For a number of reasons, however, passive detection of plutonium and especially HEU is problematic. **Radioactive decay is the process by which an unstable isotope undergoes a spontaneous nuclear transmission via the emission of excess energy in the form of subatomic particles and electromagnetic waves, and is replaced by a different isotope or element. At the atomic level radioactive decay is a random process, but decay rates can be predicted for a large number of atoms.** Half-life is the time it takes for one half of a given quantity of similar atoms to decay. Generally, a short half-life indicates that an isotope is intensely radioactive for a relatively short period of time, while a long half-life indicates that an isotope is only weakly radioactive for a longer period of time. **Neither U-235 nor Pu-239 is especially radioactive, however. By comparison, isotopes that might be used in a dirty bomb are far more radioactive and would therefore be easier to detect.** Radiation monitors locate nuclear materials by detecting either neutrons generated primarily by spontaneous fission or gamma rays — the two primary observables that emanate from the decay of radioactive isotopes in fissile material. Both emissions have mean free paths of approximately a hundred meters in the air, meaning they cannot be detected by high-flying aircraft. The ability to detect HEU or plutonium within this range is also affected by distance from the material, the presence of naturally occurring and man-made background radiation, and the interaction between the two. Specifically, the signal emitted by a point source of either neutrons or gamma rays decreases inversely with the square of the distance from that source, while the level of background radiation remains constant. As a result, the greater the distance from nuclear weapons or materials, the more difficult it is to distinguish HEU or plutonium from background radiation. Given these inherent limitations and the state of existing passive detection technologies, lightweight portable detectors are only really useful within several meters of a strong point source, and large-area detectors may only be able to locate unshielded nuclear materials within a range of several dozen meters. **Although both HEU and plutonium are significantly more difficult to detect than other radiological materials, detecting the former is much more challenging than detecting the latter. Plutonium is a strong emitter of neutrons that cannot be easily shielded.** By contrast, HEU emits very few neutrons. Instead, its primary observable emission is a low energy gamma ray that can be shielded by as little as a few millimeters of lead. Detection of HEU or plutonium is also dependent on the precise nature of the material and, in the case of an actual nuclear weapon, the presence or absence of certain components. **For example, the neutrons generated by plutonium emanate primarily from the isotope Pu-240, which has a higher spontaneous fission rate than Pu-239. Reactor-grade plutonium, with its higher Pu-240 content, would therefore be easier to detect than weapon-grade plutonium.** In the case of HEU, uranium that had previously been used in a reactor would contain small quantities of the isotope U-232, which has decay products that emit strong and more easily detectable gamma rays. Both materials would also be significantly easier to detect in their oxide form. **A crude nuclear weapon may also contain a relatively large amount of fissile material and would therefore be easier to detect, although terrorists might attempt to smuggle HEU or plutonium in small amounts — especially if the material they acquired was not already in metallic form — and build the actual weapon once they were closer to their target.** Finally, if a nuclear weapon used depleted uranium (a byproduct of the enrichment process that is predominantly composed of U-238) as a tamper, this material would also emit a strong gamma ray that is difficult to shield. Despite these qualifications, passive detection of plutonium and HEU remains difficult. While hand-held detectors are useful only at extremely close ranges, larger radiation detectors are capable of detecting unshielded or lightly shielded plutonium devices in cargo containers, in moving vehicles, and in vehicles at portals. **There is a general consensus, however, that available radiation portal monitoring equipment — installed in the United States and around the world — would be unable to detect HEU or an HEU-based device if shielding was used.** Active detection through radiography is available and in use, but also has limits; according to one study, “Commercially available radiography has serious limitations . . . when searching for comparatively small quantities of SNM imbedded in containers of complex cargo.” There are, however, new technologies in development that may be able to more effectively image vehicles and cargo containers. Active interrogation, although not yet widely available, is potentially the most effective way to detect nuclear materials, particularly shielded HEU. Nevertheless, this method is controversial due to the potential health risks it could pose to those in its vicinity. **Although reliably detecting nuclear weapons and material poses a significant challenge, the organization in charge of coordinating these efforts — DHS’s Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) — is moving forward with its plan to develop a global nuclear detection architecture, which has been described as “a multilayered detection framework of radiation detection equipment and interdiction activities to combat nuclear smuggling in foreign countries, at the U.S. border, and inside the United States.”**<sup>2</sup> This architecture encompasses programs run through DHS, DOE, and the State Department, and includes or will soon include the deployment of radiation monitors at border crossings and major ports overseas, the United States’ northern and southern borders, truck inspection stations within the country, and tool booths, bridges, and tunnels surrounding major US cities. **The central premise behind these programs is to create a layered defense that will increase the probability that smuggled nuclear weapons or material will be detected somewhere along the journey from their point of origin to their target. These efforts have not been free of controversy. Perhaps the most well-publicized difficulties have surrounded the government’s plans to purchase next-generation radiation detection systems, known as Advanced Spectroscopic Portal (ASP) monitors. These devices are intended to supplement or replace first-generation radiation portal monitors that are incapable of discriminating between radiation emitted by a benign source and emissions from threatening materials, which leads to an extremely high number of false alarms that must then be subjected to secondary inspections. ASP monitors, by contrast, have the ability to analyze the energy signature of gamma rays in order to identify their source, which should lead to fewer false alarms. Despite this additional capability, ASPs have experienced delays and significant cost increases. According to the Government Accountability Office, these units could cost between \$2 and \$4 billion over the next decade, depending on the number and type of ASP units that are ultimately procured.**<sup>249</sup> Moreover, these radiation monitors do not provide increased effectiveness over earlier units in detecting shielded HEU. Ultimately, detection can play an important role in preventing a nuclear terrorist attack, not only by stopping a group from successfully transporting a nuclear weapon or material to its target, but also by dissuading terrorists from pursuing the nuclear option. **In concert with the other measures discussed above, the deployment of radiation monitors and other detection systems can increase the likelihood that would-be nuclear terrorists will judge the possibility of success as too low to merit the effort required.** Vayl Oxford, the previous director of DNDO, is therefore correct to argue that terrorists can be discouraged from attempting an attack by complicating their ability to undertake certain operations, and that detection

systems can have this effect. Nevertheless, skeptics are also correct to note that even the best possible detection architecture will only provide a partial solution. Even if detection technologies improve considerably and are deployed widely, no defense will be perfect; terrorists capable of acquiring nuclear materials can — and almost certainly will — devote a corresponding level of effort to evading discovery, in particular by avoiding well defended routes and entry points. There are also questions as to whether R&D efforts are likely to produce major breakthroughs anytime in the near future, as opposed to evolutionary improvements in effectiveness or ease of use. Calls for a Manhattan or Apollo Project-like effort to develop new detection systems should therefore be received with caution, especially in terms of the resources devoted to this effort. As the continuing debates over the value of ASP monitors have demonstrated, it is essential that any new systems represent more than a marginal improvement over existing systems before they are procured in quantity. Finally, if the role of detection is partially — and perhaps even predominantly — to discourage prospective nuclear terrorists, then new technologies may only be one part of the answer. It is equally important to ensure that the presence of these systems influences terrorists' calculations in the expected way — i.e., that they discourage terrorists from pursuing nuclear weapons and material as opposed to providing a roadmap for which routes, ports, or border crossings should be avoided. In addition to “red teaming” how terrorist might attempt to sneak a weapon or fissile material into the United States, analyses should also be undertaken to determine how terrorists might be convinced that they will be unable to circumvent existing defenses, something which may depend as much on publicizing (and possibly exaggerating) existing capabilities as developing new ones.

**Preventing Terrorists From Delivering A Weapon:** Although preventing terrorists from acquiring nuclear weapons and material is the best, safest, and most feasible way to avoid a catastrophic attack, prudence dictates that the US government be as well prepared as possible to locate and intercept terrorists groups that obtain these items before they can deliver a weapon to their intended target. This section focuses on two areas in particular that are likely to play a crucial role in these efforts — human intelligence (HUMINT) and Special Operations Forces.

**Human Intelligence:** One of the keys to preventing future terrorist attacks is to learn as much as possible about where terrorists are hiding and what they may be planning. Because terrorists are the weaker party in a conflict, they rely heavily on secrecy and anonymity — if they can be found, they can be captured or killed. Obtaining accurate intelligence is therefore crucial. As one prominent analyst notes, “intelligence is the spearhead of counter-terrorism . . . With high-grade, high-quality intelligence — especially human intelligence — the threat of terrorism and extremism can be managed.” The US intelligence community must therefore continue (and if possible accelerate) the process of rebuilding and expanding its HUMINT capability, which was exposed after 9/11 as extremely limited. HUMINT has a particularly important role to play in averting any potential nuclear attack, for at least two reasons. First, given the inherent difficulty of detecting nuclear material, especially from any significant distance, locating and stopping terrorists who are in possession of these items may depend first and foremost on knowing where to look. Second, the terrorists most likely to be involved in a serious plot to conduct this type of attack — the members of al Qaeda’s senior leadership and their key operatives — are extremely difficult to penetrate through technical means, due in part to their reluctance to use electronic forms of communication. Yet HUMINT also has limitations in this regard: modern terrorists groups are notoriously difficult to penetrate through the cultivation of human sources because of their networked structure, closely knit cells, and high levels of operational security. This is particularly the case for prominent al Qaeda operatives. According to one former CIA intelligence officer, “They [members of al Qaeda hiding in Pakistan] have had a Darwinian education in what can give them away, and their tradecraft has improved as we have eliminated some of the less careful members of their organization. They’re hiding in a sea of people who are very xenophobic of outsiders, so it’s a very, very tough nut to crack. While attempts to penetrate al Qaeda’s leadership through all available means should of course continue, these constraints do suggest that, at least in terms of preventing a nuclear terrorist attack, some of the resources that support these efforts might be better spent on developing assets within the military and/or scientific establishments of nations that are the most likely sources of loose nuclear weapons and material, especially workers at high-risk facilities. Admittedly, this is an indirect way of uncovering a potential nuclear terror plot, and there is no guarantee that stolen or diverted items will be discovered in time to prevent an attack. Nevertheless, if a weapon or material is lost or stolen, it may be the only warning the United States receives, especially if a foreign government chooses not to communicate what has occurred. The sooner the US Government learns that a nuclear weapon or a significant quantity of fissile material has gone missing, the better the chances that these items will be located and recovered. If they are stolen from a facility in a foreign country, however, it is possible that the United States may not be informed right away, or perhaps even at all. A foreign government might be unwilling to admit to such a major lapse in security, or it may believe that it can successfully recover the missing items on its own. Alternatively, it may fear that if it does reveal what has occurred, but the weapon or material is later used in an attack, it could be a target for reprisal; despite being forthcoming, if the source nation of a weapon or material used in a nuclear terrorist attack became publicly known, the demands for retaliation might be overwhelming (or so the government responsible for the missing weapon or material might assume). While having intelligence sources that can indicate where and when sensitive items have gone missing may not be as desirable as learning of a plot before it gets underway, it may be one of the best and most realistic ways of stopping an attack before it is carried out. Moreover, there is the possibility that increased HUMINT in this area could in fact provide advance warning of a plot, if elements of a state’s military or members of its nuclear program intend to provide nuclear weapons, material, or expertise to a terrorist group, or to assist a group in the theft of a nuclear weapon or fissile material.

**Special Operations Forces:** For a number of reasons (including the need to confirm that any nuclear weapons are effectively disabled and any plutonium or HEU is secured, to avoid the dispersal of radioactive material and contamination of surrounding areas that could result from the use of stand-off weapons, and to ensure that operations in politically sensitive areas remain clandestine), Special Operations Forces will likely be tasked to conduct a WMD elimination mission if it is discovered that a terrorist group overseas has acquired or is constructing a nuclear device. Every effort should therefore be made to implement the 2006 QDR’s vision of SOF that have a “greater capacity to detect, locate, and render safe WMD,” and that can perform these tasks as rapidly as possible, given that potential targets may be extremely time-sensitive. How might these goals be achieved? Because details regarding the current and projected SOF capabilities and capacity for detecting, locating, and “rendering safe” WMD are classified, it is impossible to know what

measures are already in place or are scheduled to be implemented in the near future. **With these caveats in mind, this section briefly outlines several recommendations that could help increase capacity, decrease response time, and create redundancy for this critical mission both domestically and globally.** According to open sources, the only SOF units qualified to seize, disable and secure (render safe) a nuclear device belong to Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), the subordinate command to Special Operations Command (SOCOM) that controls the US military's premier counterterrorism forces, including the Special Military Units (SMUs) Delta Force and Seal Team Six. Ideally, dedicated SMU personnel trained in the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) for the render-safe mission would be available to respond quickly to a nuclear terrorist threat overseas, and, if necessary, would also be positioned to rapidly assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the event of a domestic nuclear terrorist incident within the United States. In reality, however, the small number of personnel assigned to SMUs and the even smaller number specifically trained to render safe a nuclear device, the extremely high demand for SMUs in support of the global war on terrorism and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the inherent uncertainty over where a nuclear terrorist threat might materialize, and the constraints imposed by geography all make the ideal response capability difficult and perhaps impossible to realize. **Despite these problems, a number of measures should be considered to increase the probability that qualified personnel will be able to respond to a nuclear terrorist threat as quickly as possible.** When it comes to responding to a possible nuclear terrorist threat in the homeland, speed will be critical, whether terrorists are constructing a weapon or transporting one. Perhaps the most vital step is simply ensuring that when SMU personnel are in the United States for rest, recovery, and training, some (including personnel trained in render safe TTPs) are prepared to assist the FBI anywhere in the United States, and have the necessary equipment and transportation readily available. It may also be worthwhile to consider basing some SMU personnel in the western part of the country, which would allow them to respond to an emergency in that region more rapidly than if they were called on to deploy from their home bases on the east coast. **A model might be the NNSA's Search Response Teams, which are a part of its Nuclear Emergency Support Team (NEST) program and are based in both Nevada and Maryland.** The ability to respond to potential nuclear terrorist threats globally is obviously far more challenging, simply because a threat could in principle materialize anywhere. In some cases — for example, if the target is located in a denied area — a rapid reaction using SOF may not be possible, because SMU personnel will have to be accompanied by a significant number of additional forces, most likely Army Rangers, who would be charged with securing a contested site and providing perimeter security. In other scenarios, however, a rapid response will remain crucial.

**The problems this poses could be made somewhat more tractable through several measures, including but not limited to the following:**

**A) Training select allies and partners in render safe procedures if they do not already possess this capability. Should terrorists armed with a nuclear device be located in none of these nations, local forces would be able to respond far more rapidly; time permitting, they could also augment US forces once the latter arrived.** In addition, US forces might also be able to preposition necessary equipment in these countries for use in the event of a crisis, whether in the countries themselves or somewhere else in that region.

**B) Ensuring that forward deployed SMU personnel engaged in counterterrorism operations can be redirected as quickly as possible address a nuclear terrorist contingency. One measure that might increase their response time would be the additional prepositioning of necessary equipment at a number of bases or operating sites that are centrally located to various known smuggling routes and/or terrorist sanctuaries.**

If SMU personnel qualified to render safe a nuclear device do not operate together as a distinct unit but instead are dispersed among different sub-units operating globally, it is important to make certain that JSOC can quickly determine where all such personnel are located at all times, and has a record of which personnel have the best or most recent training in this area. **This, along with their geographic location, should determine who is called upon to respond to an emergency. Having a small number of dedicated SMU personnel trained in render safe procedures forward deployed, possibly somewhere in Europe or Central Asia, on a rotational basis.** These personnel could link up with other SMU personnel in a crisis, and would provide redundancy in the event that re-tasking other forces proved difficult. Because SMU personnel are such a valuable and scarce commodity, one way to justify this time spent on-call and not in the field would be to have these personnel help train ally and partner forces in order to increase their capability and capacity for the render safe mission. **Should intelligence indicate that a terrorist cell is in the process of moving an improvised nuclear device, it is possible that other forward-deployed SOF — for example, Army Special Forces "A-Teams" or Navy SEAL Teams — may be much closer than available SMU personnel.** If so, these units might be called up to interdict the In these cases, if a ground operation is still deemed necessary or preferable, it will be critical to have sufficient UAV assets to maintain persistent surveillance over the target until sufficient military forces can be mobilized and deployed.

**Responding To An Attack: If terrorists cannot be dissuaded from seeking nuclear weapons and material, if they somehow manage to steal, build, or otherwise obtain a nuclear device, and if efforts to stop them from delivering a weapon to their target fall short, the United States Government could face the worst-case scenario of a successful nuclear terrorist attack on an American city.** Preparing for this outcome may provide little comfort, but it can mitigate the effects of a nuclear explosion, prevent additional attacks, and even help to identify potential targets for retaliation. **In general, the aftermath of any terrorist attack involves response efforts both at home and abroad.** The principal goal of the former is consequence management —limiting the damage caused by an attack. **As discussed in Chapter 2, a nuclear terrorist attack would place an enormous burden on government at all levels, and an ineffective or poorly executed response could make a dire situation even worse.** Improving consequence management efforts will require continued investment in a number of areas, for example training first responders, in particular those located in or near major cities that are the most likely targets for an attack; prepositioning stockpiles of medication to treat radiation sickness; ensuring that various federal as well as state agencies have clearly defined and well understood areas of responsibility in the event of an attack; developing public communication strategies that can quickly and effectively instruct citizens near the site of the attack whether they should shelter in place or evacuate, which



directions they should travel in to avoid radioactive fallout, and which routes they should use; and improving capabilities for decontaminating large areas that have been exposed to radiation but can still be salvaged. **Although the government's immediate focus will be on mitigating the consequences of an attack, it will not be long before its attention shifts toward identifying those responsible and retaliating against the perpetrators. For obvious reasons, identification and retaliation may be difficult. Even if a terrorist group were to claim credit for an attack, locating them after the fact may not be possible, at least not right away.** Moreover, even if those directly responsible can be found, a nuclear terrorist attack would raise a number of additional questions: **Where did terrorists acquire a nuclear weapon or the fuel needed to build one? Did a foreign government deliberately provide the means to carry out such an attack? Was a government negligent in securing its nuclear arsenal or fissile material stockpiles?** As a first step toward answering these questions, scientists would be tasked with analyzing the radioactive debris from a nuclear explosion in order to gain as much information as possible about the weapon and material used — an area that has received increased attention and funding in recent years. **This type of forensic analysis could help to determine the efficiency of the device, which could in turn provide clues about its design, whether the bomb used HEU or plutonium, and the isotopic composition of the fissile material, which might indicate where the uranium had been mined and its level of enrichment (in the case of HEU), or how long it had been in a reactor and the length of time since it had been reprocessed (in the case of plutonium).** This type of analysis is likely to prove better at ruling out potential suspects than definitively confirming the source of a weapon or material, but combined with other information — for example, the operating histories of reactors that would indicate when their fuel was removed — it could prove extremely useful. **Where possible, debris from an explosion could also be compared to fissile material samples previously collected by individual countries or international organizations like the IAEA, which would allow for a more accurate and precise determination of a material's origins.** According to one expert, without this basis for comparison, a scientist conducting a forensic analysis would be “like someone with a DNA sample and no DNA bank.” **Because of this constraint, there have been several proposals for the development of an international data bank comprised of fissile material samples from as many nations as possible. One of the underlying goals of an effective nuclear attribution capability is not only to facilitate an appropriate reprisal in the aftermath of an attack, but also to prevent an attack in the first place.** Virtually every discussion of nuclear forensics suggests that as the United States improves its capabilities in this area, other states will be less likely to provide support to terrorists seeking nuclear weapons due to increased fear of identification and retaliation. **A number of analysts have also recommended that the United States publicly declare its right to retaliate against any state that is determined to be the source of a nuclear weapon or fissile material used in a terrorist attack, while others have gone even further and advocated an explicit commitment to military reprisal if a state deliberately provides nuclear weapons or material to terrorists or simply fails to properly secure these items, allowing them to fall into terrorists' hands. The logic behind this argument is that such a threat will not only deter the overt transfer of weapons or material from a state to a terrorist group, but will also compel states to improve the security of their most vulnerable nuclear facilities.** These suggestions have recently found their way into US policy. In the period preceding North Korea's nuclear test in October 2005, there were debates within the Bush administration over the merits of a declaratory policy holding states accountable for the transfer of nuclear weapons or material. **Skeptics argued that such a policy would not necessarily be credible, particularly because the United States did not possess samples of nuclear material from a number of nations (although it apparently did have access to samples from North Korea). Nevertheless, in response to the North Korean test, President Bush announced that “the transfer of a nuclear weapon or material by North Korea to states or non-state entities would be considered a grave threat to the United States, and we would hold North Korea fully accountable of the consequences of such action.”** Since then, both National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates have generalized this sentiment, declaring that “the United States will hold any state, terrorist group or other nonstate actor or individual fully accountable for supporting or enabling terrorist efforts to obtain or use weapons of mass destruction — whether by facilitating, financing or providing expertise or safe haven for such efforts.” **There is little doubt that nuclear forensics could play a valuable role in the aftermath of a nuclear terrorist attack. A well developed and well publicized attribution capability might also induce caution in states that would otherwise contemplate providing assistance to aspiring nuclear terrorists. The US Government should therefore continue to invest in this area, and may even want to exaggerate its capabilities if necessary to foster the impression that state sponsors will not be able to remain anonymous.** At the same time, policymakers should also exercise caution when contemplating public declarations regarding who will be held responsible for an attack and what type of response will follow. Ambiguous warnings that do not explicitly call for a military reprisal could be somewhat useful by reinforcing the notion that governments may be culpable for the actions of a terrorist group if they assist that group or turn a blind eye as it prepares to attack. **Yet these messages should not be expected to contribute very much to deterrence or compliance; in all likelihood, statements such as those President Bush and other administration officials have already made do little more than tell potential sponsors or facilitators what they can undoubtedly figure out for themselves — if it is discovered or strongly suspected that they assisted terrorists in acquiring WMD, and especially nuclear weapons, they will suffer some type of response, whether diplomatic, economic, or possibly military.** Alternatively, while declarations that overtly threaten a military reprisal will certainly capture a state's attention, these threats are unlikely to prove credible or particularly effective in the most important cases, and could even risk doing more harm than good. **To be successful, a nation issuing a retaliatory threat — especially a threat to use force — must articulate that threat clearly, have sufficient capabilities to carry out its reprisal, and demonstrate a clear willingness to do so if the target fails to comply with its warnings.** Unfortunately, all three conditions pose problems for the United States in this instance. **First, any threat will have loopholes that the accused state might attempt to exploit. For example, what if that state did increase the security of its nuclear facilities after the United States issued its threat, but claimed that the weapon or fissile material used in a terrorist attack was actually stolen before these improvements were undertaken or completed? Would it still be possible to carry out an attack under these circumstances? Second, it is not clear that the United States does in fact have the technical capability to determine the origin of a detonated nuclear weapon, or that it can convincingly demonstrate such a capability.** If this is the case, it may not be possible to convince states that their guilt can be established. Third and perhaps most importantly, while US threats might be effective in some cases, the credibility of those threats will likely be weakest against two of the most likely sources of loose nuclear weapons and material — Pakistan and Russia. **In either case, it is highly questionable whether the United States would in fact be willing to undertake a significant military reprisal; while a military attack against Pakistan's government or its nuclear sites could further destabilize the country, pushing it toward state failure and/or civil war, an attack on Russia could precipitate a direct nuclear exchange.** Knowing this, both countries may simply dismiss the threat of an

attack. Even if the threat to use military force is issued and does appear credible, it still may not motivate states to improve the security of their nuclear facilities. Nations like Russia and Pakistan have already been targeted by terrorists, and any missing weapons or material originating in these states could very well be used against them. Once bought or stolen, terrorists would have to choose between transporting these items to the United States or perhaps Western Europe, depending on their preferred target, while trying to avoid not only regular detection measures but also the large-scale recovery efforts that would likely be mounted when the stolen items were found missing. Under these circumstances, the culprits might very well opt to attack the state of origin, even if that was not their first choice. Both the Russian and Pakistani governments are certainly aware of the danger they face given the recent history of terrorist attacks in both countries, although they may not yet take it seriously enough. If the prospect of suffering a nuclear terrorist attack does not motivate them to improve security at vulnerable facilities, it seems unlikely that a threat from the US will. The United States should, therefore, make a sustained effort to convince these countries not only that the threat of nuclear terrorism is real, but also that they themselves are as likely and perhaps even more likely than the United State to be the target of a nuclear terrorist attack. Moreover, as discussed in earlier in this chapter, fear of a military reprisal could have the unintended and unfortunate effect of discouraging a state from seeking international assistance to help secure missing nuclear weapons or material; rather than admit its negligence, a state might attempt to recover these items on its own, which could decrease the likelihood that they will be found. Nuclear weapons are unique in their ability to kill and injure massive numbers of people, damage and destroy infrastructure, create widespread panic, and perhaps influence the policies and even the international position of a nation that has been attacked. Moreover, terrorist groups like al Qaeda and its various affiliates have demonstrated a serious and longstanding interest in acquiring these weapons, along with a willingness to use them against their enemies. For these underlying reasons, there is little doubt that the possibility of a nuclear terrorist attack, while thankfully small, represents one of the most significant threats to the security of the United States. Addressing this threat must therefore be a priority for the new administration. Although this threat is real and must be taken seriously, it is extremely difficult to judge accurately. For example, nuclear proliferation over the past decade has arguably increased the likelihood that a terrorist group could obtain a nuclear weapon or the fissile material needed to build one, especially from a chronically unstable nation such as Pakistan, and further proliferation will almost certainly make this situation considerably worse. Yet the number of states that are currently developing nuclear fuel cycle capabilities and nuclear weapons programs has remained quite small, and the nightmarish future in which an increasingly large number of states possess these capabilities is by no means certain. At the same time, al Qaeda — in particular the group's senior leaders and their core lieutenants, who pose the greatest threat of conducting a nuclear attack in the near-to-medium term — is clearly weaker than it was before losing its sanctuary in Afghanistan, and is therefore less capable of planning, financing, and executing a catastrophic attack on the US homeland. Yet the group has also established a new sanctuary in Pakistan and appears to be regaining its strength, meaning the prospect of such an attack is probably increasing, even if it remains smaller than it was in 2001. Finally, any terrorist group seeking nuclear weapons would face enormous hurdles: manufacturing fissile material is nearly impossible for a nonstate actor; finding a state sponsor that would be willing to part with a nuclear weapon or material is highly unlikely; stealing an intact nuclear weapon would also be extremely difficult, as would bypassing the safety measure that most weapons possess; and constructing and IND would require a group to obtain the large amount of HEU needed to build a gun-type device or, if it acquired either plutonium or a small quantity of HEU, to have the skills and components needed to build a complicated implosion device. Nevertheless, the existence of inadequately secured nuclear weapons and material, and the relative ease of building a gun-type device, represent a significant threat. In short, there are both major causes for concern as well as reasons for cautious optimism. As described in the preceding chapters, decreasing the likelihood that terrorist will obtain nuclear weapons can be achieved by pursuing several goals: halting further nuclear proliferation, in particular by developing a comprehensive plan to discourage Iran's neighbors from pursuing nuclear capabilities if and when Tehran acquires nuclear weapons; eliminating or at the very least restricting al Qaeda's sanctuary in Pakistan's FATA region; and taking steps to decrease the prospects that terrorists will succeed at each major stage in their plot, which may also dissuade them from seriously pursuing the nuclear option at all. In addition, by improving its HUMINT, SOF, and nuclear attribution capabilities, the United States can increase its ability to intercept stolen nuclear material before it is smuggled into the country and to its target, and can, if the worst occurs, improve the odds of determining who is responsible for an attack (Montgomery, 2008).



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**Title/Headline:** *Apocalypse When?*

**Abstract:** The Heritage Foundation recently convened a meeting of experts to discuss "Weapons of Mass Destruction and America's Communities," the various ways our terrorist enemies might attack us and our allies in the future, and what might be done to stop them. You can imagine what a merry gathering this was. The most obvious concern: the spread of nuclear weapons. Within the group, there was consensus that if Iran, the world's leading sponsor of terrorism, is not prevented from acquiring nukes, the result will be a nuclear proliferation "cascade." Before long, so many countries would have so many nuclear devices that the chances of terrorist groups getting their hands on at least a few would increase exponentially. A scenario perhaps even more frightening: Terrorists using biological weapons, setting off epidemics of smallpox, Ebola virus, or other hemorrhagic fevers; a crop duster spreading ten pounds of anthrax causing more deaths than in World War II; genetically engineered pathogens - for example, a super-contagious form of HIV. A bio attack would be much easier to carry off than a nuclear attack; biological weapons can be manufactured in hidden laboratories and spread by unarmed and innocent-looking individuals. We also discussed radiological dispersal devices (RDD), more commonly known as "dirty bombs." Such weapons are fairly simple to construct: radioactive materials - e.g. radium, radon, thorium - are wrapped around a core of conventional explosives. Though an RDD would not carry the lethality of a nuclear or

biological weapon, its psychological and economic impact could be substantial. How else might terrorists advance toward their goal, succinctly articulated by Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as "a world without America"? Adm. Mike McConnell, until February of this year the director of National Intelligence - America's top spy - recently told Steve Kroft of *60 Minutes* that he was increasingly concerned about cyber warfare, the use of computers and the Internet as weapons. **"If I were an attacker and I wanted to do strategic damage to the United States . . . I probably would sack electric power"** throughout as much of the country as possible, he said. McConnell worries also about the possibility that a cyber attacker could destroy the electronic processes and records that keep track of money and its movements, thereby setting off an economic collapse. In the same report, Jim Lewis, director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, told Kroft: **"In 2007 we probably had our electronic Pearl Harbor. It was an espionage Pearl Harbor. Some unknown foreign power, and honestly, we don't know who it is, broke into the Department of Defense, to the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, probably the Department of Energy, probably NASA."** Another way to destroy the electric grid as well as everything computerized: an Electromagnetic Pulse Attack. In 2001 the U.S. government established a commission to "assess the threat to the United States" from an EMP attack. The commission reported to Congress that if a nuclear warhead were to be detonated at high altitude over the American mainland the blast would produce a shockwave so powerful that it would "cripple military and civilian communications, power, transportation, water, food, and other infrastructure." **Before long, millions of Americans would, as the *Wall Street Journal* flatly phrased it, "die of starvation or want of medical care."** The CIA has translated Iranian military journals in which EMP attacks against the U.S. are explicitly discussed. Among the experts attending this conference, all agreed that the use of such terrorist weapons is a more serious and imminent threat than is "global warming." Yet no summits are being organized to decide how the U.S. and other targeted nations can best defend themselves. I would argue also - as I did at the Heritage meeting - that defensive measures alone, while necessary, are not enough. Instead, we must recognize that we are engaged in a great global conflict, one that is no less serious because it is unconventional and asymmetrical. Outreach, engagement, and exercises in "conflict resolution" are useful when the U.S. has a dispute with Mexico or when the Netherlands disagrees with Luxembourg. But this approach makes no sense when dealing with self-proclaimed jihadis eager to use 21st-century weapons to achieve 7th-century goals. Iran's ruling mullahs have been killing Americans for decades - for example, in Beirut, Iraq, and most recently in Afghanistan. **They write "Death to America!" on their missiles. It would be both foolhardy and irresponsible to let such extremists acquire nuclear weapons in the hope that somehow, when their capabilities match their intentions, they will suddenly decide they would prefer our respect rather than our destruction.** If we are to prevent our enemies from doing the kind of damage they intend, we must stay on offense. We need to keep our enemies nervous, under pressure, and on the run. We'll need to go after the bad guys in their training camps, laboratories, and safe houses - wherever those may be. We'll need to force them to continually look over their shoulders and worry that they may be killed or captured - and being captured should not mean they are rewarded with a global stage to spout their propaganda at American taxpayer expense. **We need to choose: Do we intend to advance or retreat, hunt or be hunted - win or lose? There is no fortress we can construct, no balance of power and terror we can achieve, no gesture or concession that will make us inoffensive to our enemies.** When the barbarians are at the gate, you need to do more than lock up - and we haven't even done that yet. George Orwell articulated a fundamental rule of national security: **"People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf."** Most of the West is now led by people who believe that rule may have once applied but no longer. If that doesn't keep you awake at night, nothing will (Foundation For Defense Of Democracies, 2009).



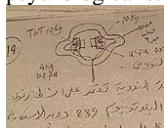
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**Title/Headline:** *Eliminating Nuclear Threats: A Practical Agenda for Global Policymakers*

**Abstract:** Pakistan has a nuclear arsenal, also officially non-transparent, estimated at approximately 60 weapons. They can be delivered to target by ballistic missiles and by U.S., French and Chinese-manufactured fighter aircraft. Pakistan has two types of SRBMs (400–450 km range), and one type of MRBM (2,000 km). Another type of MRBM is in the testing stage, while a third is being developed. All of these systems are ground-mobile. A ground-based cruise missile, apparently similar to a Chinese model, is undergoing testing and will be developed in both air-based and sea-based versions. The latter is to be deployed on diesel submarines built locally under French supervision. **It is assumed that Pakistan's missile program was developed with the active cooperation at various times of North Korea and China.** Following initial disclosures in 2003 and intense international investigation, including by the IAEA, the former head of Pakistan's enrichment program, A.Q. Khan, confessed in 2004 to having been at the centre of a clandestine international network transferring technology and information to Iran between 1989 and 1991, to North Korea and Libya between 1991 and 1997, and additional technology to North Korea up until 2000. Centrifuge components were apparently manufactured in Malaysia with the aid of South Asian and German middlemen, using a Dubai computer company as a false front. The Khan investigation also revealed how many European companies were defying export restrictions and aiding the Khan network as well as the production of the Pakistani bomb. Dutch companies exported thousands of centrifuge components to Pakistan as early as 1976, and a German company exported facilities for the production of tritium. As disconcerting as these black market revelations were, even more so has been the absence of accountability and exemplary action since, which has not helped in setting an example to potential violators: domestic political pressures inhibited any harsh punishment of Khan himself in Pakistan, most of his foreign accomplices remain free, and there are still gaps in the international framework of export controls. **There is a significant and continuing fear internationally of nuclear terrorism – shared by the public and decision-makers alike. The UN Secretary-General has labeled nuclear terrorism "one of the most serious threats of our time". U.S. President Obama has been equally blunt: "There is no graver danger to global security than the threat of nuclear terrorism, and no more immediate task for the international community than to address that threat." That fear is justified. There are terrorist actors in existence – as the whole world has known since Al Qaeda's orchestration of 9/11 – who would, if they could, cause massive and indiscriminate havoc in almost any one of the world's major cities. And there is every reason to**

fear that they can match that intent with capability. There is quite a high risk that they could produce a “dirty bomb”, combining conventional explosives with radioactive material, to devastating psychological effect. The risk is very much smaller that they could produce a far more physically destructive nuclear explosion, given the scale of the technical and logistical problems that would have to be overcome. But it is not negligible. And the possibility of cyber attacks on nuclear command and control centers is growing ever more significant. **Possible terrorist actors might either be acting independently of state backing, or have state sponsors.** Since 1995, there have been several cases that confirm the danger that either group of actors can have access to – and no scruples about using – devices or substances with the potential for mass killings. The Aum Shinrikyo attacks in Tokyo in 1995 and the unsolved anthrax attacks in the United States in 2001 were the first two. Another was the poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko in London in 2006 with Polonium-210, which reminded the world that individuals can obtain a key **material for detonating nuclear weapons and smuggle it undetected through the airports of countries on high alert against terrorist threats.** In the case of a nuclear weapon, it would require a large, well organized and well funded group to build, let alone buy, such a weapon, maintain security at all stages, and successfully transport it to the intended site for detonation. **It is now known that Al Qaeda some years ago attempted to obtain enriched uranium, and that senior members of the group had at least one meeting with two Pakistani nuclear experts.** The apparently dispersed and diffuse nature of its current organization and funding, after being under siege for most of the last decade, make the central organization, such as it is, a less likely candidate now than in the past for such a role. But it has offshoots and imitators in many countries. **The danger posed by any such group would be much enhanced by state backing, whether for nuclear materials or know-how, or simply for the necessary funding.** The number of states likely to give deliberate support of this kind would be very small. Even regimes with a long history of, if not irrationality, at least playing by different rules to everyone else, would be unlikely to lend such assistance without first making an assessment of the likely consequences should they be identified – including the possibility of nuclear retaliation (the chances of which would be significantly higher if those states were already nuclear-armed themselves). A more substantial concern is that states with weak or fragile institutions, multiple internal power centers, and imperfect arrangements for securing weapons and dangerous materials, might end up providing such support even in the absence of any explicit government intent or direction to do so. It is harder to make a judgment about the military nuclear stockpiles of the nuclear-armed states outside the NPT. Most probably they are quite safe in India and Israel, **but some doubts exist about the situation in Pakistan.** As for civilian nuclear materials, their safety differs greatly from state to state, the most secure being non-nuclear-armed states of NATO and the EU, and Japan. Access to know-how is clearly no less indispensable than the ability to acquire the necessary material. There have clearly been those willing to **trade in nuclear knowledge, such as the A.Q. Khan network in Pakistan** and the associated Swiss Tinner family. Given the enormous range of variables involved, **it is virtually impossible to make any reliable estimate of how likely it is that a terrorist group may acquire and use a nuclear weapon,** or even a much more readily put together and delivered radiological one, or the timeframe in which this might happen. The most pessimistic, and often cited, estimates have been those by Harvard’s Graham Allison, who has been arguing since the mid-1990s that **a major terrorist nuclear incident is more likely than not, or at least significantly likely, within a foreseeable short time frame, “by end of the decade” or “within the next ten years”** as the case may be. He is supported by many influential and knowledgeable figures like the former head of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Siegfried Hecker, who says that “the general consensus of nuclear weapons experts is that **terrorists would face significant but not insurmountable challenges to build a primitive but devastating nuclear device and that it would most likely be delivered to the intended target by truck, boat, or light airplane.**” Cass Sunstein, who notes that if there is a yearly probability of one in 100,000 that terrorists could launch a nuclear or massive biological attack, the risk would cumulate to one in 10,000 over ten years and to one in 5,000 over twenty, suggesting that these odds are “not the most comforting.” Michael Levi, that **“It has often been said that defense against terrorism must succeed every time, but that terrorists must succeed only once.** This is true from plot to plot, but within each plot, the logic is reversed. Terrorists must succeed at every stage, but the defense needs to succeed only once.” The military challenge in such cases would be to **locate the terrorist threat with enough precision and certainty to justify attacks on it.** If intelligence were not perfect and a nuclear strike conducted on a wrong target, the backlash would be enormous; and even if high-confidence intelligence did exist, then it is difficult to imagine that non-nuclear means could not be utilized for the target in question. **To conduct nuclear strikes on another state, even one demonstrably complicit in a terrorist attack,** would raise exceptionally difficult political, strategic and moral issues. The problem of “loose nukes” – **securing weapons and material that, by virtue of the way in which it is manufactured, transported or stored, may be vulnerable to apprehension by terrorist groups** – requires a variety of solutions. Many of the general non-proliferation measures discussed elsewhere in this report are squarely relevant in this respect, including the Nuclear Suppliers Group and Proliferation Security Initiative (Section 10), the proposed Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (Section 12), and the development of proliferation-resistant technology (Section 14). To the extent, also, that some classes of **small nuclear weapons might be capable of misuse by terrorist groups if they could ever get their hands on them,** the implementation of the disarmament strategy discussed in other sections of this report would be another important contributor to nuclear security. **Terrorist groups exist with the intent, and capacity, to create massive nuclear destruction.** With manageable technology long in the public domain, and black market sourcing, a **Hiroshima-sized nuclear device could possibly be detonated from a truck or small boat inside any major city.** A “dirty bomb”, combining conventional explosives with radioactive materials like medical isotopes, would be a much easier option: while not generating anything like the casualties of a fission or fusion bomb, it would have a psychological impact at least equal to 9/11. **Effectively countering terrorism of any kind involves a complex mix of nationally and internationally coordinated protection and policing strategies (most immediately important in dealing with the threat of nuclear terrorism),** and also political, peacebuilding and psychological strategies (necessary to address the underlying causes of terrorist behavior) (ICNND, 2010).



**Alleged Al Qaeda Nuclear bomb design (NTI, 2010).**

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**Source:** NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative)



## **Title/Headline: Nuclear Terrorism Tutorial**

**Abstract:** According to the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), **the possibility that terrorists might acquire and use nuclear weapons is an urgent and potentially catastrophic challenge to global security.** The NTI has made its concerns regarding nuclear terrorism clear and open to the public. For the sake of brevity, only the most important and relevant information is listed. NTI: In the final years of the 20th century and in the early years of the 21st, international terrorist organizations have repeatedly demonstrated their willingness to kill large numbers of innocent civilians to achieve their objectives. **They have also made efforts to gain access to WMD, including nuclear weapons,** by contacting nuclear weapon scientists and casing nuclear facilities. **However, one cannot exclude the possibility that terrorists might obtain an operational thermonuclear weapon,** with a yield well in excess of 100 kt, from the nuclear arsenal of a state possessing thermonuclear or boosted fission weapons. It is extremely unlikely that terrorists would be able to build them without active assistance from a nuclear capable state. It is widely believed that TNW are a particularly attractive target for terrorists because they are generally smaller and more portable than warheads for strategic delivery vehicles and might be more vulnerable to theft. There are two basic paths that terrorists might pursue. **The first route involves the acquisition of an intact nuclear weapon from the arsenal of an existing nuclear weapon state.** The second path entails the acquisition of fissile material and the fabrication of a crude, improvised nuclear explosive device. For this reason, a terrorist organization can acquire a nuclear explosive only (1) **by obtaining an intact nuclear weapon from a national stockpile** or (2) by obtaining fissile material from stocks that were produced in highly advanced industrial facilities and then making the fissile material into a nuclear explosive (NTI, 2010)

### **Terrorists Might Seek To Acquire Nuclear Weapons Or Nuclear Materials By A Number Of Means:**

- Such nuclear commodities might be provided directly by a sympathetic national government, but this carries risks since the government would lose control over these extremely important assets and might place itself at risk if its involvement in a nuclear terror act were subsequently discovered.
- **A senior official operating independently from his government or a lower ranking insider, for financial or ideological reasons, might secretly divert a nuclear weapon or fissile material to a terrorist organization** or assist the organization in the theft of such items.
- **A terrorist organization might seize a poorly protected nuclear weapon or fissile material by stealth or force or illicit purchase on the black market.**

Each of these options would involve formidable challenges and serious risks for the terrorist group. Each would also require a great deal of money and organizational and technical resources, which would be beyond the means of all but a few known terrorist organizations. Nevertheless, because the consequences of **a nuclear detonation by a terrorist group would be so catastrophic, the possibility that terrorists might acquire nuclear weapons must be given the most serious and urgent attention.**

**Vulnerability Of Nuclear Weapons:** Many experts believe the large stockpile of Russian TNW and the much smaller arsenal of **Pakistan nuclear arms are at particular risk**, albeit for very different reasons. Pakistan's small nuclear arsenal, perhaps numbering up to 60 weapons, poses very different security problems. They pertain not only to political instability, but to the continuing pressure within **Pakistan and the surrounding region of Islamic militant terrorist groups and the sympathy for such groups by segments of the Pakistani military, nuclear, and intelligence establishment.** These concerns have been accentuated by news of the clandestine sales of Pakistani nuclear technology-including designs for nuclear weapons by A.Q. Khan and uncertainties about the loyalty of personnel in the Pakistani nuclear command structure. Two senior Pakistani nuclear scientists met with Osama bin Laden in 2000 and 2001. In 2007 and 2008, terrorists carried out attacks near three of Pakistan's nuclear facilities, including a multiple suicide bombing at the Pakistan Ordnance Factory in Wah. **One of the most frightening scenarios regarding nuclear weapons security involves a "failed state."** If the government of a country such as North Korea or Pakistan collapsed because of war, a coup d'état, or other disaster, the resulting **chaos might create conditions in which terrorists could more easily obtain a nuclear weapon. Many experts believe that the most likely way for terrorists to acquire a nuclear explosive would be to obtain HEU and use this material to make a crude nuclear bomb, known more formally as an improvised nuclear device (IND).** According to the 9/11 Commission Report, a trained nuclear engineer with an amount of fissile material about the size of a grapefruit or a large orange, together with commercially available material, could build an IND that would fit in a van or SUV. Such a bomb would level much of Lower Manhattan. Although an IND generally is associated with the simplest design for a nuclear explosive, it could be more sophisticated if the terrorist organization had access to individuals with expertise in nuclear engineering, nuclear physics, electronics, metallurgy, chemical processing, and explosives (probably the equivalent of an advanced degree in each of these disciplines but not necessarily actual weapons design or manufacturing experience, though such experience would be helpful). Assembling such a team would in itself be a significant challenge, and small and poorly-funded terrorist groups are not likely to have access to all these skills. A large, well-funded organization, however, might be able to recruit individuals with the required capabilities. **A number of terrorist groups, including some affiliated with al-Qaeda, are known to recruit scientists, engineers, and other specialists with the skills needed to improvise nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons.**

**Why Would Terrorists Use Nuclear Weapons?:** The greatest danger to the public, however, emerges from the increased potential for terrorists to pursue terrorism with nuclear explosives. The assistance that **Pakistani nuclear scientists reportedly offered to Al Qaeda is an important case in point**, as such assistance could provide the terrorists with the technical skills needed to construct a nuclear weapon or IND with stolen or illegally purchased nuclear materials. This point was reiterated by a U.S. government official from DOE's Global Threat Reduction Initiative who said that HEU fuel at research reactors is **the "most attractive material" for theft by terrorists and is often at "the most vulnerable facilities."** HEU is "much easier for terrorists to use" than plutonium, according to the official. Although little definitive information is available about the operational security of Pakistan's relatively small nuclear arsenal, many analysts



worry that political instability, the presence within the country of Islamic militant groups, and the **uncertain loyalties of senior officials in the nuclear chain of command increase the risk that Pakistan's nuclear arms could fall into the hands of terrorists**. Although Pakistan has declared publicly that its nuclear arsenal is secure, it is apparently ready to accept U.S. support for enhancing security over its nuclear armory. However, it is important to acknowledge **a growing Pakistani fear that the United States has plans to seize or take control of its nuclear weapons**. According to the NTI, **Protecting nuclear weapons and fissile materials "at the source" is the most effective and certain means for preventing nuclear terrorism**. But even if a nuclear weapon or fissile material were diverted or seized, opportunities would remain to thwart their actual use.

- If terrorists relied on middlemen to acquire nuclear contraband, for example, it might be possible to disrupt the illicit nuclear trafficking network before the goods were transferred to the terrorist organization.
- Terrorists might require a long time to ready a weapon or IND for use and to transport it to their desired target. They would also require a team of experts and specialized equipment and components subject to international controls, the acquisition of which might be blocked.
- **If the loss of a nuclear weapon or fissile material were detected, authorities in the country that owned the weapon or material would launch a massive hunt to find and regain control over it**, receiving assistance from other states, as appropriate.
- **Border security in the owning country, in potential target countries, and in transit states would be greatly intensified, as would collaboration among the intelligence, law enforcement, and militaries of all countries concerned.**

From 1987 until 2003, **Dr. A.Q. Khan, the father of the Pakistani uranium enrichment program, directed an international nuclear smuggling operation** that provided gas centrifuge enrichment technology and equipment to Iran, Libya, and North Korea. **The Khan network also marketed nuclear weapon design information to Libya and possibly to other states**. The network was eventually broken up as the result of intelligence and law enforcement efforts, the details of which have yet to be disclosed. One major operation was the October 2003 seizure of cargo on a vessel named the *BBC China*, which carried a cargo of fissile material production equipment for Libya. It is not known if the Khan network sought to sell its nuclear wares to non-state actors. One cannot rule out that possibility or the prospect that remnants of the **Khan network or other nuclear trafficking operations might in the future seek to market sensitive nuclear commodities to terrorist organizations**.



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**Title/Headline:** *A Failure to Imagine the Worst: The First Step Toward Preventing A Nuclear 9/11 Is Believing It Could Happen.*

**Abstract:** In his first speech to the U.N. Security Council, U.S. President Barack Obama challenged members to think about the impact of a single nuclear bomb. He said: **"Just one nuclear weapon exploded in a city -- be it New York or Moscow, Tokyo or Beijing, London or Paris -- could kill hundreds of thousands of people."** The consequences, he noted, would **"destabilize our security, our economies, and our very way of life."** Before the Sept. 11, 2001, assault on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, who could have imagined that terrorists would mount an attack on the American homeland that would kill more citizens than Japan did at Pearl Harbor? As then-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice testified to the 9/11 Commission: **"No one could have imagined them taking a plane, slamming it into the Pentagon ... into the World Trade Center, using planes as missiles."** For most Americans, the idea of international terrorists conducting a successful attack on their homeland, killing thousands of citizens, was not just unlikely. It was inconceivable. As is now evident, assertions about what is "imaginable" or "conceivable," however, are propositions about our minds, not about what is objectively possible. Prior to 9/11, how unlikely was a megaterrorist attack on the American homeland? **In the previous decade, al Qaeda attacks on the World Trade Center in 1993, U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998, and the USS Cole in 2000 had together killed almost 250 and injured nearly 6,000. Moreover, the organization was actively training thousands of recruits in camps in Afghanistan for future terrorist operations.** Thinking about risks we face today, we should reflect on the major conclusion of the bipartisan 9/11 Commission established to investigate that catastrophe. The U.S. national security establishment's principal failure prior to Sept. 11, 2001, was, the commission found, a "failure of imagination." **Summarized in a single sentence, the question now is: Are we at risk of an equivalent failure to imagine a nuclear 9/11? After the recent attempted terrorist attack on Northwest Airlines Flight 253, this question is more urgent than ever.** The thought that terrorists could successfully explode a nuclear bomb in an American city killing hundreds of thousands of people seems incomprehensible. This essential incredulity is rooted in three deeply ingrained presumptions. **First, no one could seriously intend to kill hundreds of thousands of people in a single attack. Second, only states are capable of mass destruction; nonstate actors would be unable to build or use nuclear weapons. Third, terrorists would not be able to deliver a nuclear bomb to an American city. In a nutshell, these presumptions lead to the conclusion: inconceivable. Why then does Obama call nuclear terrorism "the single most important national security threat that we face" and "a threat that rises above all others in urgency?"** Why the unanimity among those who have shouldered responsibility for U.S. national security in recent years that this is a grave and present danger? In former CIA Director George Tenet's assessment, "the main threat is the nuclear one. I am convinced that this is where [Osama bin Laden] and his operatives desperately want to go." When asked recently what keeps him awake at night, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates answered: **"It's the thought of a terrorist ending up with a weapon of mass destruction, especially nuclear."** Leaders who have reached this conclusion about the genuine urgency of the nuclear terrorist threat are not unaware of their skeptics' presumptions. Rather, they have examined the evidence, much of which has been painstakingly compiled here by Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, former head of the CIA's terrorism and weapons-of-mass-destruction efforts, and much of which

remains classified. Specifically, who is seriously motivated to kill hundreds of thousands of Americans? **Osama bin Laden, who has declared his intention to kill "4 million Americans -- including 2 million children."** The deeply held belief that even if they wanted to, "men in caves can't do this" was then Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's view when Tenet flew to Islamabad to see him after 9/11. As Tenet (assisted by Mowatt-Larssen) took him step by step through the evidence, he discovered that indeed they could. **Terrorists' opportunities to bring a bomb into the United States follow the same trails along which 275 tons of drugs and 3 million people crossed U.S. borders illegally last year.** In 2007, Congress established a successor to the 9/11 Commission to focus on terrorism using weapons of mass destruction. This bipartisan Commission on the Prevention of WMD Proliferation and Terrorism issued its report to Congress and the Obama administration in December 2008. **In the commission's unanimous judgment: "it is more likely than not that a weapon of mass destruction will be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by the end of 2013."** Faced with the possibility of an American Hiroshima, many Americans are paralyzed by a combination of denial and fatalism. Either it hasn't happened, so it's not going to happen; or, if it is going to happen, there's nothing we can do to stop it. Both propositions are wrong. **The countdown to a nuclear 9/11 can be stopped, but only by realistic recognition of the threat, a clear agenda for action, and relentless determination to pursue it** (Allison, 2010).



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**Title/Headline:** *Armageddon And The Threat of Nuclear Terrorism*

**Abstract:** President Obama recently convened a global summit on the threat of nuclear terrorism, an issue that he considers to be the greatest danger currently facing the U.S. and the international community. Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak similarly believes that the gravest threat is not posed by rogue states, such as Iran, even if it acquires nuclear weapons, but rather "...a nuclear weapon reach[ing] a terrorist group, which will not hesitate to use it immediately. They will send it in a container with a GPS to a leading port in the U.S., Europe, or Israel." Unlike traditional terrorism, nuclear terrorism would pose a potentially catastrophic threat to states across the world. Even a bomb considered to be relatively small would have devastating consequences, with estimates ranging from tens to hundreds of thousands of dead. **Although Israel would survive such a strike as a state, the consequences would be devastating – and this scenario is based on the optimistic assumption that terrorists would detonate only one nuclear bomb.** Should nuclear terrorists strike the U.S., the consequences while not existential, would nevertheless be extreme. **Nuclear terrorism poses a unique threat not only because of the magnitude of the destruction, but because those most likely to perpetrate an attack may be fundamentally nihilistic and therefore undeterrable** – prepared to pay any cost in loss of life in pursuit of their objectives. As millennial movements for whom the crippling and even destruction of the U.S. and Israel are sacred missions, **a nuclear terrorist attack where even a devastating response is assumed may be a worthy means of ushering in a messianic era.** There are several reasons why nuclear terrorism, whether against the U.S. or Israel, could serve strategic objectives and benefit those states and groups contemplating such actions. First, there is the actual use of nuclear weapons with the designed goal of dealing their victim a devastating blow. **However, nuclear possession may also be used as a deterrent against an attack from the U.S. or Israel in order to counter their overwhelming military superiority.** In this way, nuclear terrorism would provide an umbrella enabling the state or group to conduct lower level hostilities with the assumption that they would be spared the threat of massive retaliation. Possessing nuclear weapons would also allow the group or country to exercise decisive influence over U.S. and Israeli decision-making in times of crisis. It could prove to be a deciding factor on fundamental policy issues as the two countries could be held hostage by the very threat of a nuclear terrorist attack. **It also would serve to weaken the resilience of American and Israeli society as a result of the need to live under the shadow of nuclear terrorism.** In turn, it would severely undermine public confidence in either government's ability to provide a safe environment in which to live. **A nuclear terrorist attack against either the United States or Israel could be carried out by sea, air, and land-based operations.** Israel, however, faces the additional threat of rocket attacks, such as those already in Hezbollah's possession that could be fitted with nuclear warheads. Though unsuited for ordinary military purposes, these rockets could be effective weapons of terror. **The United States and Israel have two policy options—prevention and deterrence—that they can pursue in countering the threat.**

**Prevention:** Prevention is the first measure in the bilateral tool-kit, including heightened intelligence, interdiction cooperation, and a variety of related offensive and defensive measures. **Nevertheless, the difficulties the United States has encountered in tracking down bin Laden and other al-Qaeda operatives, as well as the trouble Israel faces in detecting short-range rockets in Lebanon and Gaza, are indicative of the challenges posed by the detection of a terrorist nuclear weapon.** Once detected, the problem of eliminating the threat before it could be detonated would remain critical and difficult.

**Deterrence:** It is typically assumed that deterrence is ineffective against nuclear terrorism, due both to the nihilistic nature of the assumed perpetrators and the absence of a return address. However, this is not always the case. While the biggest question mark is al-Qaeda, Hezbollah and Hamas have both proven themselves deterrable over the years. Though certainly extremist, their commitment to their domestic audiences vies with and at times overrides their commitment to Israel's destruction. This in no way detracts from the extreme severity of the threat that would be posed by their acquisition of a nuclear capability – such as the ability to terrorize Israel's population, conduct large-scale terror attacks with relative impunity, or attempt to dictate terms – but their deterrability does place the threat in an appropriate context. Similarly, while a precise assessment of Iran's cost-benefit analysis is unknowable, **Tehran does appear to be a rational player and thus deterrable.** Although Iran would presumably be willing to suffer severe consequences in pursuit of Israel's

destruction, Iranian leaders will, of course, take into account that Israel is widely considered by the international community to be a nuclear power and if so, that its actions could lead to a devastating exchange for both. Iran would also have to factor in the possibility of an American response, even if Tehran solely directs its actions against Israel. **Al-Qaeda and its acolytes, on the other hand, are assumed not to be deterrable – and for good reason.** Such Islamic extremists view all non-Muslims – and even Muslims that don't adhere to their strict reading of Islam – as infidels, or *kufar*, who must be killed for the sake of Allah. **Indeed, al-Qaeda and its followers have proven their willingness, if not desire, to murder and die in order to obtain their ultimate goal of creating an Islamic Caliphate. For this reason, nuclear capabilities in the hands of al-Qaeda would pose an unacceptable danger.** As such, unless virtually irrefutable and immediate evidence exists to the contrary, **Israel and the United States should adopt a declared retaliatory policy that holds Iran and/or al-Qaeda responsible for a nuclear attack regardless of the perpetrator's identity.** The allies should clarify that its response will be unlimited and include not just their leaders and their families, but major population centers and all sites of value for the Muslim world, including those of major symbolic importance. **Potential perpetrators of nuclear terrorism must be convinced that the U.S. and Israel will both retaliate in a devastating fashion.** For Israel, this means a "shoot first, no questions asked" policy, which holds accountable those clearly responsible for the attack (if any) as well as those reasonably suspected of involvement. There will be no room for diplomacy and Israel and the United States must respond with all means at their disposal. As a global power, the U.S. may not be able to adopt such a "no questions asked" policy and nuclear forensics will be crucial. Nevertheless, **American determination to act decisively to prevent a nuclear terrorist threat and to retaliate devastatingly against those found responsible, must be beyond question.** U.S. declaratory policy on the nuclear terror threat to Israel would not need to be substantially different from its posture on the issue of nuclear terrorism generally and its commitments to Israel's security, but could be further expanded to specifically include nuclear terrorism. **While the list of those who might wish to carry out nuclear terrorism against either the U.S. or Israel is not long, it is also not as short as one might hope.** It includes al-Qaeda and affiliated jihadi organizations, Hezbollah, Hamas, Iran, and potentially. **The United States and Israel must take into account that a nuclear terrorist threat could emerge in the foreseeable future, and act accordingly to minimize that threat using prevention and deterrence.** Indeed, the potential costs of nuclear terrorism are appallingly high (Freilich, 2010).



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**Title/Headline:** *Securing The Bomb: Securing All Nuclear Materials In Four Years*

**Abstract: Executive Summary:** As President Barack Obama has said, the danger that terrorists could get and use a nuclear bomb remains “the most immediate and extreme threat to global security.” Incidents around the world make clear that urgent action is needed to improve security for nuclear stockpiles around the world and to keep nuclear weapons and the materials needed to make them out of terrorist hands. **That is the purpose of both the global effort to secure all nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear material within four years that President Obama has initiated, and the nuclear security summit he is hosting in Washington on 12-13 April 2010. Although the Obama administration has made progress toward this goal, much more needs to be done.** Today, the world is not yet on track to succeed in achieving effective security for all stockpiles of nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear materials within four years. **To meet that objective, the nuclear security summit must be only the first step in a broader campaign to shift the global nuclear security effort onto a faster and broader trajectory.**

#### **The Threat Of Nuclear Terrorism: Several Facts Frame The Danger:**

- **Al Qaeda is seeking nuclear weapons and has repeatedly attempted to acquire the materials and expertise needed to make them.**
- **Numerous studies by the U.S. and other governments have concluded that it is plausible that a sophisticated terrorist group could make a crude nuclear bomb if it got enough of the needed nuclear materials.**
- **There have been over 18 documented cases of theft or loss of plutonium or highly enriched uranium (HEU), the essential ingredients of nuclear weapons. Peace activists have broken into a Belgian base where U.S. nuclear weapons are reportedly stored; two teams of armed men attacked a site in South Africa where hundreds of kilograms of HEU are stored; and Russian officials have confirmed that terrorist teams have carried out reconnaissance at Russian nuclear weapon storage facilities.**
- **The immense length of national borders, the huge scale of legitimate traffic, the myriad potential pathways across these borders, and the small size and weak radiation signal of the materials needed to make a nuclear bomb make nuclear smuggling extraordinarily difficult to stop.**

**No one knows the real likelihood of nuclear terrorism. But the consequences of a terrorist nuclear blast would be so catastrophic that even a small chance is enough to justify urgent action to reduce the risk. The heart of a major city could be reduced to a smoldering radioactive ruin, leaving tens to hundreds of thousands of people dead. Devastating economic consequences would reverberate worldwide. America and the world would be changed forever. Making plutonium or HEU is well beyond the plausible capabilities of terrorist groups. Hence, if all the world's stockpiles of these materials can be secured from falling into terrorist hands, nuclear terrorism can be prevented. Improved nuclear security is the single point on the terrorist pathway to the bomb where government policies can do the most to reduce the danger. After a nuclear weapon or the material needed to make one has been stolen, every later step on the terrorist pathway is easier for terrorists to take and harder for governments to stop.**

**Nuclear Security Today:** Today, nuclear weapons or the separated plutonium or HEU needed to make them exist in hundreds of buildings and bunkers in dozens of countries. Each country where such stockpiles exist is responsible for securing them, and the specific approaches, procedures, and rules for securing and accounting for nuclear stockpiles vary widely. **There are no binding global rules that specify how much security these stockpiles should have. In many countries, nuclear security today is substantially better than it was in the mid-1990s, as a result of national efforts and international cooperative programs.** Security and accounting systems for all but a few dozen of the hundreds of buildings and bunkers in Russia and the Eurasian states have been substantially improved through cooperative efforts. Some 17 countries have eliminated all of the weapons-usable nuclear material on their soil. **These successes represent, in a real sense, bombs that will never go off—and demonstrate the progress that can be achieved through cooperation. But serious risks remain, as evidenced by recent incidents at nuclear sites and ongoing cases of theft or loss of weapons-usable nuclear material.** Upgraded security systems will not last forever unless states provide the resources to sustain them and write and enforce rules that require sites and transporters to maintain effective security and accounting systems. Strong security cultures—in which all relevant staff take security seriously, every day—are also an essential component of effective nuclear security.

**Based on unclassified information on the quantity and quality of nuclear stockpiles around the world, the security levels in place, and the adversary threats these security systems must protect against, it appears that the highest risks of nuclear theft today are in:**

- **Pakistan, where a small and heavily guarded nuclear stockpile faces immense threats, both from insiders who may be corrupt or sympathetic to terrorists and from large-scale attacks by outsiders;**
- Russia, which has the world's largest nuclear stockpiles in the world's largest number of buildings and bunkers; security measures that have improved dramatically but still include important vulnerabilities (and need to be sustained for the long haul); and substantial threats, particularly from insiders, given the endemic corruption in Russia; and
- HEU-fueled research reactors, which usually (though not always) use only modest stocks of HEU, in forms that would require some chemical processing before they could be used in a bomb, but which often have only the most minimal security measures in place—in some cases little more than a night watchman and a chain-link fence.

While these are the highest-risk categories, the risks elsewhere are very real as well. **Transport of nuclear weapons and materials is a particular concern, as it is the part of the nuclear material life-cycle most vulnerable to violent, forcible theft, since it is impossible to protect the material with thick walls and many minutes of delay when it is on the road.** Reprocessing plutonium from spent fuel and recycling it as new fuel requires intensive security measures and creates risks that are not present when the plutonium remains in massive, intensely radioactive spent fuel assemblies that would be very difficult to steal. Nuclear security issues exist not only in developing and transition countries but in wealthy countries as well, some of which have no armed guards at nuclear facilities, or only protect these facilities against very modest threats. **In the end, virtually every country where these materials exist—including the United States—has more to do to ensure that these stocks are effectively protected against the kinds of threats that terrorists and criminals have shown they can pose.** President Obama, building on programs launched by his predecessors, has taken a number of steps to accelerate nuclear security improvements, including launching the four-year nuclear security effort, hosting the nuclear security summit, creating new U.S. government positions to coordinate these programs, and requesting a significant increase in the budget for nuclear security improvement programs in fiscal year (FY) 2011 (though not, unfortunately, in FY 2010).

#### **Recent Progress Includes:**

- During FY2009, security and accounting upgrades were completed at 29 additional weapons-usable nuclear material buildings in Russia, bringing the total for such buildings upgraded in Russia and the Eurasian states to 210, only 19 short of the target of 229 buildings to be completed through FY2012.
- **Since President Obama launched the four-year nuclear security effort four countries have eliminated all the weapons-usable nuclear material on their soil, with U.S. help. To date, the United States has helped remove all the HEU from more than 47 facilities in countries around the world.**
- Discussions about eliminating all HEU in several of the developing or transition non-nuclear-weapon states with the largest HEU stocks are well advanced.
- **Cooperation to improve nuclear security is continuing in Pakistan, though the specifics are classified;** the United States and Russia have greatly broadened their exchanges of best practices, efforts to strengthen security culture, and cooperation to ensure effective nuclear security will be sustained for the long haul; and detailed dialogue with China on improving nuclear security and accounting is continuing.

**The nuclear security summit has elevated the issue of nuclear security to a far higher political level. If the summit succeeds, it will help build a new sense of urgency among the participants about taking action to prevent nuclear terrorism.** Products of the summit are expected to include a communiqué from the assembled leaders, a more detailed expert-level work plan, and commitments to nuclear security actions that individual participating countries are likely to make. The success of the summit will be measured by whether it leads to real change in the pace and scope of nuclear security improvements on the ground in the months that follow. **Despite this progress, the world is not yet on track to succeed in achieving effective security for all stockpiles of nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear. Dramatic progress, though major issues remain.** Planned U.S.-sponsored security upgrades for both warhead sites and nuclear material buildings almost complete, though some warhead sites and material buildings not covered. Inadequate Russian investment to ensure sustainability, though signs of improvement. Questions on security culture. Poorly paid and trained conscript guards for nuclear material. Substantial threats from widespread insider corruption and theft, while material accounting and control measures remain weak in some cases. Substantial outsider threats as well, though suppressed by counterinsurgency in Chechnya. Major need for consolidation, as Russia still has the world's largest numbers of nuclear weapons sites and weapons-usable nuclear materials buildings, including the world's largest HEU-fueled research reactors. **Pakistan has a small, heavily guarded nuclear stockpile. Substantial security improvements have been**

made in recent years, in part with U.S. help, but the specifics of this cooperation are classified. Immense threats in Pakistan from nuclear insiders with extremist sympathies, al Qaeda or Taliban outsider attacks, and a weak state. India also has a small nuclear stockpile, and reports that it requires its stocks to be protected against a range of outsider and insider threats, but has so far rejected nuclear security cooperation with the United States. China has a somewhat larger nuclear stockpile, believed to be protected by substantial guard forces. A broad U.S.-Chinese nuclear security dialogue is underway, and China appears to have modernized security and accounting measures at some sites, but little evidence that China has yet required such measures in its regulations. In North Korea, a very small nuclear stockpile and a garrison state probably limit the risks of nuclear theft. Important progress in recent years, but some issues remain. U.S.-funded security upgrades completed at nearly all facilities with weapons-usable material in the Eurasian states outside of Russia, and in Eastern Europe. Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and South Africa have particularly dangerous nuclear material: upgrades completed in Ukraine (though sustainability is an issue); upgrades nearing completion after a several-year delay in Belarus; South Africa (whose facility suffered a penetration of the outer perimeter by armed men in November 2007) is discussing cooperation on nuclear security. Upgrades completed for nearly all HEU-fueled research reactors that previously did not meet IAEA recommendations, but some upgrades would not be enough to defend against demonstrated terrorist and criminal capabilities. Significant progress in recent years, as several countries have strengthened nuclear security rules since 9/11. The United States has ongoing dialogues with key countries on nuclear security, but does not sponsor security upgrades in wealthy countries. Nuclear security requirements in some countries remain insufficient to protect against demonstrated terrorist or criminal threats. Additional efforts needed to consolidate both HEU and separated plutonium in fewer locations. Substantial progress in recent years, though issues remain. DOE has drastically strengthened its requirements for protecting both nuclear weapons and materials (especially from outsider attack) since 9/11. NRC has also increased its security requirements, though they remain less stringent than DOE requirements, and NRC regulated research reactors fueled with HEU remain exempt from most NRC security requirements. Major progress in converting NRC-regulated reactors to low-enriched fuel, and in implementing voluntary security upgrades going beyond regulatory requirements at these sites. Recent incidents suggest an ongoing issue with security culture.

**Next Steps To Secure Nuclear Material In Four Years:** The goal of the four-year nuclear security effort that President Obama has called for and that the UN Security Council has endorsed in Resolution 1887 should be to ensure that all stocks of nuclear weapons, plutonium, and HEU worldwide are effectively and lastingly protected. All means that any nuclear material that could be used to make a nuclear bomb should be included, whether it is in a military or a civilian stockpile. It means the effort must ensure security not just for materials in developing or transition countries such as Russia, Pakistan, or South Africa, but also in wealthy countries such as Belgium and Japan—and the United States. Effectively is a matter of risk—another way of stating the goal is that at the end of four years, all nuclear stocks should have a low risk of being stolen. That means they have to be reliably protected against the most plausible kinds of adversary capabilities (both outsider and insider) that they might face. In a world with terrorists with global reach, all nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear materials should at least be protected against theft by a well-placed insider; a modest group of well-armed and well-trained outsiders, capable of operating as more than one team; or both together, and against a range of tactics such adversaries might use, from frontal assault to deception to covert infiltration. Countries facing more capable adversaries, such as Pakistan, should put even more stringent security measures in place. Lastingly means that countries have put in place the resources to sustain effective security and accounting measures for the long haul, and the regulations requiring operators to do so. As with any government program, it will be essential to develop measures and indicators that provide a realistic assessment of the progress being made. Such measures might include, for example, the fraction of the total world number of sites with nuclear weapons or weapons-usable nuclear materials where all of those stocks have been eliminated, and the fraction that have demonstrated that their security systems are performing effectively, and could protect against a broad range of outsider and insider threats. It would certainly not be possible for U.S.-funded upgrades to be negotiated and implemented for all relevant sites around the world in four years. Instead, the effort must combine U.S.-funded upgrades and material removals (or those funded by other donor states) with security improvements and material removals key countries carry out themselves, once they become convinced of the urgency of action. The administration must develop a clear set of metrics to be used in assessing progress in the four-year nuclear security effort—metrics that assess not just where equipment has been installed but what fraction of the sites where nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear materials exist have effective nuclear security measures in place. With the right leadership, sufficient resources, a comprehensive, prioritized plan, and a partnership-based approach, it is quite plausible that at the end of the four-year effort, the number of countries where weapons-usable nuclear material exists could be cut in half or more; the number of sites could have been cut by 20-30 percent; and that all the countries where nuclear weapons or weapons-usable nuclear material still exists could put in place effectively enforced rules requiring all of their dangerous nuclear stocks to be protected against a robust set of outsider and insider threats. Such progress would dramatically reduce the danger that nuclear terrorism poses to global security. Nevertheless, it is clear that continued work to improve nuclear security—particularly the important but difficult specifics of accurate control and accounting of nuclear materials being processed in bulk—will still be needed after the end of the four-year nuclear security effort. Achieving these objectives will require several steps beyond those already being taken. Build the sense of urgency and commitment worldwide. The fundamental key to the success of the four-year nuclear security effort is to convince political leaders and nuclear managers around the world that nuclear terrorism is a real and urgent threat to their countries' security, worthy of a substantial investment of their time and money. If these programs succeed in building that sense of urgency, these officials and managers will take the needed actions to prevent nuclear terrorism; without that sense of urgency, they will not. The United States and other countries should take several steps to build the needed sense of urgency and commitment, including: (a) joint threat briefings at upcoming summits and high-level meetings with key countries, where experts from both the United States and the country concerned would outline the very real possibility that terrorists could get nuclear material and make a nuclear bomb; (b) intelligence agency discussions, in which U.S. intelligence agencies would seek to convince their foreign counterparts—who are often their government's main source for assessments of national security threats—that the nuclear terrorism threat is a real one that must be addressed urgently; (c) an "Armageddon Test," in which intelligence agents would attempt to penetrate nuclear smuggling networks and acquire sufficient nuclear material for a bomb, providing a realistic assessment of how difficult it is to do so; (d) nuclear terrorism exercises with policymakers from key states, which can sometimes reach officials emotionally



in a way that briefings and policy memos cannot; (e) **fast-paced nuclear security reviews, in which leaders of key states would pick teams of security experts they trust to conduct fast-paced reviews of nuclear security in their countries (with U.S. advice and technical assistance if desired), assessing whether facilities are adequately protected against a set of clearly defined threats (as the United States did after 9/11, revealing a wide range of vulnerabilities);** (f) realistic testing of nuclear security performance, in which the United States could help countries conduct realistic tests of their nuclear security systems' ability to defeat realistic insider or outsider threats; and (g) shared databases of threats and incidents, including unclassified information on actual security incidents (both at nuclear sites and at non-nuclear guarded facilities) that offer lessons for policymakers and facility managers to consider in deciding on nuclear security levels and particular threats to defend against. **Broaden consolidation and security upgrade efforts Today, U.S.-funded cooperative nuclear security upgrade efforts are focusing primarily on the former Soviet Union, South Asia, and a few HEU-fueled research reactors elsewhere.** (Nuclear security cooperation with China has so far focused on dialogue and exchanges of best practices, not on U.S.-funded upgrades.) U.S.-funded consolidation programs focus primarily on converting HEU-fueled reactors and removing Soviet-supplied HEU and a fraction of U.S.-supplied HEU. To secure all nuclear stockpiles in four years, both security upgrades and consolidation efforts must be broadened. **The United States and other donor countries should plan to carry out security upgrades that are more extensive than those now planned, at more facilities, in more countries. These should include not only installing equipment, but also increasing each country's capacity and commitments to implement effective nuclear security on their own—through training, exchanges of best practices, improvements in regulation and enforcement, sustainability support programs, work on security culture, and more.** This effort should include the regional nuclear security "centers of excellence" that President Obama and some European countries have proposed, which could provide central locations for training, demonstrating modern equipment, exchange of best practices, and the like. Consolidation efforts should be expanded to include reducing the number of sites where nuclear weapons exist (particularly in Russia); limiting the accumulation of stockpiles of separated plutonium, and the number of places where plutonium is processed, stored, and used; and removing HEU from a far broader set of the sites where it now exists, with the goal of eliminating the HEU from the most vulnerable sites during the four-year effort, and eliminating all civil HEU within roughly a decade. **The United States and other donor countries should offer additional incentives, structured to the needs of each facility, to convince facilities to agree to convert to fuels that cannot be used in a nuclear bomb, or to shut down, and to give up their HEU or separated plutonium.** The United States and other donor states should offer something in the range of \$10,000 per kilogram for modest stocks of excess HEU from any country willing to get rid of it and to agree not to make or buy more. Get the rules and incentives right. **Effectively enforced national rules for nuclear security and effective global nuclear security rules are both key elements of the effort to secure nuclear stockpiles around the world. As most nuclear managers only invest in expensive security measures when the government tells them they have to, effective regulation is essential to effective and lasting security.** Hence, President Obama and other leaders seeking to improve nuclear security should greatly increase the focus on ensuring that countries around the world put in place and enforce effective nuclear security and accounting regulations, giving all facilities strong incentives to ensure those stockpiles are effectively secured. **Regulators in each country must have the authority, independence, expertise, and resources needed to do their jobs effectively—and countries must ensure that operators have the resources needed to follow the rules.** These rules should include requirements for realistic testing of the performance of nuclear security systems against intelligent and creative insider and outsider adversaries. Nuclear security is only as strong as its weakest link. Hence, it is also important to seek effective global nuclear security rules that will help ensure that each country where stockpiles of nuclear weapons and weapons-usable materials exist puts effective national rules and procedures in place. **Unfortunately, because of complacency about the threat, concerns over national sovereignty, and differing national approaches, past efforts to negotiate global treaties specifying how secure nuclear weapons or weapons-usable materials should be have not succeeded, and such a treaty-negotiation approach is not likely to succeed in the future.** (There is a Convention on Physical Protection and a 2005 amendment to it that provide useful guidelines, but set no specific requirements for how secure weapons-usable nuclear material should be.) **The most promising approach to forging international standards is to make use of UN Security Council Resolution 1540, which already legally requires all countries to provide "appropriate effective" security and accounting for any nuclear stockpiles they may have. The United States should work with other states pursuing improved nuclear security to build a political-level consensus around what essential elements need to be in place for nuclear security systems to be considered "appropriate" and "effective," and then work with other donor states to help (and to pressure) countries around the world to put those essential elements in place.** The approach should be based on ensuring that all states provide protection against a plausible set of outsider and insider threats, while leaving flexibility for each country to pursue its own approach to accomplishing that objective. **At the same time, the United States should certainly continue to work to get states to ratify the physical protection convention and its 2005 amendment and to strengthen the IAEA's nuclear security guides and recommendations. Incentives are as important as rules.** Given the strong incentives to save money and time by cutting corners on nuclear security, states, agencies, facilities, managers, and staff must be given strong incentives to focus on achieving high nuclear security performance. **If the effort to build a sense of urgency around the world about the threat of nuclear terrorism succeeds, the desire to address real threats will provide the most important incentive. President Obama should also make clear to countries around the world that cooperating to ensure effective security for nuclear stockpiles and take other steps to prevent nuclear terrorism is essential to good relations with the United States, just as compliance with arms control and nonproliferation agreements has been for many years.** At the same time, the United States should seek to ensure that each country with dangerous nuclear stockpiles establishes financial and other rewards for strong nuclear security performance (comparable, for example, to the bonus payments contractors managing DOE facilities can earn for high performance), and for those who identify nuclear security problems and propose practical solutions. The U.S. government should take the position that only facilities that can demonstrate that they maintain highly effective security will be eligible for U.S. government-funded contracts for cooperative R&D and related efforts, and should seek to convince other governments to do likewise. **Ultimately, effective security and accounting for weapons-usable nuclear material should become part of the "price of admission" for doing business in the international nuclear market. Take a partnership-based approach. To succeed, a global nuclear security improvement effort must be based not just on donor-recipient relationships but on real partnerships, which integrate ideas and resources from countries where upgrades are taking place in ways that also serve their national interests.** For countries like India and Pakistan, for example, it is politically untenable to accept U.S. assistance that is portrayed as necessary because they are unable to adequately control their nuclear stockpiles on their own. **But joining with the major nuclear states in jointly addressing a global problem may be politically**

appealing. U.S.-Russian relations are still rocky despite President Obama's efforts to "reset" them, making a real nuclear security partnership with Russia difficult to achieve, but no less essential; shared U.S.-Russian interests in keeping nuclear material out of terrorist hands remain. Such partnerships will have to be based on creative approaches that make it possible to cooperate in upgrading nuclear security without demanding that countries compromise their legitimate nuclear secrets. **Specific approaches should be crafted to accommodate each national culture, secrecy system, and set of circumstances. As a central element of this partnership based approach, the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism should be reinvigorated, with a focus on building the international sense of urgency and commitment to action to reduce the risk of nuclear terrorism, and on meeting the four-year nuclear security objective.** Broaden best practices exchanges and security culture efforts. Opportunities for nuclear security operators to hear about and learn from the best security practices used in other facilities around the world—as offered, for example, by the new World Institute for Nuclear Security—can be powerful motivators for improvement. **Targeted efforts to improve nuclear security culture, so that guards are no longer falling asleep on the job or turning off intrusion detectors, are also critical. As Gen. Eugene Habiger, former commander of U.S. strategic nuclear forces and former security "czar" at the U.S. Department of Energy once put it, "good security is 20 percent equipment and 80 percent culture."**

President Obama and other leaders seeking to improve nuclear security should work with all countries where nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear materials exist—as well as countries with major nuclear facilities that might be subject to sabotage—to exchange best practices and strengthen nuclear security culture. **The ultimate goal should be to ensure that every facility and transporter handling nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear material participates in programs to exchange best practices, and has a targeted program in place to continually assess and strengthen its nuclear security culture.** Create mechanisms to follow up and to build confidence in progress Mechanisms to follow up on commitments made and to build confidence that they are being implemented—and that states are maintaining effective nuclear security systems—will be essential if the commitments of the nuclear security summit are to have a real and lasting impact.

**First:** Each participating state should designate one or a small number of key officials to be responsible for implementing their states' efforts, and groups of these officials should meet regularly in the months and years after the summit to review progress and assess next steps. If initial approaches are not working, or particular cooperating countries identify gaps that need to be filled or unexpected problems that need to be solved, these officials should have the authority to modify the cooperative nuclear security efforts.

**Second:** It is important to build an international understanding of the work to be done. Through intelligence programs such as the Nuclear Materials Information Program, the United States is developing a more comprehensive classified understanding of the state of nuclear security around world. But a common understanding of the state of nuclear security around the world is needed, to provide a baseline against which to judge progress of the four-year nuclear security effort. **While many of the specifics of nuclear security arrangements in different countries will inevitably remain shrouded in secrecy, the United States and other countries working to achieve the four-year nuclear security objective should seek to convince countries of the importance of sharing as much information as they can about how many sites with nuclear stockpiles exist in each country, what security measures are in place (at least in general descriptive terms), and the like.**

**Third:** Countries should work together to develop means, within the confines of necessary secrecy, to build international confidence that states are taking the steps they have committed to and putting effective nuclear security measures in place. International visits such as those that take place under U.S. nuclear supply agreements, IAEA-led peer reviews, and international cooperation on nuclear security upgrades are all effective mechanisms for expanding transparency to build confidence that effective nuclear security measures are in place, or are being put in place. **But additional approaches will be needed for sites that are unlikely to welcome international visitors in the near future—from U.S. and Russian nuclear warhead assembly plants to nuclear sites in Pakistan and Israel. For example, countries might have their adversary teams who test nuclear security systems train together (to increase their understanding of the kinds of tests each participating country conducts)—and then report to each other, at least in general terms, the results of nuclear security tests.** The United States, for example, already openly publishes data on what percentage of DOE facilities have received high ratings in DOE security inspections—and uses that percentage as a measure of the effectiveness of ongoing steps to improve security. In the immediate term, until such measures can be agreed, states should do more to provide general descriptions of their nuclear security approaches, photographs of installed equipment, and related data that could be made public and help build confidence that effective nuclear security measures are being taken without providing data that could help terrorists and criminals plan their attacks. **Build a multi-layered defense nuclear security systems will never be perfect—and some nuclear material may already have been stolen and never recovered. Hence, a multilayered effort to block the terrorist pathway to the bomb is needed, with nuclear security as the first and most important layer.** The United States and other countries seeking to reduce this risk should expand police and intelligence cooperation focused on identifying and countering terrorist groups with nuclear ambitions and seeking to interdict nuclear smuggling. They should work to ensure that countries around the world have criminal laws in place imposing heavy penalties for any participation in efforts to steal or smuggle nuclear material or any assistance to nuclear terrorists—and that states have units of their national police trained and equipped to deal with such cases. They should create new tip lines and reward programs to encourage participants in such conspiracies to blow the whistle. **While the likelihood that hostile states would consciously decide to transfer nuclear weapons or the materials needed to make them to terrorists is already low, the United States and its international partners should seek to lower it further, in particular by putting together international packages of carrots and sticks large enough and credible enough to convince North Korea and Iran that it is in their national interests to verifiably abandon their pursuit of nuclear weapons—and by making crystal clear the consequences that any state found to have intentionally transferred such items to terrorists would face.** Provide the needed leadership, planning, and resources Achieving effective security for all the world's stockpiles of nuclear weapons and weapons-usable nuclear materials poses an extraordinarily difficult challenge. Sustained high-level leadership will be needed to overcome a maze of obstacles posed by complacency about the threat, secrecy, political disputes, sovereignty concerns, and bureaucratic obstacles. Intense engagement from presidents and prime ministers in the months and years following the nuclear security summit will be needed, not just

occasional statements of support. **Leaders will have to be willing to change outdated rules, overrule officials standing in the way of nuclear security cooperation, invest additional funds in nuclear security, and more.**

**First:** President Obama, building on the structure he has put in place, should give the National Security Council clear direction and authority to take the needed actions to move this agenda forward, and to keep this effort on the front burner at the White House every day. **The staff focused on this topic need to wake up every morning thinking “what can we do today to prevent a nuclear terrorist attack?”** President Obama should also encourage Russia and other key countries to put similar top-level structures in place, so that it is clear which officials other countries should talk to about nuclear security and nuclear terrorism.

**Second:** President Obama should direct the NSC staff to further develop a comprehensive, prioritized plan for preventing nuclear terrorism, integrating steps from implementing nuclear security upgrades to expanding intelligence cooperation focused on the nuclear terrorist threat to building the sense of urgency around the world. This plan will have to be continuously modified as circumstances change.

**Third:** President Obama and the Congress should work together to provide sufficient resources to ensure that steps that could significantly reduce nuclear terrorism risks are not slowed by lack of money. Achieving the four-year nuclear security objective will require doing more, faster, than in the past, which will inevitably require an increase in budgets. Yet nuclear security is eminently affordable: the sums spent on cooperative threat reduction each year are a tiny fraction of the budgets of the Departments of Defense, Energy, and State. **As part of providing sufficient resources, the leaders at the 2010 G8 summit should agree to extend the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction for another ten years, with a continuing flow of funds, and target it on helping states around the world provide effective nuclear security and meet their other obligations under UNSCR 1540.** In addition, the United States and other countries should expand their efforts to strengthen the IAEA’s nuclear security efforts, increasing their budgets and shifting them to the regular budget rather than relying almost exclusively on voluntary contributions.

**Fourth:** President Obama should take action to ensure that his administration has the information and analysis it needs to support effective policymaking, including (a) directing U.S. intelligence agencies to place high priority on all aspects of the nuclear terrorism problem, from assessing and penetrating terrorist conspiracies and nuclear smuggling networks to assessing nuclear security measures around the world; and (b) working with Congress to fund non-government institutions to provide independent analysis and suggestions that can help strengthen these programs.

**Fifth:** President Obama should work to put the United States’ own house in order, continuing the effort to convert U.S. HEU-fueled research reactors to use low-enriched uranium (LEU) fuel that cannot be used in a nuclear bomb, going farther in consolidating U.S. stockpiles, and working to strengthen security at U.S. HEU-fueled research reactors (which are exempted from many of the most important U.S. nuclear security rules). Convincing foreign countries to reduce and consolidate nuclear stockpiles, to put stringent nuclear security measures in place, or to convert their research reactors will be far more difficult if the United States is not doing the same at home. **The obstacles to accelerated and expanded progress are real and difficult. But with sustained high-level leadership, a sensible strategy, partnership-based approaches, adequate resources, and good information, they can be overcome. The actions President Obama has already taken open new opportunities. Now is the time to seize them. President Obama still has an enormous opportunity and an obligation, to reduce the danger of nuclear terrorism to a fraction of its current level during his first term in office (Bunn, 2010).**

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**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Terror Geopolitics Research Program Inaugurated*

**Abstract:** Nuclear Terror Geopolitics Research is undertaking a multiclient study of procedures and plans that an independent business or non-governmental organization (NOG) should take in advance to survive a nuclear terror threat. The program identifies potential nuclear terror targets and the most vulnerable real estate in those areas. It also takes into account effects of Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) and fallout radiation. The study focuses on independent assessment of business assets such as headquarters, manufacturing, warehousing, communications, and transportation facilities. **It points out specific issues associated with nuclear terror such as Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) and fallout radiation. The study provides advice how to determine in advance the vulnerability of a business to a nuclear terror attack. It is impossible to predict when and where such an attack may occur, but current politics and technology combine to create a climate increasingly conducive to nuclear terror blackmail.** Yet there are few provisions to protect businesses, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or populations at large from the effects of such disasters. **Continuity of Government (COG) programs at federal, state and even local levels do exist. Secret shelter areas and evacuation procedures are designed to take care of selected leaders and bureaucrats, but average businessmen, city dwellers, suburbanites, and country folk are not included.** There are numerous emergency survival programs designed to come into play when hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, or earthquakes take place. Most of such events and their paths are predictable. **Nuclear terror is a man-made disaster. It is unpredictable, and besides destruction of infrastructure, it also brings electromagnetic pulse (EMP) and radiation issues into play. These would eliminate communications and incapacitate any products based on microchips such as cell phones, radios, TVs, autos, and all computers.** Deadly radiation could contaminate huge areas of countryside and productive agricultural land for a long time. Imposition of martial law may limit all forms of transportation. **Nuclear Terror Geopolitics Research is a new program of 21st Century Research designed to determine the potential for nuclear terror blackmail attacks targeted at the United States (Szuprowicz, 2010).**

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**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda Weapons of Mass Destruction Threat: Hype or Reality?*



Graham Allison

**Foreword:** *By Graham Allison:* How serious is the threat of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) terrorism? When asked, “**What is the single most serious threat to American national security?**” President George W. Bush answered: **nuclear terrorism**. On this issue, President Obama agrees with his predecessor. In his words, “**The single most important national security threat we face is nuclear weapons falling into the hands of terrorists.**” The only Secretary of Defense to have served under both Republican and Democratic presidents, Secretary Robert Gates, was asked recently, “What keeps you awake at night?” He responded: “**It’s the thought of a terrorist ending up with a weapon of mass destruction, especially nuclear.**” Skeptics, however, abound. They say that WMD terrorism is far beyond the capability, and even the intent of terrorist groups such as al Qaeda. Some claim that the likelihood of a non-state actor acquiring such weapons is virtually zero. The individual in the U.S. intelligence community who is widely recognized as the leading analyst of WMD terrorism is Rolf Mowatt-Larssen. After more than three decades in public service in CIA operations, and most recently Director of Intelligence and Counterintelligence at the U.S. Department of Energy, he retired in January 2009. **Mowatt-Larssen has now compiled a comprehensive chronology that addresses the skeptics head-on, by presenting, in unclassified form, al Qaeda’s roughly 15-year quest to acquire WMD.** By assembling the best publically- available evidence in an authoritative, readable account, he offers a must-read advance in our understanding of the threat. This record provides an essential grounding for serious thought about how to combat a defining threat of the 21st Century. This chronology teaches us four important lessons. First, al Qaeda’s top leadership has demonstrated a sustained commitment to buy, steal or construct WMD. In 1998, Osama bin Laden declared that “acquiring WMD for the defense of Muslims is a religious duty.” In December 2001, bin Laden’s Deputy Ayman Zawahiri stated, “**If you have \$30 million, go to the black market in the central Asia, contact any disgruntled Soviet scientist and a lot of dozens of smart briefcase bombs are available.**” A few months later, al Qaeda announced its goal to “kill four million Americans.” Second, al Qaeda was prepared to expend significant resources to cultivate a WMD capability even during the planning phases of 9/11. **In the years leading up to September 2001, we see that bin Laden’s organization never lost its focus on WMD, even while coordinating the 9/11 attacks, orchestrating the simultaneous bombings of the U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya in 1998, and successfully striking the U.S. warship (USS Cole) in 2000.** Third, a clear hallmark of al Qaeda’s WMD approach is to pursue parallel paths to procure these deadly materials. Multiple nodes of the network were assigned to different tasks of the overall WMD effort, acting and reporting independently, ensuring that failure in one cell did not jeopardize the entire operation. **By taking into account possible operational set-backs and intelligence breaches, al Qaeda has displayed deliberate, shrewd planning to acquire WMD.** Fourth, al Qaeda has taken part in joint development of WMD with other terrorist groups. This collaboration between the most senior members of separate organizations demonstrates that interest in and motivation to possess WMD are not limited to a single group. Notably, this chronology is merely a snapshot of al Qaeda’s long-term hunt for the world’s most destructive weapons. Due to the sensitive nature of the subject, understandably much has been omitted. **The bottom line, however, is clear: al Qaeda and its network of affiliates have been determined to acquire WMD.** President Obama recently said that al Qaeda remains the greatest threat to the United States. In his words, “**If an organization like al Qaeda got a weapon of mass destruction on its hands—a nuclear or a chemical or a biological weapon—and they used it in a city, whether it’s in Shanghai or New York, just a few individuals could potentially kill tens of thousands of people, maybe hundreds of thousands.**” Organizing a coherent strategy to prevent this nightmare from occurring begins with a clear recognition that WMD terrorism is a real and imminent threat.



Rolf Mowatt-Larssen

**Abstract: Preface:** Rolf Mowatt-Larssen spent more than two dozen years in intelligence, both in the CIA and U.S. Department of Energy. After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, he led the U.S. government’s efforts to determine whether al Qaeda had WMD capabilities and to prevent a nuclear terrorist attack on the United States. Mowatt-Larssen, now a senior fellow at Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, has put together a detailed timeline illustrating terrorists’ efforts to acquire WMD. **Several terrorist groups have actively sought weapons of mass destruction (WMD) of one kind or another.** In particular, the Japanese cult group Aum Shinrikyo, al Qaeda and its associates -- notably the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Jemaah Islamiya and Lashkar al Tayyib -- figure most prominently among the groups that have manifested some degree of intent, experimentation, and programmatic efforts to acquire nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. To date, however, **al Qaeda is the only group known to be pursuing a long-term, persistent and systematic approach to developing weapons to be used in mass casualty attacks.** Osama bin Ladin’s assertion in 1998 that it was his Islamic duty to acquire weapons of mass destruction ensured that the fulfillment of this intent would become a top priority

for his lieutenants in the ensuing years. In an effort to explain his thinking to his followers, and to help guide their efforts, the al Qaeda leader has offered a number of statements that provide a need and rationale for using weapons of mass destruction as a means of achieving the group's concrete and ambitious goals. **Most recently, he promised in a 2007 video release to "escalate the killing and fighting against you (Americans)" -- on grounds of destroying an international conspiracy to control the world -- adding, "The capitalist system seeks to turn the entire world into a fiefdom of the major corporations under the label of globalization in order to protect democracy."** These statements should not be interpreted as empty rhetoric and idle threats: Osama bin Ladin has signaled a specific purpose for using WMD in al Qaeda's quest to destroy the global status quo, and to create conditions more conducive to the overthrow of apostate regimes throughout the Islamic world. **His argument is essentially that even weapons of mass destruction -- which are outlawed under Islam -- are a justifiable means of countering US hegemony.** Osama bin Ladin's morality-based argument on the nature of the struggle between militant Islamists and the US-led coalition of secular forces focuses the group's planning on the acquisition of strategic weapons that can be used in mass casualty attacks, rather than on the production of tactical, more readily available weapons such as "dirty bombs," chemical agents, crude toxins and poisons. In this light, it is not surprising that the group's top WMD priority has been to acquire nuclear and strategic biological weapons. Considering the potential that such weapons hold in fulfilling **al Qaeda's aspirations, their WMD procurement efforts have been managed at the most senior levels, under rules of strict compartmentalization from lower levels of the organization, and with central control over possible targets and timing of prospective attacks.** In this sense, their approach has been "Muhammed Atta-like" -- similar to the modus operandi Khaled Sheikh Mohammed employed in making preparations for the 9/11 attacks -- as opposed to resembling the signature characterizing most terrorist attacks to which the world has become accustomed. **Al Qaeda's patient, decade-long effort to steal or construct an improvised nuclear device (IND) flows from their perception of the benefits of producing the image of a mushroom cloud rising over a US city, just as the 9/11 attacks have altered the course of history.** This lofty aim helps explain why al Qaeda has consistently sought a bomb capable of producing a nuclear yield, as opposed to settling for the more expedient and realistic course of devising a "dirty bomb," or a radiological dispersal device. **Another 9/11-scale operational plot managed by the al Qaeda core leadership was the development of anthrax for use in a mass casualty attack in the United States. The sophisticated anthrax project was run personally by al Qaeda deputy chief Ayman Zawahiri, in parallel to the group's efforts to acquire a nuclear capability; anthrax was probably meant to serve as another means to achieve the same effect as using a nuclear bomb,** given doubts that a nuclear option could be successfully procured. Notably, al Qaeda's efforts to acquire a nuclear and biological weapons capability were concentrated in the years preceding September 11, 2001. Based on the timing and nature of their WMD-related activity in the 1990's, **al Qaeda probably anticipated using these means of mass destruction against targets in the US homeland in the intensified campaign they knew would follow the 9/11 attack. There is no indication that the fundamental objectives that lie behind their WMD intent have changed over time.** On the other hand, the pursuit of crude toxins and poisons appears to have been of little interest to the al Qaeda leadership, even though the production of such weapons is easier and thus might seem more attractive for potential use in attacks. Although experimentation and training in crude chemical agents and pathogens was standard fare in al Qaeda's camps in Afghanistan before 9/11, their use in attacks appears to have been left to the initiative of individual cells and planners outside the direct supervision of the al Qaeda core leadership. **Prominent examples of small-scale chemical- and biological- related activity include Midhat al-Mursi's (aka Abu Khabab) basic training for operatives in the al Qaeda camps in Afghanistan before 9/11; the Abu Musab al Zarqawi network's plotting to use ricin and cyanide in multiple attacks planned in Europe in late 2002-early 2003; and a Bahraini terrorist cell's plot to use a crude cyanide gas device called the "mobtaker" (an Arabic word roughly meaning "invention") in an attack on the New York City subway in the same time frame.** In each of these cases, the evidence suggests that the al Qaeda senior leadership was not directly involved or apparently even aware of attack preparations until late stages of planning. Moreover, there is no evidence that the al Qaeda leadership regarded the use of crude toxins and poisons as being suitable for conducting what would amount to pin prick attacks on the United States; on the contrary, **Zawahiri canceled the planned attack on the New York City subway for "something better," suggesting that a relatively easy attack utilizing tactical weapons would not achieve the goals the al Qaeda leadership had set for themselves.** So, why hasn't a terrorist WMD attack happened since 9/11? There are many plausible explanations for why the world has not experienced an al Qaeda attack using chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons, but it would be foolish to discount the possibility that such an event will occur in the future. **To date, al Qaeda's WMD programs may have been disrupted. This is in fact one likely explanation, given a sustained and ferocious counterterrorist response to 9/11 that largely destroyed al Qaeda as the organization that existed before the fateful attack on the US.** If so, terrorists must continue to be disrupted and denied a safe haven to reestablish the ability to launch a major strike on the US homeland, or elsewhere in the world. Or perhaps, **al Qaeda operational planners have failed to acquire the kind of weapons they seek, because they are unwilling to settle for anything other than a large scale attack in the US.** It would surely be hard for al Qaeda to lower the bar they set on 9/11: what would constitute a worthy follow-up to 9/11, on their terms? What would they achieve through another attack? There are few weapons that would meet their expectations in this regard. **It is extremely difficult to acquire a functioning nuclear bomb, or to steal enough weapons usable material to build a bomb. And as al Qaeda probably learned in trying to weaponize anthrax, biological pathogens may seem simple enough to produce, but such weapons are not easy to bottle up and control.** To complicate matters further, an attack on the scale of 9/11 is more difficult to accomplish in an environment of heightened security and vigilance in the US. But if Osama bin Ladin and his lieutenants had been interested in employing crude chemical, biological and radiological materials in small scale attacks, there is little doubt they could have done so by now. **However, events have shown that the al Qaeda leadership does not choose weapons based on how easy they are to acquire and use, be they conventional or unconventional weapons. They choose them based on the best means of destroying the specific targets that they have in mind.** Al Qaeda's reasoning thus runs counter to analytic convention that equates the ease of acquisition of chemical, biological or radiological weapons with an increasing likelihood of terrorist use -- i.e., a terrorist attack employing crude weapons is therefore more likely than an attack using a nuclear or large scale biological weapon. In fact, it is the opposite: **If perpetrating a large- scale attack serves as al Qaeda's motivation for possessing WMD, not deterrence value, then the greatest threat is posed by the most effective and simple means of mass destruction, whether these means consist of nuclear, biological, or other forms of asymmetric weapons.** An examination of the 9/11 attack sheds light on al Qaeda's reasoning behind the selection of specific weapons, and how that may apply to the role WMD plays in their thinking. Al Qaeda opted to pursue a highly complex and artfully choreographed plot to strike multiple targets requiring the simultaneous hijacking of several 747 jumbo passenger aircraft, because using airplanes as weapons offered the best means of attacking the targets they intended to destroy.



If conventional wisdom on assessing WMD terrorism threats had been applied to considering the likelihood of the 9/11 plot, analysts may well have concluded it never would have happened; at the time, it was simply hard to believe any terrorist group could pull off such an elaborate plot utilizing novel, unpredictable weapons that were so difficult to acquire. Yet, WMD terrorism skeptics abound, and for understandable reasons. There is widespread suspicion in America and abroad that WMD terrorism is another phony threat being hyped for political purposes, and to stoke fears among the public. It is difficult to debunk this allegation, given the US government's lack of credibility in the case of Iraqi WMD. That said, WMD terrorism is not Iraqi WMD. The case that the WMD terrorism threat is real bears no association with the Iraqi intelligence failure whatsoever, in terms of the reliability of the sources of intelligence, the quality of the information that has been collected, and the weight of the evidence that lies at the heart of our understanding of the threat. **If anything, the biases in WMD terrorism analysis tilt towards treating the absence of information as an absence of threat; this could become a vulnerability in the defenses, considering the very real possibility that there may be a terrorist plot in motion that has not been found.** On the other side of the spectrum, even for the most ardent believers in the threat posed by WMD terrorism, it must be acknowledged that much of the rhetoric expressed by the top levels of the group might be just that: mere saber rattling in an increasingly desperate bid to remain relevant, to frighten their enemies, and to rally their followers with promises of powerful weapons that will reverse their losses on the battlefield. **It is also possible that al Qaeda may be engaging in a classic deception ruse, hoping to misdirect their foe with fears of mass destruction, in order to preserve the element of surprise for the fulfillment of their true intentions.** There may be kernels of truth in each of these reasons as to why the world has not yet witnessed a terrorist WMD attack, which is at least a mild surprise, considering all that has come to pass since 2001. However, for purposes of making a clear-headed assessment of the threat, it may be useful to separate al Qaeda's WMD activity into two streams, one consisting of the strategic programs managed under the direct supervision and management of the al Qaeda core leadership, and the other consisting of tactical chemical, biological and radiological weapons development that was decentralized and pursued autonomously in various locations around the world as part of the "global jihad." On this basis, a more precise determination can be made on the actual threat posed by al Qaeda, and other groups in each of these cases. Fortunately, there is a body of historical information that provides a useful starting point for such an inquiry. Hopefully, an examination of WMD-associated information that is pertinent, but no longer sensitive, can help bridge the gaps in perceptions between the diehard believers and skeptics as to the true nature of the problem and the threat it may pose, not just in an al Qaeda context today, but in the future as WMD terrorism takes on new forms involving new actors. **In June 2003, the US government issued a warning that there was a high probability of an al Qaeda WMD attack sometime in the next two years.** This report represented a high water mark in concerns related to al Qaeda's WMD planning going back to the founding of the group. Why didn't an attack happen in the next two years? Was the threat hyped for political purposes? Was the intelligence assessment wrong? Or, was the threat neutralized? **Some perspective into why the report was issued can be gleaned by examining some of the evidence that was available to US and international policymakers by the summer of 2003 concerning roughly fifteen years of al Qaeda's efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction.** Presenting this chronology will hopefully allow the reader to develop a better feel for the threat posed by al Qaeda's interest in WMD at that time, and use it as a basis to help determine whether the WMD terrorism threat is real (Mowatt-Larssen, 2010).



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**Source:** Infowars, The Alex Jones Show

**Title/Headline:** Infowars Podcast

**Abstract:** Gerald Celente of the Trends Research Institute appeared on The Alex Jones Show where he discussed the following geopolitical scenario in depth:

**Alex Jones:** How will they get their great war? How will they engineer it? How will they sell it? Will they let terrorists in with a nuke, or will they stage the nuke attack?

**Gerald Celente:** There really may be a terror strike, hah, legitimately, coming out of **Pakistan. This should be the major news.** Every day, virtually, they're sending predator drones in and killing scores of innocent people. I believe the number is well over a 1000 now in the last year. **This is as old as the Old Testament; it's an eye for an eye.** You have the greatest refugee crisis going on in Pakistan since Rwanda and they are escalating that war even more. And of course, the CIA is behind sending these drones in. Since when was the CIA supposed to be in the battle like this? I thought they were only there to collect intelligence. So we are really looking at something Alex where we have well over 200,000 Pakistani's in this country. **They are watching their families get murdered. You think they are gonna be angry? They are going to say when terrorists strike they hate our freedom and liberty.** How about they hate your foreign policy and they hate you for killing innocent people. Look what happened in Pakistan yesterday; they strafed a passenger bus. There is plenty of hatred out there. False-flag or real, we are forecasting in 2010 a 9/11 magnitude terror strike. **With the foreign policy going in the direction it's going in, of course there is going to be major reprisals against the United States.** Anybody that thinks differently is out of their mind. **You can't invade other countries, occupy them, kill hundreds of thousands of people and not want**

people to get even with you. How they do it; whether it's nuclear, a biological attack, whether it's a, whatever it might be, in a stadium, in a shopping mall, it's going to happen (Infowars, 2010).



**Date:** Winter, 2010

**Source:** Trends Research Institute, Vol. XVIII, No.1

**Title/Headline:** *Terrorism 2010*

**Abstract:** According to Gerald Celente, the world's top trends forecaster, there will be terror in 2010. "While we can't predict precise dates or the magnitude of **terror attacks, we can be fairly certain they are on the way. Years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq – and now Pakistan – have intensified anti-American sentiment and increased the number of individuals seeking revenge. NATO allies contributing troops to the wars will also be targeted**" (Celente, 2010).

**Conclusion:** The authors of these papers have a dilemma in that the public won't buy that some guys in a cave developed a nuclear weapon, and therefore have decided to set up Pakistan as the scapegoat for nuclear terror. The narrative will likely be: Nuclear attack at the Super Bowl, Osama bin Laden is blamed initially, but upon the 2<sup>nd</sup> nuclear attack on Washington D.C., Obama retaliates against Pakistan with nukes for supplying Osama with the nuclear weapons. In the midst of the chaos, a bio terror attack will transpire in the Chicago area and America will be in World War III before she knows it. After the war, America will be tried in an international court for war crimes, and there it will be found that the nukes were not from Pakistan, but from the U.S. Military.

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## WHAT TO DO IF A NUCLEAR DISASTER IS IMMINENT!

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**This guide is for families preparing for imminent terrorist or strategic nuclear attacks with expected blast destruction followed by widespread radioactive fallout downwind.**

IF ONLY A 'Dirty Bomb' Attack (Not the vastly more devastating nuclear weapon blasts with fallout discussed below.) - You can expect localized and downwind contamination from the explosion and dispersed radioactive materials. If you are near enough to see or hear any local bomb blast, assume that it includes radiological or chemical agents. You should move away from the blast area as quickly as possible. If the wind is blowing toward you from the direction of the blast, travel in a direction that is crosswise or perpendicular to the wind as you move away from the blast area. If possible cover your face with a dust mask or cloth to avoid inhaling potentially radioactive dust. Upon reaching a safe location, remove your outer clothing outside and shower as soon as possible. Refer to local news sources for additional instructions about sheltering or evacuation. The government is better prepared to direct and assist the public in a 'dirty bomb' incident, unlike an actual nuclear weapon attack discussed below.

**In a national crisis of imminent nuclear weapon attacks, read all the way through this guide first, THEN TAKE EFFECTIVE PROTECTIVE ACTION, BEFORE THEY STRIKE, WITH CONFIDENCE... FAST!**

### #1 - STAY OR GO?

You must **decide FIRST if you need to prepare where you are, or attempt evacuation.** The nature of the threat, your prior preparations, and your confidence in your sources of information should direct your decision. If you know already you will be preparing to stay at your own home or, at least, the immediate local area, go now to #2 below.

If you are considering evacuation, your decision requires very high confidence that it is worth the risk. You do not want to get stuck between your current location and your hoped for destination, as there will probably be no easy getting back. If you fail to get to your destination, you may be exposed without shelter, in a dangerous situation with little effective law enforcement, perhaps among panicked hordes of refugees. Whatever supplies you have may be limited then to what you can carry on foot. IF you are in a big city or near a military target, AND you have relatives or friends in the country that you know are awaiting you, AND the roads between you and them are clear, AND the authorities are not yet restricting traffic, AND you have the means and fuel, evacuation may be a viable option for a limited time. DO NOT attempt evacuation if all of the above is not clearly known, or if the situation is deteriorating too quickly to assure the complete trip. You do not want to get stuck and/or become a refugee being herded along with panicked masses. **If evacuation is truly a viable option, do not wait - GO NOW!** Do so with as many of the supplies listed in #7 as possible. Better to be two days too early in arriving than two hours too late and getting snagged mid-way, potentially exposing your family to a worse fate than having stayed where you were. Because of the very real danger of getting caught in an evacuation stampede that stalls, almost all families will be better off making the best of it wherever they currently are.

### #2 - WHAT YOU NEED TO DO FIRST

Because time is of the essence, you need to first **delegate and assign to different adult family members specific tasks** so they can all be accomplished at the same time. Your first priorities to assure your family survival are Shelter, Water, and Food/Supplies. While some are working on the water storage and shelter at home, others need to be acquiring, as much as possible, the food and supplies.

### #3 - FOOD/SUPPLIES

Because much of the food and supplies listed at #7 of this guide may quickly become unavailable, **you need to assign someone NOW to immediately go to the stores with that list!** Get cash from the bank and ATM's first, if it can be done quickly, but try and use credit cards at the stores, if at all possible, to preserve your cash.

#### #4 - WATER

With one or more adults now heading to the stores with the list at #7, **those remaining need to begin storing water IMMEDIATELY!** Lack of clean water will devastate your family much more quickly and more severely than any lack of food. Without clean water for both drinking and continued good sanitary practices in food preparation and for bathroom excursions (which could be much less sanitary than normal), debilitating sickness could rampage through your family with little hope of prompt medical attention. That is a likely but, avoidable, disaster, ONLY IF you have enough water.

**Every possible container needs to be filled with water RIGHT NOW!** It will be very hard to have stored too much water. When the electricity/pumps go down or everybody in your community is doing the same thing, thus dropping the water pressure, what you've got is all you might be getting for a very long time. Empty pop bottles (1-3 liter) are ideal for water storage, also filling up the bathtub and washing machine. (Remember, later you'll have some in your hot water tank.) If you have any kiddie pools or old water beds, pull them out and fill them up, too. (Water from a water bed should be used only for bathing or cleaning, not for drinking as it may contain traces of algacide and/or fungicides.) Anything and everything that'll hold water needs to be filled up quickly RIGHT NOW!!

One of the shopping items listed at #7 is new metal garbage cans and liner bags which you'll also use for storing water. If you can't get any more new cans, you could clean out an existing garbage can and scrub it throughout with bleach, then put in a new garbage bag liner and fill it with water. Even sturdy boxes could be used with bag liners. (Use two liners if they are very thin/flimsy.) Choose well where you fill up garbage cans with water because they won't easily be moved once full and many of them together could be too heavy for some upper floor locations. Ideally, they need to be very near where your shelter will be constructed and can actually add to its shielding properties, as you'll see below. **BE ASSURED, YOU CANNOT STORE AND HAVE TOO MUCH WATER! Do not hesitate, fill up every possible container, RIGHT NOW!**

#### #5 - SHELTER

The principles of radiation protection are simple - with many options and resources families can use to prepare or improvise a very effective shelter. You must throw off any self-defeating *myths of nuclear un-survivability* that may needlessly paralyze and panic and then seal the fate of less informed families.

Radioactive fallout is the particulate matter (dust) produced by a nuclear explosion and carried high up into the air by the mushroom cloud. It drifts on the wind and most of it settles back to earth downwind of the explosion. The heaviest, most dangerous, and most noticeable fallout, will 'fall out' first closer to ground zero. It may begin arriving minutes after an explosion. The smaller and lighter dust-like particles will typically be arriving hours later, as they drift much farther downwind, often for hundreds of miles. Once it arrives, whether visible or not, all that will fall will have done so usually in under an hour, then blow around everywhere just like dust does on the ground and roofs. However, rain can concentrate the fallout into localized 'hot spots' of much more intense radiation with no visible indication.

This radioactive fallout 'dust' is dangerous because it is emitting penetrating radiation energy (similar to x-ray's). This radiation (not the fallout dust) can go right through walls, roofs and protective clothing. Even if you manage not to inhale or ingest the dust, and keep it off your skin, hair, and clothes, and even if none gets inside your house, the radiation penetrating your home is still extremely dangerous, and can injure or kill you inside.

Radioactive fallout from a nuclear explosion, though very dangerous initially, loses its intensity quickly because it is giving off so much energy. For example, fallout emitting gamma ray radiation at a rate over 500 R/hr (fatal with one hour of exposure) shortly after an explosion, weakens to only 1/10th as strong 7 hours later. Two days later, it's only 1/100th as strong, or as deadly, as it was initially.

**That is really very good news, because our families can readily survive it IF we get them into a proper shelter to safely wait it out as it becomes less dangerous with every passing hour.**

What stops radiation, and thus shields your family, is simply putting mass between them and the radiation source. Like police body armor stopping bullets, mass stops (absorbs) radiation. The thicker and heavier the mass, the more radiation it stops, and the more effective it is with every inch more you add to your fallout shelter. The thickness in inches needed to cut the radiation down to only 1/10th of its initial intensity for different common materials is: Steel 3.3", concrete 11", earth 16", water 24", wood 38". The thickness required to stop 99% of the radiation is: 5" of steel, 16" of solid brick or hollow concrete blocks filled with mortar or sand, 2 feet of packed earth or 3 feet if loose, 3 feet of water. (BTW, lead is nothing special, same as anything else pound for pound.) You may not have enough steel available, but anything you do have will have mass and can be used to add to your shielding - it just takes more thickness of lighter wood, for example, than heavier earth, to absorb and stop the same amount of radiation. Increasing the distance between your family inside and the radiation outside also reduces the radiation intensity.



The goals of your family fallout shelter are:

- To maximize the distance away from the fallout 'dusting' outside on the ground and roof
- To place sufficient mass between your family and the fallout to absorb the deadly radiation
- To make the shelter tolerable to stay in while the radiation subsides with every passing hour

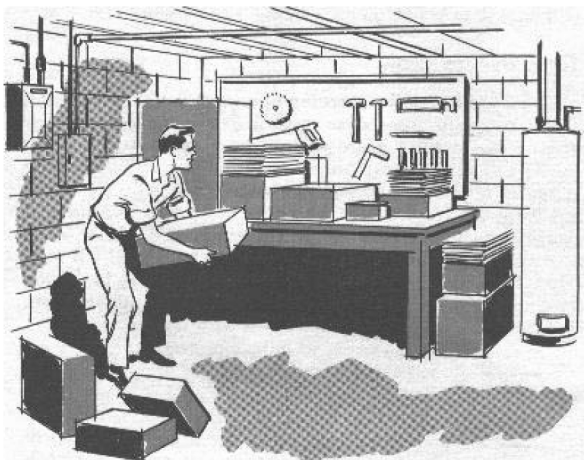
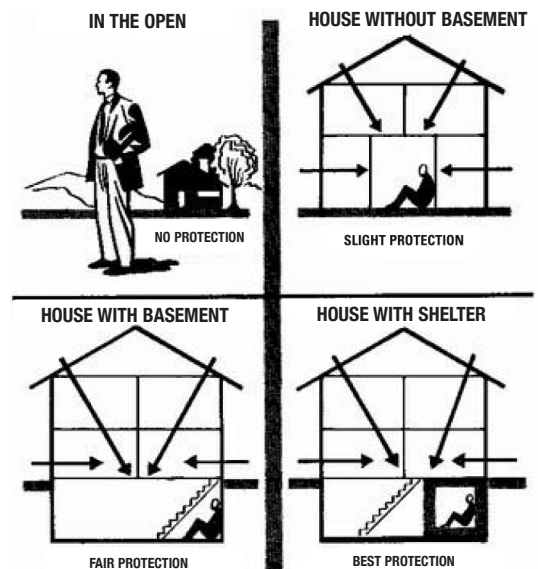
While a fallout shelter can be built anywhere, you should see what your best options are at home or nearby. Many structures already provide significant shielding or partial shielding that can be enhanced for adequate protection. **If you do not have a basement available, you can still use the techniques shown below in any above ground structure, you'll just need more mass to achieve the same level of shielding.** You may consider using other solid structures nearby, especially those with below ground spaces, such as commercial buildings, schools, churches, below ground parking garages, large and long culverts, tunnels, etc.. Some of these may require permissions and/or the acquiring of additional materials to minimize any fallout drifting or blowing into them, if open ended. Buildings with a half-dozen or more floors, where there is not a concern of blast damage, may provide good radiation protection in the center of the middle floors. This is because of both the distance and the shielding the multiple floors provide from the fallout on the ground and roof.

Bottom Line: choose a structure nearby with both the greatest mass and distance already in place between the outside, where the fallout would settle, and the shelter inside.

If you have a basement in your home, or at a nearby relatives' or friends' house that you can use, your best option is probably to fortify and use it, unless you have ready access to a better/deeper structure nearby.

For an expedient last-minute basement shelter, push a heavy table that you can get under into the corner that has the soil highest on the outside. The ground level outside ideally needs to be above the top of the table shelter inside. If no heavy table is available, you can take internal doors off their hinges and lay them on supports to create your 'table'. Then pile any available mass atop and around the other two open sides such as books, wood, cordwood, bricks, sandbags, heavy appliances, full file cabinets, full water containers, your food stocks, even boxes and pillow cases full of anything heavy, like earth. Everything you can pile up and around it has mass that will help absorb and stop more radiation from penetrating inside - the heavier the better. However, be sure to reinforce your table and supports so you do not overload it and risk collapse.

Leave a small crawl-through entrance and more mass there that can be easily pulled in after you, but with a gap at the top to allow exhaust air out. Have another gap of 4-6" square low at the other end for incoming fresh air. Make bigger if crowded and/or hotter climate. A small piece of cardboard can help fan fresh air in if the natural rising warmer air convection current needs an assist moving the air along. This incoming air won't need to be filtered if the basement has been reasonably sealed up, however any windows or other openings will require some solid mass coverage to assure they stay sealed and to provide additional shielding protection for the basement. More details on this in the next (#6) section.





With more time, materials, and carpentry or masonry skills, you could even construct a more formal fallout shelter, such as the FEMA lean-to on the right, but you will need to assure structural integrity is achieved and adequate mass is utilized.

An effective fallout shelter constructed in a basement may reduce your radiation exposure 100-200+ fold. Thus, if the initial radiation intensity outside was 500 R/hr (fatal in one hour), the basement shelter occupants might only experience 5 R/hr or even less, which is survivable, as the radiation intensity will be decreasing with every passing hour.

Adding mass on the floor above your chosen basement corner, and outside against the walls opposite your shelter, will also increase your shielding protection. Every inch thicker adds up to more effective life-saving radiation shielding.

As cramped as that table space fallout shelter might seem, the vital shielding provided by simply moving some mass into place could be the difference between exposure to a lethal dose of radiation and the survival of your family.

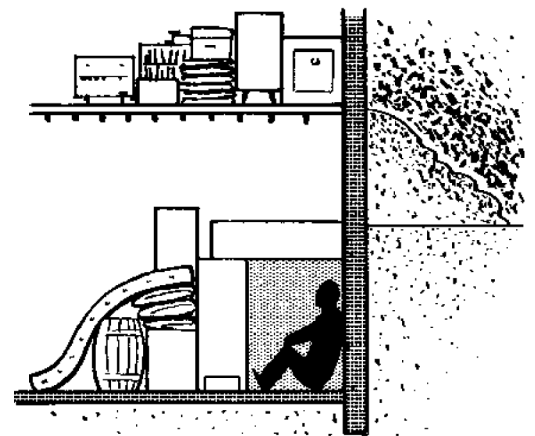
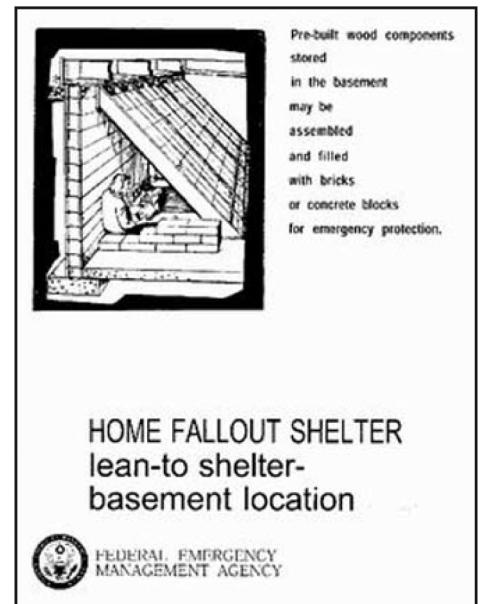
The majority of people requiring any sheltering at all will be many miles downwind, and they will not need to stay sheltered for weeks on end. In fact, most people will only need to stay sheltered full-time for a few days before they can start coming out briefly to attend to quick essential chores. Later, they can begin spending ever more time out of the shelter daily, only coming back in to sleep. As miserable as it might seem now, you and your family can easily endure that, especially compared to the alternative.

**It's really not so difficult to build an effective family fallout shelter, not to get it completed... RIGHT NOW!**

## #6 - ESSENTIAL DETAILS

If you've accomplished the above; securing your supplies, stored water, and built your family fallout shelter, CONGRATULATIONS! You have now succeeded in improving the odds of survival for your family 100-fold, or more! Now, you need to expand your knowledge and fine-tune the tactics that will make the most of your family survival strategy.

- **Government information and guidance** is a vital resource in your response to a nuclear crisis, but for many reasons it may be late, incomplete, misleading or simply in error. While evacuation might be prudent for individuals who act quickly in response to a threat, governments will be slow to call for mass evacuations because of their potential for panic and gridlock. As the recent government calls for duct tape and plastic sheeting led to sold-out stores, anxiety, and derision from the press, there will be great reluctance to issue similar alarms. If you want to assure that you have adequate food and supplies for your family you must act **BEFORE** the panic without first waiting for government instructions that may never come or as urgently as warranted. **You alone are ultimately responsible for your family.**
- **Filtering the air coming into your basement shelter won't be required.** Air does not become radioactive, and if your basement is reasonably snug, there won't be any wind blowing through it to carry the radioactive fallout dust inside. Simply sealing any basement windows and other openings prevents significant fallout from getting inside. To improve both the radiation shielding inside the basement, and to protect the windows from being broken and letting fallout blow in later, you should cover them all with wood, and then with earth, sandbags or solid masonry blocks, etc. on the outside and inside too, if possible. If the basement air gets seriously stale later on, you could re-open a door into the upper floors of the still closed house, or secure a common furnace air filter over an outside air opening leading into your basement.



- **Regarding fallout contamination,** any food or water stored in sealed containers, that can later have any fallout dust brushed or rinsed off the outside of the container, will then be safe to use. As long as the fallout dust does not get inside the container, then whatever radiation penetrated the food/water container from the outside does not harm the contents. If you suspect that your clothes have fallout on them, remove your outer clothing before you come inside and leave them outside. A cheap plastic hooded rain poncho that can be easily rinsed off or left outside is very effective. Have water and baby shampoo near the entrance to wash and thoroughly rinse any exposed skin and hair. Exposure to fallout radiation does not make you radioactive, but you need to assure that you don't bring any inside. If any are stricken with radiation sickness, typically nausea, it is when mild 100% recoverable and cannot be passed on to others. Before fallout arrives, you might also try to cover up items you want to protect outside for easier rinsing off of the fallout dust later when it's safe to come out and do so. For instance, if you have a vegetable gardening spot or cordwood for heating, you might try covering much of it with plastic or tarp and weighting them down.
- **If without sufficient time to acquire radiological instruments of your own,** like survey meters, Geiger counters and dosimeters, **you'll need to be extra sure that your portable radios function properly from inside your shelter** and that you have plenty of fresh batteries stocked for them. Without radiological instruments, listening for official guidance about the radiation threat levels in your particular area will be the only way you'll know when it's becoming safe to venture out. It might also be the only way you'll know when you first need to take your initial maximum protective action. When not in use, they should not be attached to any outside antenna or even have their own antenna extended. And, they should be wrapped in any non-conducting insulation, like layers of paper or bubble wrap plastic and then stored in a metal container or wrapped in aluminum foil to minimize the potential of EMP ruining the electronics. Having backup radios would be very prudent. With extra radios, you can have one always tuned to the closest likely target city and, if it suddenly goes off the air, that could be your first indication of an attack.
- **If close to a target,** your first indication of a nuclear detonation may be with its characteristic blinding bright flash. The first effects you may have to deal with before radioactive fallout arrives, depending on your proximity to it, are blast and thermal energy. Promptly employing the old "Duck & Cover" strategy will save many from avoidable flying debris injuries and minimize thermal burns. Those very close will soon experience tornado strength winds and should quickly dive behind or under any solid object, away from or below windows. Even in the open, laying flat, reduces by eight fold the odds of being hit by any debris. A very large 500 kiloton blast, 2.2 miles away, will arrive about 8 seconds after the detonation flash with a very strong three second wind blast. That delay is even greater further away. That is a lot of time to duck & cover IF alert and you should stay down for 2 minutes. If not near any target 'ground zero' you will only, like the vast majority, have to deal with the fallout later.
- **When fallout is first anticipated,** but has not yet arrived, anyone not already sheltered should begin using their N95 particulate respirator masks and hooded rain ponchos. Everyone should begin taking Potassium Iodide (KI) or Potassium Iodate (KIO3) tablets for thyroid protection against cancer causing radioactive iodine, a major product of nuclear weapons explosions. If no tablets available, you can topically (on the skin) apply an iodine solution, like tincture of iodine or Betadine, for a similar protective effect. (WARNING: Iodine solutions are NEVER to be ingested or swallowed.) For adults, paint 8 ml of a 2 percent tincture of Iodine on the abdomen or forearm each day, ideally at least 2 hours prior to possible exposure. For children 3 to 18, but under 150 pounds, only half that amount painted on daily, or 4 ml. For children under 3 but older than a month, half again, or 2 ml. For newborns to 1 month old, half it again, or just 1 ml. (One measuring teaspoon is about 5 ml, if you don't have a medicine dropper graduated in ml.) If your iodine is stronger than 2%, reduce the dosage accordingly. Absorption through the skin is not as reliable a dosing method as using the tablets, but tests show that it will still be very effective for most. Do not use if allergic to iodine. If at all possible, inquire of your doctor NOW if there is any reason why anybody in your household should not use KI or KIO3 tablets, or iodine solutions on their skin, in a future nuclear emergency, just to be sure.

- When you know that the **time to take protective action is approaching**, turn off all the utilities into the house, check that everything is sealed up and locked down, and head for the shelter. You should also check that you have near your shelter additional tools, crow bars, and car jacks for digging out later, if required, and fire extinguishers handy, too. Also, any building supplies, tools, sheet plastic, staple guns, etc. for sealing any holes from damage. Your basement should already be very well sealed against fallout drifting inside. Now, you'll need to seal around the last door you use to enter with duct tape all around the edges, especially if it's a direct to the outside door.
- **You don't need to risk fire**, burns, and asphyxiation trying to cook anything in the cramped shelter space, if you have pre-positioned in your shelter enough canned goods, can opener, and other non-perishable foods, that are ready-to-eat without preparation. More food, along with water, can be located right outside your crawl space entrance that you can pull in quickly as needed when safe to do so.
- **For lighting needs** within the shelter have some small LED flashlights or LED head-lamps to stretch your battery life. Try not to have to use candles if at all possible. Bring in some books for yourself and games for the children. Throw in a small/thin mattress, some cushions, blankets, pillows, etc.
- **Toilet use** will be via a portable camp toilet or a 5 gallon bucket with a seat borrowed from one of the house bathrooms, if you did not purchase a separate one. Garbage bag liners, preferably sized for it, should always be used and a full-size and bag lined garbage can should be positioned very close outside the shelter entrance for depositing these in when it is safe to do so quickly. Hanging a sheet or blanket will help provide a little privacy as shelter occupants 'take their turn'. The toilet needs to have its new 'deposits' sealed up tight with the plastic liner after each use and hand sanitizer towelettes nearby. Use a very secure top on the bucket and position it near the wall with the outgoing upper air vent.
- **Pets, and what to do about them**, is a tough call if you fail to make provisions for them. Letting pets run free is not a humane option, both for their potential to die a miserable death from radiation exposure outside and/or to be a danger to others, especially with dogs running in the inevitable packs of multitudes of others abandoned. Preparing for them is ideal, if truly realistic and not a drain on limited resources, while 'putting them down' might eventually become a painful, but necessary reality if the disruption of food supplies becomes very long term.
- Boiling or bleach water treatments will be used for **cleaning your stored water** later for drinking. (This is for killing bacteria, not for radiation contamination, which is never a concern for any stored and covered water containers or even sealed food.) Tap water recently put into clean containers won't likely need to be purified before using. To purify questionable water, bring it to a rolling boil and keep it there for 10 minutes at least. If you don't have the fuel to boil it, you can kill the bacteria by mixing in a good quality household bleach at the rate of 10 drops per gallon, and letting it sit for at least 1/2 an hour. The bleach should be at least 5.25% pure, like Clorox, but be sure it has no additives such as soap or fragrance. You can later get rid of the flat taste from boiling, or some of the chlorine taste when using bleach, by pouring it from one container to another several times.
- **There's much more that can be learned** to better understand what you are up against and to acquire to help your family survive and to better endure all of this. While time allows, and if the Internet is still up & running, task someone with getting and printing out this additional information and see the Civil Defense films below them.

*The Good News About Nuclear Destruction...* <http://www.ki4u.com/goodnews.htm>

*Three Part Comprehensive Fallout Shelter website...* <http://www.radshelters4u.com/>

*Nuclear War Survival Skills book...* [http://www.ki4u.com/free\\_book/s73p904.htm](http://www.ki4u.com/free_book/s73p904.htm)

*"Know What To Do" 3 minute PSA video...* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhDi0zoTcSo>

*Core shelter video by Cresson Kearny, author of NWSS book...* <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6404694492992532990>

Cold War Civil Defense films below. Old fashioned, but physics and tactics of radiation protection are timeless.

*Survival Under Atomic Attack...* <http://www.archive.org/details/Survival1951>

*Duck & Cover Training for Children...* <http://www.archive.org/details/DuckandC1951>

*All About Fallout...* <http://www.archive.org/details/AboutFal1963>

*Study of a nuclear test at Nevada Test Site...* <http://www.archive.org/details/Operatio1964>

If still available and enough time to be overnight shipped your own radiation detection and monitoring instruments, potassium iodide anti-radiation tablets, Nuclear Survival handbooks, etc., check at...

<http://www.ki4u.com/products1.htm>

• BOTTOM LINE:

When the TV or radio program switches abruptly to an terse announcement saying: *"We Interrupt This Program For This Special Bulletin!"*, and your kids look up to you with questioning wide-eyes and eager for assurances, know then that you are confidently ready for them with your own Action Plan ready to go! That's what this is all about... our children!

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This guide was purposely designed with the sober realization that the overwhelming majority of our fellow Americans would not be compelled to read such a guide until a nuclear crisis was imminent and, unfortunately, their preparation options and time to prepare then would be very limited. [www.ki4u.com](http://www.ki4u.com) and other survival equipment suppliers will again be quickly sold-out, as all were after 9/11. This guide then will be the best/only help that we can offer. If you are fortunate enough to be exploring your family preparation needs and options before such a future national crisis, there is much more that you can and should do now to insure that they are even better prepared.

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## **#7 - LIST OF SUPPLIES TO ACQUIRE LOCALLY**

If stores are still at all stocked, and safe to go to, try to buy as many of the following items as possible... IMMEDIATELY! There are no quantities listed here on the food items below as family size varies and because, as the emergency and panic widens, many items will become quickly sold-out or quantities restricted and you'll need to try to get more of what does remain on the shelves. At a minimum you should be looking at two weeks of provisions, but much better to be aiming for two months or more. The reality is, if/when we are attacked, it will be a very long time before anything is ever 'normal' again, especially at any grocery stores. Hurricane victims can attest to the prolonged misery and disruptions from even a localized disaster, even with the rest of the country still able to help out. Nobody can begin to imagine how bad the suffering will be, and for how long, if nuclear weapons have gone off... and in multiple locations!

The half-dozen top listed and UNDERLINED food items below are primarily for use while in the shelter. They are mostly ready-to-eat that requires no cooking or preparation, just a can opener at the most. (The iodine solution is included here because of its importance for its thyroid-blocking topical use detailed above, but it's NEVER to be ingested or swallowed.) The other foods listed below there are better cost/nutrition staples for later use during the extended recovery period. Then follows general non-food supplies, tools and equipment.

Go Acquire It All Now QUICKLY!

It's much better to risk being a little early when securing your families essential food and supplies, rather than a few hours too late...

Canned goods (pasta, soups, chili, vegetables, fruit, tuna, meats, beans, peanut butter, etc.)

Ready-to-eat foods (pop-tarts, raisins, cheese, granola/energy/protein bars, snack-paks, etc.)

Some perishable foods (breads and fruits like bananas, apples, oranges, grapes, etc.)

Assorted drink mix flavorings (with no cold drinks, just plain water, kids will appreciate it!)

Plenty of potent Multi-Vitamins, Vit C, Pepto Bismol, etc.

Iodine solution, like Betadine (16 ounces)- NOT TO BE INGESTED OR SWALLOWED!

Largest bags of rice, beans, flour, potatoes, pasta, quick oats and other grains

Multiple big boxes of dried milk (Could include/use some inside shelter, too.)

Multiple big boxes of pancake and biscuit mix & syrup

Large bag of sugar and jar of honey

Large 2 gallons or more of cooking oil

Baking powder & soda & yeast & spice assortment pack

Bottled water (especially if home supplies not secured yet)

Paper or plastic plates/bowls/cups/utensils and paper towels

Quality manual can opener, 2 if you don't already have one at home

Kitchen matches and disposable lighters

New metal garbage cans and liner bags (water storage & waste storage)

5 gallon bucket and smaller garbage bags sized for it (toilet)

Toilet seat for the bucket (or use one from inside the house)

Toilet paper and, if needed, sanitary napkins, diapers, etc.

Baby wipes (saves water for personal hygiene use)

Flashlights (ideally LED) and more than one portable radio

Plenty more batteries, at least three sets, for each of the above

Bleach (5.25%, without fragrance or soap additives)

Alcohol and Hydrogen Peroxide and hand sanitizers

Aspirin/Tylenol/Motrin, Pepto Bismol, etc.

Prescription drugs filled, and as much extra as possible

First aid kits

Fire extinguishers

Plenty of inexpensive N95 particulate respirator masks

Plenty of cheap plastic hooded rain ponchos for everyone

Water filters and all other camping type supplies, such as portable camp toilet,

cook stove and fuel, ammo, etc., if any sporting goods stocks still available.

And, of course, rolls of plastic sheeting, duct tape, staple guns, staples, etc.

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# Some Final Thoughts...

As mentioned above, this guide was written assuming it would not be read by the majority of its intended audience until a nuclear crisis is already fully upon us -- when remaining time and resources to prepare will be extremely limited, maybe with only hours remaining before 'the music stops'.

For that reason, the food, equipment and supplies listed above has been restricted to only the most common and typically available from local resources.

If you are fortunate enough to be reading this well before a nuclear threat (or other major disaster) occurs or appears imminent, there's a great deal more that you can and should do beyond the scope of this brief guide.

Surviving the initial threats of a nuclear 'event' and radioactive fallout is relatively easy with the proper knowledge and even the most modest of preparations, as we've detailed above.

The ongoing bigger challenge, though, will be the one brought on by the extensive and much longer-lasting disruptions of services after you survive the nuclear event and emerge safely once the fallout threat has diminished.

You might go many months with little or no new food supplies, along with disruptions of water, sewer, gas, electric, and telephone services, little or no gasoline, and severely limited medical and banking services, law enforcement and fire protection.

With more time to research, make plans, and order supplies, families are well advised to acquire more in-depth training, reference books, longer-term food and water stocks, fuel, medical supplies, personal security, communication equipment, radiation monitoring instruments, camping equipment, supplies and tools. Many informative web sites and suppliers make available all of the above, including military MRE's ready-to-eat meals, dehydrated and freeze-dried foods, as well as buckets of beans, rice, and grains. They also offer solar cookers, water purifiers and barrels, camp and compost toilets, comprehensive medical kits and manuals, shortwave and local two-way radios, perimeter alarms, alternative energy and heating systems, fuel preservatives, long-term packaged seeds, gardening tools, canning equipment, etc. Survivalblog.com has many of the best advertising there.

If all of this preparation seems daunting, here's one strategy to make it a little less overwhelming: Think in two's. First, acquire all the equipment and supplies your family would need to survive for two weeks if totally cut off from stores and utility and municipal services. It might help to consider all you would need during an extended camping trip in any season. Then, once you've accomplished that, expand your preparations and supplies to meet the goal of surviving at home for two months with no utilities or services. After that, continue adding provisions for two more additional months, with the eventual goal of gathering enough supplies so that your family can survive under these distressed conditions for a year or more.

A year might seem like overkill, but you'll no doubt discover that in any disruptive event, numerous friends, neighbors, and relatives will be in need and you will want to help them if you can. Of course, ideally, they should also be preparing their own families for surviving coming disasters, so sharing this information with them might help get them started. Also, for your own family's security, you always want to try to surround yourself with a buffer of like-minded people who are also doing the right things to prepare so they will become helpful allies instead of only a drain on your limited resources. Reality is, they could possibly even become an outright threat for your family retaining enough supplies for the full duration if difficult circumstances were to drag on and became ever more desperate.

Some are e-mailing the link to this guide, or printing up extra copies of the pdf version of this guide and mailing it out, with a quick note; *"Hope you never need this information, but just-in-case, keep it handy."* Few recipients find that low-key approach offensive or alarmist, and many have reported back to us that they were very grateful. Others have printed up extra copies for church members or for school or work and still others with the intent to anonymously distribute them to all their neighbors surrounding them if/when a nuclear crisis looms. Point is, you want everybody you care about, and those near and around you, to be preparing, it's both better for them and your families security. Also, everyone that does prepare will be one less family then later standing in line for hours (or days) ahead of others who failed to, awaiting a hoped for arrival of a FEMA handout of food or water. Being prepared makes a ton of sense and will one day soon be seen by all, many painfully, perhaps even fatally, as clearly obvious and self-evident.

If you're trying to convince yourself or a spouse to make the investment in prep equipment and supplies, also keep in mind this fact: Many of the supplies save money because buying in bulk and stocking up now is less expensive than buying smaller quantities later, especially as inflation ramps up. Further, if nothing bad ever happens, you can eventually eat the food and use most of the supplies, like toilet paper, fuel, etc., so they won't go to waste.

They will also be useful in many disasters besides nuclear events. For example:

Job loss -- Having two to four months of food at home would certainly relieve much of the stress of losing your job and being without an income while looking for another.

Pandemic -- We could someday see a pandemic unleashed that would require families to self-quarantine themselves at home for many weeks to avoid catching the disease. Having these supplies and having made these preparations would make that extremely difficult time more endurable.

Natural disasters, economic dislocations, civil disruptions -- Your family could ride out any number, or cascading combination, of these events in much better shape if you are sufficiently prepared.

Being prepared and stocking up makes sense on numerous levels, especially during this age when costs for many essentials, such as food, fuel, and ammunition, will surely only continue to increase. Stocking up now both saves money today and may well save your family tomorrow.

### **How People Act in Times of Trouble**

When tough times come, you'll likely discover that people today, overall, are not as resilient as they were in times past. For many of us, our grandparents generation included a higher percentage of self-reliant rural folks who both 'made do' on less while growing and raising their own food. Today, most people are far removed from the land and the routine of being responsible for supplying their own food; many even have a dangerous government-dependent mentality of entitlement. Fact is, the morality that both sustained and restrained previous generations during tough times is not as widely embraced in this present population. As a result, many people will more quickly rationalize theft, robbery, looting, and rioting when they fear hunger and deprivation. Crime is already a problem today--even with nobody being hungry, and with law enforcement in place. Crime, then, could explode when hunger threatens and law enforcement deteriorates concurrently. It is therefore prudent for anyone making serious preparations to also include plans for maintaining their own security if law enforcement is either unavailable or cannot keep pace with the demands of an overwhelming crime wave. If you do not own or use guns, I would strongly urge you to re-evaluate your personal security. If you find it lacking, acquire some guns and ammunition immediately, and get some safety and practical tactical training in their use. Ask the clerks at your local gun store for advice on defensive arms and to point you to local resources for that essential training.

For those who already have weapons, be sure they are effective models and calibers for self-defense, and that you have stocked plenty of ammunition and high-capacity magazines if needed. Weapons and ammo will quickly disappear, or they will become prohibitively expensive or restricted, once the essential need is more widely recognized.

### **Financial Concerns**

Once you are well on your way to acquiring your family's preparation tools, equipment, and supplies, consider acquiring extra items to help others and to use as future barter goods. You might be able to trade extra water filters, garden seeds, survival books, cooking fuel, batteries, antibiotics, and ammo for other needed products or services. Some people are even converting a modest percentage of their traditional paper investments into some gold and/or silver coins for trading purposes, as well as for prudent wealth diversification. Having wealth in forms other than solely paper dollars, plastic credit cards, or a 401k account might make the critical difference in one day being able to buy gas or get your gravely ill child to the front of a mile-long line to see the only overworked doctor or dentist or pharmacist in town. It'll sure beat only waving around your last investment or bank statement then.

### **A Final Word**

To better avoid unhealthy and overwhelming angst trying to prepare for all future dislocations and disruptions, keep in mind, too, that each step is like acquiring medical insurance. We all hope and pray we won't need that insurance, but if we ever do, our families won't find us then lacking in providing for their basic safety and welfare.

Once you've started making these preparations, strive to stay balanced. Thank God that you have begun, try to awaken others, and begin to confidently relax in your new alert status. You'll then be able to more fully enjoy life with your family knowing that you're firmly on the road to better being able to handle just about any event that might occur in this quickly changing world.

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## **The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Target # 1: The Super Bowl (February 6, 2011)**



**Intro:** The NFL Super Bowl is the biggest game, the biggest LIVE TV event, and the biggest party in America. It therefore should come as no surprise that it would also be the biggest nuclear terror target in the world. While it is hard to predict anything in life, let alone a nuclear attack, the Super Bowl appears to have been designed for just this type of occasion. During the last couple of years, the rhetoric and the formalities surrounding the big game tend to hint that something bad is going to happen.

**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *NFL Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** The Super Bowl is the championship game of the National Football League (since 1967), the premier association of professional American football. In most years, the **Super Bowl is the most-watched American television broadcast. Since 2002, the Super Bowl has been a National Special Security Event.** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *National Special Security Event*

**Abstract:** The National Special Security Event (NSSE) “Is an event deemed by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) **to be an attractive target for terrorists, due to the event's visibility or political connection.** An NSSE designation puts the United States Secret Service in charge of event security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation in charge of law enforcement activity, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in charge of recovery management (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** 2010

**Source:** United States Secret Service

**Title/Headline:** *National Special Security Events*

**Abstract:** When an event is designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security as a National Special Security Event (NSSE), **the Secret Service assumes its mandated role as the lead agency for the design and implementation of the operational security plan.** The Secret Service has developed a core strategy to carry out its security operations, which relies heavily on its established partnerships with law enforcement and public safety officials at the local, state and federal levels (Secret Service, 2010).

## **The Nuclear Bible: The Super Bowl's History of Terror**



**Date:** May, 2002

**Source:** U.S. House of Representatives, Jim Saxton

**Title/Headline:** *Economic Perspectives Of Terrorism Insurance*

**Abstract:** An “unspecified number” of National Football League teams currently have no terrorism insurance. Teams that have been reported to not have terrorism insurance include the New York Giants, **Dallas Cowboys**, Chicago Bears, Washington Redskins, and Baltimore Ravens (Saxton, 2002).

**Date:** January 30, 2006

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Sunday: Terror Chatter High*

**Abstract:** There is a high likelihood of a major terrorist attack next Sunday, say international terror analysts and intelligence sources. There is increased "chatter" in the terrorist world about a major new attack in the West – a sign often leading to an impending strike; The date Feb. 5 has been specifically referenced in some of this chatter; The date is significant to Osama ; **Much of the western world will be watching television that day;** The release of al-Qaida videotapes seems to provide clues about the dates of future attacks and, in this scenario, Feb. 5 becomes the most likely near-term terror strike date. Terror attacks seem to follow the release of al-Qaida about 30 days. Some intelligence analysts are noting the significance of the release of videos recently by both Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri. Zawahiri released his last video Jan. 6, making Feb. 5 the most likely target date, according to past attacks. Some analysts suggest the release of communiqués by both al-Zawahiri and **bin Laden might be the precursor to a mega-attack – something even rivaling Sept. 11 in scope and devastation.** That, suggests some analysts, makes Feb. 5 a likely target date. Interestingly, it is also a significant date to bin Laden. Feb. 5, 1989, was the day the last Soviet troops withdrew from Kabul, Afghanistan, signaling their defeat at the hand of the mujahedeen. Kabul was the capital of Osama's adopted country and was a major win for him and Islam. Significantly, perhaps, in bin Laden's audio release he referenced the U.S. withdrawing from Iraq and Afghanistan. **It also happens to be Super Bowl Sunday, when the eyes of the entire world will be watching America.** Authorities in Detroit, where the Super Bowl will be played, are certainly taking the threat of terrorism seriously. **According to the FBI and Detroit police, the game will be the focal point of one of the largest security operations in U.S. history, guarding against any threats to Super Bowl XL and aided by more than 50 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Including private security guards, there will be about 10,000 security personnel on duty, more than for any other one-day event in U.S. history. Radiation detectors will be stationed near the stadium. SWAT teams, bomb removal and other specialized law enforcement officials will be on hand. Despite the recent taped messages, authorities say there are "no credible threats against the Super Bowl"** (World Net Daily, 2006).

**Date:** January 29, 2007

**Source:** National Terror Alert, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

**Title/Headline:** *Threat Level Raised For Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** The National Football League has boosted the law enforcement budget and heightened the security threat level for Super Bowl 41 because of terrorism fears. The Super Bowl has been raised to a level one national security event, putting it on par in terms of manpower and resources with the US President's State of the Union speech and the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. **"We consider the Super Bowl so high profile that we see it as attractive to terrorists,"** said Milt Ahlerich, NFL vice-president of security. The last Super Bowl to be given a level one security designation was the 2002 New Orleans Super Bowl held three months after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks upon New York and Washington (DHS, 2007).

**Date:** January 21, 2008

**Source:** National Terror Alert, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Security Described As Unprecedented*

**Abstract:** Security for Super Bowl XLII, to be played at the University of Phoenix Stadium Feb. 3, is being described as "unprecedented," and will include both covert and overt measures like ATF bomb-sniffing dogs trained to ferret out liquid explosives. Although there is no specific terror threat, security officials are concerned due to the high visibility of the game and the propensity of al Qaeda to strike such targets. But the federal government's terrorism threat assessment of the upcoming game between the New England Patriots and New York Giants outlines concerns about stolen official law enforcement credentials, uniforms, weapons, and other equipment that could be used to "infiltrate" the stadium complex to carry out an attack. "High-profile" events like this, which the Arizona Counterterrorism Information Center said is expected to draw over half-a-million visitors, "make [them] a desirable target for domestic or international terrorists," the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) threat assessment says. While the assessment makes clear that the Intelligence Community "has not identified a credible terrorist threat to Super Bowl XLII and its related events," one of the three "key findings" of the nine-page threat assessment, a copy of which was obtained by HSToday.us, is that "the threats of greatest concern" during events like this "include individuals impersonating law enforcement and other security personnel and insiders to facilitate attacks." "Numerous thefts of government and law enforcement property that could be used to facilitate unauthorized entry have been reported in Arizona," the assessment points out. "Since October 2004 the Arizona Counterterrorism Information Center has received more than 300 reports of thefts from fire, first responder, military, and police personnel, including from those in the Phoenix area" (DHS, 2008).

**Date:** January 25, 2008

**Source:** Jihad Watch, Audrey Hudson

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Deemed A Target In Federal Threat Assessment*

**Abstract:** The upcoming Super Bowl game will be a desirable target for terrorists, according to a threat assessment by federal security officials, which outlines several scenarios of possible attacks and security precautions for the Feb. 3 event. "Among the threats of greatest concern to high-profile events like the Super Bowl are the placement of explosive devices in heavily trafficked areas in and around the event site, to include individuals impersonating law enforcement and other security or service personnel and insiders to facilitate attacks," the threat assessment said. "Al Qaeda and other Islamic terrorists may view sporting events as acceptable targets: the al Qaeda Training Manual specifically lists '... blasting and destroying the places of amusement, immorality, and sin ... and

attacking vital economic centers' as a required mission of the al Qaeda military organization," the assessment said. **"The Super Bowl's stature as a major media event probably increases its attractiveness to homegrown terrorists, whether acting alone or as part of a group, who understand the economic as well as symbolic importance of the game and surrounding activities to many in the homeland,"** the report said. FBI spokesman Richard Kolko said threat assessments are prepared for every major national security event as a "useful method of sharing information among federal and state law enforcement officers." **"We have no significant threats at this point, but certainly an event of this size is a viable target and any threat will be taken seriously,"** he said. "It is important to remember that terrorists are trained to 'blend in' and assimilate to their surroundings," the center said (Hudson, 2008).

**Date:** January 15, 2009

**Source:** NBC Sports, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *No Credible Terror Threats Seen For Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** A U.S. intelligence report says there is no credible threat of terrorist attacks at the Feb. 1 Super Bowl, but police said that visitors should still expect the type of heavy security typical of every Super Bowl since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. While no specific threat was identified, a joint FBI and Homeland Security intelligence assessment obtained by The Associated Press cautions that Raymond James Stadium, the Super Bowl site, does not have the typical security features of permanently secure buildings, such as jails or military bases. However, the report noted, **"the visible presence of hundreds of well-equipped security officers, standoff barriers and other security measures likely will serve as deterrents to attack."** Tampa police spokeswoman Laura McElroy said Raymond James Stadium is as secure as any other NFL venue and noted that local law enforcement is accustomed to securing the stadium and keeping large crowds safe. **"On Super Bowl Sunday, the safest place in the country will be inside Raymond James Stadium or inside the security footprint of the Super Bowl,"** McElroy said. She said local officials have been working with the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies on the security plan for the past two years. **A litany of state and federal agencies are assisting local law enforcement, but McElroy declined to provide numbers of officers involved or other specifics of the plan for security reasons.** A spokeswoman for the Super Bowl Host Committee referred all security questions to McElroy. A similar security report typically has been issued for the event in recent years. The federal report, dated Tuesday, said **officials are also concerned that terrorists or criminals could impersonate government or military officials because some Florida law enforcement badges and uniforms were stolen in 2008.** The report says there is no credible information about impersonation plots. **The report referred to a large number of credentials, uniforms sets and other law enforcement equipment that went missing last year from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, which patrols unincorporated areas around Tampa.** The Super Bowl is one of the biggest television events of the year, and more than 100 million people in 232 countries are expected to watch, the assessment said. **Because of the high profile nature of the event, intelligence officials say they cannot discount the potential for a terrorist attack.** Terrorists are expected to continue to see stadiums and arenas as potential targets, according to a March 2008 intelligence assessment. **"Al-Qaida could meet its objectives of mass casualties, economic damage, and psychological impact with an attack against a stadium or arena during an event in the United States,"** the 2008 assessment said. The Federal Aviation Administration plans to issue a temporary flight restriction in the area around the Tampa stadium on Feb 1. The threat assessment says the regional bus system will not provide public transit to the stadium on game day. In addition, **the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is providing advanced training for local Florida bomb-sniffing dogs in preparation for the event.** **The Super Bowl threat assessment is based on information from local law enforcement, the FBI, Homeland Security Department, National Counterterrorism Center, United States Northern Command, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Florida state intelligence fusion center** (NBC Sports, 2009).

**Date:** March 10, 2009

**Source:** USA Today, Thomas Frank

**Title/Headline:** *NFL Exempt From Terrorism Lawsuits*

**Abstract:** **The National Football League and dozens of other companies and organizations have won exemption from lawsuits under a post-9/11 law that prohibits them from being sued if terrorists attack a site they are protecting.** The law, called the SAFETY Act (Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies), aims to help security providers by guaranteeing they will not pay any claims that terror victims might file after an attack. The law was created in 2002 in response to multibillion-dollar lawsuits filed after the 9/11 attacks that left companies afraid they would be sued if security equipment failed to stop terrorists. **The protection extends only to companies' services or equipment that the Homeland Security Department has approved as being effective in anti-terrorism.** Among those with top-tier protection is the NFL, which in December received liability exemption against future claims stemming from an attack at any of the nation's football stadiums. The law requires a court to dismiss lawsuits against companies whose products have Homeland Security's highest reliability rating. The NFL got the protection after the government approved the league's nine-page stadium-security guidelines. The benefit to the NFL is "fairly obvious," said NFL security chief Milt Ahlerich. **"An attack from a terrorist organization could put us out of business."** League guidelines, developed shortly after 9/11, include digital security cameras in stadiums, quick searches on entering spectators and barriers that keep cars and trucks 100 feet from a stadium (Frank, 2009).

## **The Nuclear Bible: Super Bowl XLIV (2010)**

**Date:** January 31, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Associated Press, Robert Fendrich

**Title/Headline:** *Xmas Bomb Attempt Prods Super Bowl Security Change*

**Abstract:** Dozens of federal agencies, including the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, local police and two private security firms were handling security for the Super Bowl, and that Al Qaeda training manual lists **"blasting and destroying**



the places of amusement, immorality, and sin" as one of the terrorist group's missions. That assessment also says a jihadist message board carried a posting in 2006 with information about how to **conduct an attack on a sporting event** using more than one suicide bomber, inside the venue and near exits. The FBI and Miami-Dade Police Department are running separate centers to collect and disseminate intelligence, but that **might not uncover a person acting alone** — the kind of threat that most worries the FBI's Gillies and James Loftus, interim director of the Miami-Dade Police Department. "I'm not an alarmist, but **we worry about the lone guy** with the rifle. That's where our attention is," Loftus said. "That's the guy who is not e-mailing, who is not networking." Loftus said another concern is someone **who might try to use a false police or firefighter uniform to gain unauthorized access** (Fendrich, 2010).



**Date:** January 31, 2010

**Source:** CTV Globemedia, Associated Press, Curt Anderson

**Title/Headline:** *F-16s, Bomb Dogs Among Security Measurers At The Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** Security operation protecting the Super Bowl consisted of Air Force F-16s patrolling the skies above Miami on game day to a buffer zone extending at least 100 meters out from the stadium. "We collect intelligence from all over the world and then we disseminate it, so that everyone knows what's going on," said William Maddalena, a top Miami FBI official in charge of special events. "We'll have daily briefings to put out the latest information we have." But all that intelligence-gathering may not uncover **a single person acting alone who wants to attack or disrupt the game** or surrounding events. James Loftus, interim director of the Miami-Dade Police Department, said that's what keeps Super Bowl security planners awake at night. **"The biggest problem that we have is the lone wolf. They operate by themselves. They operate in seclusion. They don't discuss their plans or potential threats to anyone else,"** John Gillies, special agent in charge of the FBI's Miami field office, said in an interview (Anderson, 2010).

**Date:** February 2, 2010

**Source:** CBS News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Bomb Dogs, Robots Ready For Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** Several dozen bomb-sniffing dogs, robots that defuse explosives and police bomb squads are being deployed to protect the Super Bowl. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives showed reporters how the dogs can detect even minute amounts of bomb compounds. Four dogs easily found a small amount of residue hidden in a closed car trunk. **Miami ATF chief Hugo Barrera says the dogs can smell 19,000 different bomb components.** The ATF puts them through a 16-week training course before they're ready for duty. **Some of the ATF dogs deployed for the Super Bowl are veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.** Dogs from the Miami-Dade Police Department and Broward Sheriff's Office also are on duty for Sunday's game. After touring a rain-soaked Sun Life Stadium on Monday, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said that preparations are in place to thwart any terrorist threat or safety problem at the Super Bowl. **"We are doing everything we can think of in preparation to make sure it is a great event,"** Napolitano told reporters. "I'm here today to see the operation myself. I thought it was important to get down here." Milt Ahlerich, the NFL's vice president for security, said **Napolitano's tour of the stadium in nearby Miami Gardens was the first time a Homeland Security secretary had visited a Super Bowl site before game day.** About 1,000 federal, state and local law enforcement and security personnel are working Sunday's game and events leading up to it, said James Loftus, director of the Miami-Dade Police Department. **Even though the FBI reports no credible threat against the Super Bowl, al Qaeda and other terror groups have frequently expressed interest in attacking a major U.S. sporting event.** "Rest assured, we're going to look out for you," Loftus said of what fans attending the game can expect. **"We do this stuff week in and week out, and we're good at it."** The nerve center for security is the FBI-run Joint Operations Center, which includes representatives from 64 agencies at all levels of government, said John Gillies, agent in charge of the FBI's Miami field office. He said preparations have included intensive training and tabletop exercises involving various threat scenarios. "There's security that the public will see, and there's security the public will not see," Gillies said. Fans themselves can also play a role by reporting any suspicious activity or unattended bags, Ahlerich said. **And Napolitano said there will be a number flashed on screens at the stadium where fans can send a text message if they see anything amiss** (CBS News, 2010).

**Date:** February 3, 2010

**Source:** The Freedom Medium

**Title/Headline:** *Security Will Be High At The 2010 Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** If I were attending Super Bowl XLIV, I'd feel security measures the NFL has taken, in spite of a nerve-racking statement from someone who, thank goodness, has no affiliation with the NFL, yet pretends to know something about security. I think that NFL vice-president of security Milt Ahlerich, will do a fine job. Ahlerich had this to say: **"There won't be any problems,"** Ahlerich said. "This security plan is very robust and very well coordinated. We have a lot of confidence in how it is organized and how well it will be executed." What scares the hell out of me is this statement: **"We're looking forward to a great and safe Super Bowl 44."** **"We're grateful for the remarkable cooperation we've seen up and down the line. We're doing everything we can in preparation to make sure it's a great event."** That statement was made by Department of Homeland Security head Janet Napolitano. The same Janet Napolitano who, when a jihadist set his ass on fire trying to blow up an airplane on Christmas day, said **"the system worked."** Football fans can, however, breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that Napolitano is not in charge of overseeing security measures at the world's

**biggest one-day sporting event.** Because if Napolitano paid as much attention to potential security threats as she did to President Obama's State Of The Union address, this is what we'd see (The Freedom Medium, 2010).



**Date:** February 6, 2010

**Source:** Information Week, Elizabeth Montalbano

**Title/Headline:** *Microsoft, Partners Pitch In On Super Bowl Security*

**Abstract:** A collaboration platform combines SharePoint, mapping software, and analysis capabilities to let law-enforcement agencies in Miami share information in real time. **The system, called Project Dolphin, will let officials collect information from different law-enforcement agencies, including the Miami-Dade Police Department, during Sunday's event and share and analyze that information in real time. Project Dolphin combines tools from Microsoft, ESRI, GuideSTAR Technologies, and Analyst International Corp (AIC).** The system comprises Fusion Core Solution, developed by Microsoft and ESRI, which uses Microsoft's SharePoint Server with ESRI's ArcGIS 9.3.1 server and GuideSTAR's investigative and intelligence analysis tool, GS/1. **Different public-safety organizations will be keeping track of security at Super Bowl XLIV, and the data they collect is stored in their own systems. Fusion Core brings that information together into one system, enabling authorized personnel to exchange documents, information, and alerts securely.** Authorities can view information geospatially using ESRI's visualization and mapping technology, while other software enables analysis of the information gathered. Miami-Dade Police, the eighth largest law-enforcement agency in the U.S., will be using the Project Dolphin software with its own IT system, which is already quite sophisticated, Microsoft said (Montalbano, 2010).

**Date:** February 6, 2010

**Source:** The Examiner, Jim Kouri

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Security Enhanced By FBI, ATF K-9 Units*

**Abstract:** Not everyone participating in this year's Super Bowl is a football player. **The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have fielded their best players to help prepare for a safe and secure Super Bowl XLIV.** These pros include ATF K-9 explosives detection teams that have been deployed to Miami from around the country. The K-9 teams are working side-by-side with other federal, state and local law-enforcement officers to keep the football teams and fans safe throughout this event. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is continuing its preparation for the Super Bowl. **"Our tactical teams have been training throughout the year for different scenarios -- active shooter, bombs, and other hazards related to chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear threats,"** said John Gillies, the FBI special agent in charge. **"We have hundreds of agents and professional staff prepared to respond.** For example, we have SWAT, Evidence Response Teams, and hostage negotiators to name a few. Many have traveled from other FBI offices across the country," he said. **"The K-9 teams that are here in Miami for the Super Bowl are the best of the best,"** said Hugo Barrera, Special Agent in Charge of the ATF Miami Field Division. **"Like the football teams that will be playing in the Super Bowl, these handlers and their K-9 partners have been training and preparing all year for this event,"** Barrera further stated. "We are proud to say that the only thing the fans have to worry about is whether their team wins or loses." One of the teams working in Miami is ATF Special Agent Canine Handler L.A. Bykowsky and her new partner "Darel", a 16-month-old yellow Labrador retriever. SACH Bykowsky and K-9 Darel are based in South Florida and recently returned from Virginia, having successfully completed four months of training at ATF's Explosives Detection Canine Handler School. **They will assist at this year's Super Bowl to help locate any type of explosive, which may be in close proximity to the stadium or any other venue relating to the big game.** ATF has used its explosives detecting canines at other special events including the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, the Presidential Inauguration, the G-8, the World Series, NASCAR, the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics **and of course, the Super Bowls** (Kouri, 2010).



**Date:** February 7, 2010

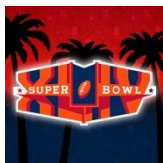
**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *2010 Connecticut Power Plant Explosion*

**Abstract:** The 2010 Connecticut power plant explosion occurred at the Kleen Energy Systems power station in Middletown, Connecticut, United States at 11:17 am EST on February 7, 2010. Preliminary reports attributed the cause of the explosion to a test of the plant's energy systems. The plant had been under construction from February 2008, and was scheduled to start supplying energy in June 2010. **Although initial reports estimated up to 250 people had been injured in the blast, the number of injuries was later established to be 27.** While police first reported that two workers had died, they later retracted that statement, citing a misinterpretation. The office of the mayor of Middletown later released a statement saying that 5 people had died in the explosion. The Federal

**Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said it was not investigating the incident as a terrorist attack, and that there was no evidence to suggest that it was. The blast at the 620-megawatt, Siemens combined cycle gas- and oil- fired power plant occurred at 11:17 am, and was reported at 11:25 am EST.** The plant's manager, Gordon Holk, said that contractors and other workers from O & G Industries, Ducci Electrical, and Keystone Mechanical Electrical were at the site when the blast occurred. A neighbor of the plant said that there was natural gas stored there, which was later said to be related to the explosion. Flames were reported to have been coming from a gas pipe until the gas was shut off. **The explosion occurred at the rear of the largest building at the site (the turbine hall building), which was destroyed.** Another witness from Portland, Connecticut said that the main building had been leveled. **Some residents reported "earthquake-like tremors" from at least 10 miles (16 km) away, although the blast proved not to be seismically detectable. Another resident of the area felt that it was more like a sonic boom. According to authorities, neither terrorism or an intentional crime was the cause of the explosion, though criminal negligence was being investigated.** The local fire marshal said the explosion was the result of an attempted purging of natural gas from a pipeline as a test, a procedure known as a blow-down, and according to a state official who had been briefed on the incident, the explosion had been sparked by a "flame device," possibly a propane heater. The president of the Connecticut AFL-CIO, however, disagreed with this explanation, saying it was more likely that an inadvertent spark had caused the explosion, rather than an open flame. **Middletown deputy fire marshal Al Santostefano later said that there had been fewer than 50 people injured, as some of the workers had made it out alive, and that there were no signs of life in the ruins of the plant. At least 12 of the injured were treated at local hospitals.** Emergency personnel and almost 20 ambulances were at the scene shortly after the blast occurred, using helicopters to transport victims while search-and-rescue crews with dogs scoured the rubble. Middlesex Hospital in Middletown said it was receiving patients from the blast. At least one victim was also taken to Hartford Hospital. By 1:30pm local time, at least 100 firefighters were at the scene and the fire had been extinguished. **Connecticut governor M. Jodi Rell was being briefed by authorities and opened the state's emergency management center, and she later traveled to the scene of the explosion.** Connecticut State Police said they were sending detectives to investigate the explosion. **Rescue officials at the plant turned away reporters because hazardous material leakage was possible.** Nearby hospitals and surrounding states also offered to aid in the rescue process. **The Joint Terrorism Task Force also arrived at the site of the explosion but were only there to monitor, as local and state officials were handling the investigation. The federal Chemical Safety Board deployed a seven person team to the site, which was expected to be on the scene by Monday, February 8, but was later prohibited from entering the site.** The mayor of Middletown said the plant will ultimately be rebuilt, a statement that was confirmed by a Kleen Energy official, who said that construction would resume once the investigation into the incident was completed. **The investigation into the incident started the day after the explosion, and was conducted by agencies at the local, state and federal levels.** It was expected to focus on whether human error or insufficient safety protocols were at fault. In particular, according to the local fire marshal, the investigation was to look at whether electricity was cut off from the area, whether workers had been evacuated before the purging of the gas line, and whether ignition sources were present. Several days before the explosion, the Chemical Safety Board had approved new recommendations on gas line purging in the United States following an explosion at a food manufacturing plant in North Carolina in 2009 that killed four people. **Despite the Board's interest in the case, a spokesman said on February 9 that their team of investigators was being denied entrance to the site of the explosion, on the grounds that the area was a crime scene** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**The Connecticut explosion may have been a beta test to see how many people began to follow a pre-Super Bowl disaster story which occurred in U.S. Vice President Joe Biden's back yard. Come February 6, 2011, we can expect something similar in nature leading up to the Super Bowl. As stated in the Wikipedia article, the event was grossly overhyped and hundreds of bodies ended up being only 27.**



**Date:** February 7, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl XLII*

**Abstract:** The game was televised live in the United States on CBS, capping the network's 50th season of NFL coverage (1956–93; 1998–present). This was the 17th Super Bowl telecast for CBS, the largest total among the "big four" US television networks. CBS had also broadcast the previous Super Bowl held in South Florida (XLI). Play-by-play announcer Jim Nantz and color commentator Phil Simms were in the broadcast booth, with Steve Tasker and Solomon Wilcotts serving as sideline reporters. The game was preceded by *The Super Bowl Today*, a four-hour pregame show that was hosted by James Brown and started at 2 pm US EST. A kickoff show for the game aired from 6 pm US EST to 6:28 pm US EST. **With an average US audience of 106.5 million viewers, this was the most-watched Super Bowl ever as well as the most-watched program of any kind in American television history, beating the 27-year-long record previously held by the final episode of *M\*A\*S\*H*, "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen", watched by 105.97 million viewers.**<sup>[14]</sup> An estimated 153.4 million total viewers watched all or part of the game.<sup>[15]</sup> The game drew a national Nielsen rating of 45.0 with a 68 share, the highest for a Super Bowl since Super Bowl XXX in 1996 (46.0/68). The telecast drew a 56.3 rating in New Orleans and a 54.2 rating in Indianapolis, first and fourth respectively among local markets (Wikipedia, 2010).

## The Nuclear Bible: Super Bowl XLV (February 6, 2011)



George W. Bush & Cowboys Owner Jerry Jones

**Intro:** The State motto of Texas is “*Everything Is Bigger In Texas*”, and should a nuclear detonation occur in “BIG D”, it would somehow fit perfectly in a sick and sadistic way. Ironically, Arlington, Texas, is only 226 miles from Barksdale Air force Base in Louisiana, the site where 6 nukes disappeared under the Bush and Cheney regime in 2007. A nuclear assassination of Dallas and the Cowboys would be a deathblow to an American Cowboy legacy which is rooted in the culture and fabric of America.



**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl XLV*

**Abstract:** Super Bowl XLV will be the 45th annual edition of the Super Bowl in American football, and the 41st annual championship game of the modern-era National Football League (NFL). The game, to be played on February 6, 2011, will pit the champions of the AFC and the NFC, and will be held at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. **This will be the first time that the Super Bowl will be held in the Dallas–Fort Worth–Arlington area and the third time it will be held in Texas (Houston was the host city to Super Bowls VIII and XXXVIII).** The game will be televised nationally by Fox. Starting with Super Bowl XLV, the template of all Super Bowl logos will virtually remain the same. **The only differences from year to year will be the stadium backdrop and the Roman numerals for the game as well as colors of the area. For Super Bowl XLV, Cowboys Stadium is featured and "XLV" signifying the forty-fifth Super Bowl game.** Therefore, Super Bowl XLVI's logo is expected to feature Lucas Oil Stadium (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** June 15, 2008

**Source:** The Dallas Morning News, Michael A. Lindemberger

**Title/Headline:** *Worker Dies At Dallas Cowboys Stadium Site*

**Abstract:** Just days after three workers were injured in a crane accident at the new Dallas Cowboys stadium, an electrician was electrocuted there Saturday while performing tests on some of its wiring. Timothy Mackinnon, 45, of Arlington was standing on a ladder when he touched a high-voltage line in the ceiling of the stadium's concourse level, said Neal Strasser, a battalion chief with the Arlington Fire Department. Mr. Mackinnon, a journeyman electrician, was knocked off his feet but became wedged between the ladder and the stadium wall, where he hung until a co-worker spotted him and carried him to the ground, Chief Strasser said. **"When we arrived, one of his co-workers was already performing CPR", Chief Strasser said. "We took over and began performing advanced life-saving efforts. They performed CPR on him all the way to Arlington Memorial Hospital." The Tarrant County medical examiner's Web site confirmed Mr. Mackinnon's death Saturday afternoon. He was pronounced dead at the hospital at noon. Officials said the accident occurred around 11 a.m.** The Fire Department received a call by 11:05 a.m. and arrived within five minutes. The Cowboys issued a statement Saturday from the stadium's general contractor, Manhattan Construction, that said it and JMEG Electric, the subcontractor for whom Mr. Mackinnon worked, are cooperating with investigations by police and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Chief Strasser said construction continued at the stadium after the electrocution. **"They were still working as we were walking out," Chief Strasser said. "The workers were visibly upset."** The stadium site has already been under scrutiny, following a crane accident on Thursday afternoon. That day, a crane connector "failed," prompting cables and other parts to fall. **Three workers leapt off a nearby crane to avoid being hit and were injured in the 10- to 12-foot fall. All three were taken to area hospitals, though two have been released.** The third, Wesley Harlow, remains in Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas. Hospital spokeswoman Susan Hall said Saturday evening that he is in serious condition. More than 170 injuries – mostly minor – have occurred at the stadium site, where about 1,400 workers are engaged each day. **Two other high-profile accidents have happened during construction of the \$1.1 billion**



stadium, which is scheduled to open for the Cowboys' 2009 season. A construction worker was injured in August when crane cables struck him in the back while on an upper deck of the new stadium. In January 2007, another worker fell 20 feet from scaffolding onto the field (Lindenberger, 2008).

**967 Days before Super Bowl XLV, Timothy Mackinnon died at Cowboy Stadium. Was it an accident? A human sacrifice? Or, was the electrician responsible for wiring a nuke under the stadium?**

**Date:** December 2008

**Source:** The Public Sphere, Derek Charles Catsam

**Title/Headline:** *Stadiums And Terrorism*

**Abstract:** The public's right to know or the public's right to be safe? Preserve civil liberties at all costs or err on the side of caution? These questions, honestly asked, are at the heart of debates over how best to preserve both our safety and our liberties in an age of terrorism and violence. Some time ago, an ideal test case for these questions played out here in Texas, where the Dallas Cowboys tried to fight requests (that entered the legal system and fast became demands) for public release of the plans for their new \$650 million stadium in Arlington. **Their rationale? Both security and business concerns. The problem? At least \$325 million, and likely a lot more, is coming out of taxpayer pockets, and the city used eminent domain to force homeowners to sell their property to make way for the new stadium.** Whoever has their name on the lease, the stadium is in many ways public property and should be considered only nominally the Cowboys' property. **The Cowboys and their advocates argued that both proprietary business interests and security concerns should have allowed them to keep the information secret.** Yet, for the public, the Cowboys sacrificed their proprietary business claims as soon as they stuffed their snouts in the public trough. **The Cowboys' claim so reeked of arrogance that it almost overwhelmed all of the other arguments about security. It is increasingly common for professional sports teams to suckle at the public teat and then turn around and pretend that they owe that same public nothing because they are fundamentally engaged in private enterprise.** Billionaire owners want to have the public pay for their opulent facilities, in which the former will charge exorbitant prices for tickets and concessions. The public is slowly learning, just like the poor guy who stands in line at halftime to spend \$60 for a gelatinous pile of food and drinks, that there is no such thing as a free lunch. Or a half-billion dollar stadium. **Stadiums on game day or concert night are among the most vulnerable targets for terrorist attacks.** But the other claims, those tied to security, are less temporal and thus gave pause. After all, we now know the plans for the stadium, but security will be an enduring concern. **I've argued for years, even before 9/11 and the occasional recent news of potential attacks at football games (always revealed to have been a hoax, but such hoaxes still remain all too credible), that stadiums on game day or concert night are among the most vulnerable targets for terrorist attacks:** tens of thousands of people in a celebratory mood, unwary and focused on something else; screaming crowds; loud public address announcers; amps at rock shows; lots of drunk people; showy but largely perfunctory security. Providing diagrams and blueprints to terrorists, whether Islamist or of the home grown variety (Many in the U.S. seem to have forgotten about the Eric Rudolph, Ku Klux Klan, Tim McVeigh, Unabomber, Charles Whitman types), does appear shortsighted at first blush. The public does not have the right to know everything. **Then again, someone with malicious forethought can take plenty of time to plan an attack upon an open stadium.** Providing diagrams that, once a stadium opens, will be available anyway hardly seems like a serious breach of either public safety or security. **The danger will not come from terrorists simply knowing a stadium's layout, however essential that might be to a planned attack, but rather from terrorists who are able to identify and exploit weaknesses and security flaws.** In terms of odds, I would surmise that an attack at a big game will more likely come from someone wielding a gun than someone wielding a half-empty bottle of water. **Texans take football seriously. They take travel seriously. They take terrorism seriously.** But there is a difference between serious and foolish. The Cowboys finally released the plans to the enormous new stadium, as was inevitable. Thus far, nothing bad has happened to Jerry Jones' gleaming jewel. **And if terrorists ever do attack the new stadium, the blame will fall on our scattershot, improvised, shoddy policies and lack of foresight because we were preparing for the last attack rather than the next one.** Derek Charles Catsam is an associate professor at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He has been a fellow with the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a Washington-DC- based anti-terrorism organization (Catsam, 2008).

**Date:** September 22, 2009

**Source:** The 33 CW News, Dawn Tongish

**Title/Headline:** *Police Prep For Stadium Security Alert*

**Abstract:** Arlington - North Texas visitor, Mamie Dorris stood outside the new Cowboys Stadium in Arlington snapping pictures. **She didn't know federal officials had issued a terrorist security alert for stadiums. "That is very unnerving", says Dorris. Dorris knows the horror of a terror attack.** She survived the 9/11 attack on the pentagon, after a plane piloted by al-Qaida terrorists crashed directly into her office. She says no threat can be taken lightly. **"I think anytime there is a threat on our grounds, it needs to be taken seriously".** Police say they are taking notice of several security alerts issued by the FBI and Homeland Security. **Officials say terrorists may attempt to use homemade backpack bombs, car bombs or even airplanes to attack crowded, public places. Arlington police say they received the alerts and are taking that into consideration to insure the safety of fans during upcoming Cowboys games at the new stadium.** Already on game days, all bags are searched. Authorities use bomb-sniffing dogs to inspect vehicles parked close to the stadium. Security experts say they aren't surprised by the stadium alerts. **"Anytime you have a large venue event that you have a lot of people then it will be attractive to terrorists",** says Former FBI Special Agent in Charge, Danny Defenbaugh. The former federal agent says since 9/11 busy public places, like stadiums have been on the terror radar. Defenbaugh says proper training for event staff members is important to protect against the threat of attack. **"They need to be suspicious and look for unusual behavior",** says Defenbaugh. **A few months ago, Arlington Police and several other agencies conducted a massive training exercise at the new stadium, to test out their preparedness for a real emergency.** Dorris says that everyone should learn to be on alert at all times and report anything suspicious. She says she is living proof that an attack can happen to anyone. **"I was just fortunate it wasn't my time"** (Tongish, 2009).



**Date:** September 22, 2009

**Source:** CBS 11 TV News, Jay Gormley

**Title/Headline:** Cowboys Stadium Security Heeding FBI Alert

**Abstract:** Counter-terrorism officials have issued security bulletins about possible terrorist attacks on sports stadiums, entertainment complexes, and hotels throughout the United States. The FBI and Homeland Security Department sent out two bulletins, with no specific details. However, Arlington police say they're taking the warning seriously. Neither police nor stadium officials will give specifics to any changes or improvements being added for this Monday night's game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Carolina Panthers. **Some security experts say there can be a disadvantage to securing a brand new stadium. Former Dallas FBI agent Danny Defenbaugh says both employees and security officers are still learning the 'ins and outs' of the new Cowboys facility.** "You can look at the analogy of the old Texas Stadium; where the engineers knew if a stone was out of place in the boiler room," said Defenbaugh. **"But here [at the new stadium], it's a learning experience for everyone. I think that's one reason why they had the crisis management exercise six to eight months ago; so they could have that familiarity."** When asked about the federal warnings Arlington police issued the following statement: **"The Arlington Police Department has been made aware of the alert and understands that no specific venues or geographic regions have been targeted. But we are still taking the information seriously and it is being considered as we prepare for our next football game at Cowboys Stadium on Monday"** (Gormley, 2009).



**Date:** September 23, 2009

**Source:** The Dallas Morning News, Jeff Mosier

**Title/Headline:** *Arlington Officials On Watch After Federal Terror Alert But Say City, Attractions Are Prepared*

**Abstract:** A vague terrorism warning about threats to stadiums, hotels and tourist attractions has caught the attention of Arlington officials. **The city has a large theme park and two major sports stadiums – including the new home of the Dallas Cowboys.** Arlington police said they are paying attention to the potential threat, which hasn't mentioned any specific locations, but they have not significantly changed their security precautions. **"We're prepared for most everything that could happen at the [Cowboys] stadium,"** said Tiara Ellis Richard, an Arlington police spokeswoman. That \$1.15 billion stadium is the highest-profile venue in the city and the site of next week's Monday Night Football game. Federal officials sent bulletins to police Monday urging local authorities to be particularly vigilant. **Those came after arrests in New York and Colorado connected to an alleged terrorism plot. Richard said alerts that don't cite specific threats do serve a purpose.** They could act as a reminder, she said, for agencies to review their security plans and pay more attention to this issue. **"It might make you a little more aware, a little more heightened and more vigilant,"** Richard said. At Cowboys Stadium, which opened in June, Richard said, police have not gotten lax about security. **Police have created security plans for concerts and games as well as special events such as the 2010 NBA All-Star Game and the 2011 Super Bowl.** Brett Daniels, a spokesman for the Cowboys, said the team does not discuss security matters and would not even confirm whether he was aware of the alert. Texas Rangers spokesman John Blake said team executives have heard about the potential threat and have talked to police and league officials. He said there have been no changes to their security procedures. **"We're monitoring this with Major League Baseball, and we're taking this seriously,"** Blake said. Sharon Parker, a spokeswoman for Six Flags Over Texas, said the park has "stringent security" in place, but she would not say whether there had been any changes because of this threat (Mosier, 2009).



**Date:** February 4, 2010

**Source:** NFL, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *NFL Unveils New Super Bowl Logo, With National And Regional Looks*

**Abstract:** The Vince Lombardi trophy will be a permanent fixture on Super Bowl logos from now on. **The trophy itself will receive a new regional look, depending on where the game is played.** The changes were announced Thursday when the NFL unveiled the new logo in conjunction with the North Texas Super Bowl host committee. **At next year's Super Bowl in Arlington, Texas, the logo also will display a silver depiction of Cowboys Stadium. The NFL said it created a national logo -- without the stadium -- and a regional one with it.** Though the trophy will remain on future logos, the stadiums will change with each host (NFL, 2010).

**Date:** February 6, 2010

**Source:** Star-Telegram, Ray Buck

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl 45 At Cowboys Stadium Is One Year Out*

**Abstract:** Drum roll. Super Bowl XLV is officially one year out. North Texas will become the 13th region to host a Super Bowl when the game is played Feb. 6, 2011, at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Today's Colts-Saints SB XLIV, by comparison, marks the 10th time the Super Bowl has been held in South Florida. It will be played at Sun Life Stadium, home of the Miami Dolphins. The North Texas Super Bowl Host Committee has had a lot of catching up to do. Led by president Bill Lively and chairman Roger Staubach, the host committee is either on schedule or ahead of schedule in most aspects of preparation and lagging in none, according to Lively. **"We're not behind on anything that I'm concerned about,"** said Lively, then adding, **"I might be behind tomorrow but I feel good about where we're at right now."** Lively's administrative background with SMU and the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts certainly helps him grasp the enormity of an upstart Super Bowl project. Perhaps nothing on his résumé helps him more than his longtime avocation as "mountain climber." In 1999, Lively climbed Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro, which is the highest free-standing mountain in the world at 19,340 feet. "I've been climbing mountains for more than 50 years," said Lively, now 66. **"I've climbed the Grand Tetons in Wyoming and many of Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks. I started out with my father when I was 12 or 13."** So, how much has this helped him to get ready for Super Bowl XLV? **"Well, you know, it is a mountain,"** Lively replied. **"But you can see the summit."** The two most dreaded words for any mountain climber, he explained, are "false summit," i.e., climbing and climbing, you think you've finally reached the top only to get there and find "there's another top." But the first Sunday in February has never been out of anyone's sight. "We can see it: Feb. 6, 2011," Lively said. **"We know exactly when it's going to happen and we know how to get there. It's not rocket science, although it isn't unlike a mini-version of what a nation goes through to host an Olympics. You have to prepare infrastructure, venues, politics and a financial base. And in our case, we're doing all that for the first time."** The matter of money North Texas Super Bowl coffers recently hit the \$17 million mark. That's just over the halfway mark, because the May 2007 winning bid came with a promise that a record \$30 million would be raised. **The host committee's ambitious fundraising and sponsorship efforts have included 11 donors at the \$1 million level -- also a Super Bowl record.** The previous record of two \$1 million sponsors was achieved for Super Bowl XL in Detroit four years ago. **"We are confirmed now right at \$17 million in underwriting,"** said Lively, "which is a little behind where I wanted to be -- but not by much. Given the economy, I'm OK with that." SLANT 45, designed to promote student participation/service learning in the community, has become the pace car for the race to Feb. 6, 2011. **"The education program is fully underwritten, and it becomes operative right now, and that's good,"** said Lively, obviously pleased to check something off his to-do list. SLANT 45 is chaired by Daryl "Moose" Johnston, Pro Bowl fullback on the Cowboys' Super Bowl teams of the '90s. Lively continued: **"We have 18 standing committees active and serving right now, involving over 200 volunteers.** That's good. We have the staff, the mechanism, the repository to collect information in place and ready to go. It's still a little too soon to activate [volunteer work] ...but that will change soon." **Keep in mind, SB XLV is a regional event, meaning that the Big Four Mayors of Fort Worth, Dallas, Arlington and Irving are all heavily involved with their cities.** The AFC team is scheduled to stay at the Omni Fort Worth, while the popular "Taste of the NFL" will be held Super Bowl eve at the Fort Worth Convention Center. The NFC team will stay at the Omni Mandalay in Irving's Las Colinas. The game will be in Arlington.

**Staubach & Aikman:** Just the two most decorated quarterbacks in Cowboys history are heavily involved in Super Bowl XLV. Aikman, the team's only three-time Super Bowl winning QB, recently was elected vice chairman of the North Texas Super Bowl Host Committee. A major dose of "street cred" was added to an already star-studded cast of former Cowboys who frequently appear on behalf of the host committee, including the likes of Emmitt Smith, Tony Dorsett, Rayfield Wright, Drew Pearson, Preston Pearson, Michael Irvin, Bob Lilly, Randy White, Jay Novacek and Johnston. Before an NFL city or region can think about winning a Super Bowl bid, it must have that "face" on its presentation to make it legit. **For North Texas, that face belongs to Staubach, former Heisman Trophy winner, decorated Naval cadet and Vietnam War veteran, two-time Super Bowl quarterback and Pro Football Hall of Famer.** "People ask me all the time how is it to work with Roger -- well, he's the real thing. He's absolutely essential," said Lively, who often works alongside Staubach at SB XLV speaking engagements. Staubach frequently delights his audience with old Cowboys references and a dry sense of humor. **"Roger is exactly what you'd hope he would be,"** Lively said of the local icon. **"His status and leadership have validated the importance of our organization."**

**Four-Corner Power Trip:** Mayors Mike Moncrief (Fort Worth), Tom Leppert (Dallas), Bob Cluck (Arlington) and Herbert Gears (Irving) are in South Florida for Super Bowl XLIV today. They've been joined by Arlington Police Chief Theron Bowman, host committee board members such as Michael Morris (Transportation/North Central Texas) and Jeff Fegan (DFW Airport), a couple of dozen host committee staff members, as well the all-important, \$1 million sponsors of Super Bowl XLV. **"These people have paid a premium for this opportunity. It's part of their benefits package,"** Lively said of the group that enjoyed what Lively called "behind-the-scenes experiences that only Roger can get them." This marked the third on-site Super Bowl "study" for Lively and the host committee since winning the SB XLV bid over Indianapolis and Arizona almost three years ago. Compared to previous Super Bowl excursions to Tampa and Arizona, Lively explained, "those two trips were for research purposes; this one [has been] a sponsorship-fulfillment trip." Think "rewards trip" to South Beach, now you get the idea. Still, the North Texas contingent has been able to observe how South Florida went about handling transportation, security, entertainment, events and parties. **It's all part of the climb. "Actually,"** said Lively, **"I've always climbed mountains as a hobby -- not trying to be dangerous or thrill-seeking. It really has been for the beauty of the mountain."** He hopes he can stand on the summit of Super Bowl XLV a year from now, and say the same thing (Buck, 2010).



**Date:** February 7, 2010

**Source:** Bob Bartlett

**Title/Headline:** *Texas-Sized Super Bowl Terror Target?*

**Abstract:** Terror has become a backyard issue for North Texans. Mass murder occurred at Fort Hood and a would-be terrorist was recently arrested for an alleged downtown Dallas plot. Both incidents have people wondering: what's next? One possible target: next year's Super Bowl in Arlington. Stadium security is starting from the sky with no fly-zones and security sweeps for anyone attending the game. An estimated 1,500 private aircraft will touch down for the Super Bowl. They'll be carrying titans of industry on corporate jets as well as wealthy fans from around the world. No matter who they are, if they don't get to the airports near stadium by 4 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday, they'll be locked out of the skies. The FAA's enforcing a no fly zone until midnight, within a 10 mile radius of the stadium. **It's also restricting flights up to 30 miles away.** Everyone from dignitaries to assistants will have to go through a security screening to get back on their planes. On the ground, representatives of major area law enforcement agencies will be in undisclosed locations ready to direct any response needed with massive manpower. **"Every officer in North Texas will somehow be connected to the Super Bowl on game day,"** noted Arlington Police Chief Theron Bowman. Cities will direct their own security, but they'll also take direction from the Executive Public Safety Committee made up of police chiefs from Arlington, Dallas, Irving, and Fort Worth, along with the FBI Chief Bowman addressed North Texans sensitive to possible threats after enduring both the Fort Hood killings and the recent alleged terrorist plot against a downtown building. **"I can assure you although while we are aware of what's going on we are working diligently to ensure this is the absolutely safest place it can possibly be,"** said Bowman. "We don't worry about those scenarios here." Chief Bowman tells us metroplex police chiefs have been planning the security of the Super Bowl since the bid was first announced (Bartlett, 2010).



**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Slant 45 ([www.slant45.org](http://www.slant45.org))

**Title:** *Slant 45: Q & A*

**Abstract:**

**Question:** What is SLANT 45?

**Answer:** SLANT 45 will be one of the largest communitywide service-learning programs for children in U.S. history and the largest in NFL history. **Starting in early 2010, an estimated 20,000 elementary age students will log a combined 45,000 hours of service in more than 100 communities that will forever change the face of the region.**

**Question:** How did the program get its name?

**Answer:** SLANT 45 stands for Service Learning Adventures in North Texas, and 45 represents Super Bowl XLV, the first Super Bowl in North Texas history. Coincidentally, "slant" is also a football play.

**Question:** Who is leading the program?

**Answer:** Former Dallas Cowboy Daryl Johnston is the chair of the SLANT 45 Action Team, and **President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush are the honorary chairs.** Johnston works closely with Big Thought and a volunteer Action Team made up of everyone from senior business executives to faculty and staff from respected educational institutions (Slant 45).

**Date:** January 27, 2011

**Source:** NFL, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *NFL Expects Record Crowd For Super Bowl XLV In Texas*

**Abstract:** The NFL is expecting a record crowd for the first Super Bowl at \$1.3 billion Cowboys Stadium. League spokesman Brian McCarthy said Thursday an estimated total of 105,000 spectators will attend the Feb. 6 game in the suburban Dallas-Fort Worth area stadium. McCarthy said about 95,000 fans will be in the seats and suites inside the stadium, along with about 5,000 media members and staff. Approximately 5,000 people also paid \$200 apiece to be in an area outside the stadium watching on big-screen TVs. The record of 103,985 was set in the 1980 Super Bowl at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., when the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Los Angeles Rams. This time, the Steelers are playing the Green Bay Packers. A record could exceed the population of Green Bay, which is about 104,000 (NFL, 2011).

**Conclusion:** It appears that a human sacrifice of 20,000 young children may be offered up to the gods on February 6, 2011, by Bush & Co. Mysterious deaths, stadium secrets, and plenty of warnings, make Arlington, (Dallas), Texas, the last place you want to be on February 6, 2011. The only question is, when the 2 minute warning goes off, which celebrities, players, politicians, and NFL personal will leave the stadium? Bets are, plenty of folks in the know will “try to beat traffic”, and get the hell out, despite the predictably close score of the most watched TV event ever! Should the Super Bowl be attacked on a grand scale, it would terrorize hundreds of millions of people and the world would be forever changed.

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Target # 2: The Olympics



**Intro:** The 2012 Olympics in London, England, have already received much hype about a potential nuclear terrorist attack. London was one of 7 cities nuked in the *Telegraph's* infamous "Blackjack, a fantasy of global nuclear terror. Please See Chapter 21: *Nuclear Blackjack* for more information. With all nations of the world present, a LIVE nuke attack during the Olympics' Opening Ceremonies would make for a terrorist's wet dream. Interestingly, Brazil who hosts the World Cup in 2014, also hosts the 2016 Olympics. The Globalists like options, and Brazil might be a nuclear one.

### The Summer Olympics:



**Event:**

XXX Summer Olympics  
XXXI Summer Olympics

**Country:**

London, England (UK)  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Date:**

July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
August 5<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

### The Winter Olympics:



**Event:**

XXII Winter Olympics  
XXIII Winter Olympics

**Country:**

Sochi, Russia  
Annecy, France (Bid)  
Munich, Germany (Bid)  
Pyeongchang, South Korea (Bid)

**Date:**

February 7<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014  
February 9<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**Date:** September 5-6, 1972

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Munich, Germany

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Black September

**Offense(s):** Mass-Murder, Massacre, Hostage Taking

**Incident Name:** 1972 Munich Olympics Massacre

**Abstract:** The Munich massacre is an informal name for events that occurred during the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, Southern Germany, when **members of the Israeli Olympic team were taken hostage and eventually murdered by the terrorist group Black September**. Members of Black September contended that Yasser Arafat's Fatah organization secretly endorsed the operation. Fatah, however, disputed the accusation. Black September called the operation "Ikrit and Biram". By the end of the ordeal, the **terrorists had killed 11 Israeli athletes and coaches and 1 West German police officer**. Five of the eight members of Black September were killed by police officers during a failed rescue attempt. The three surviving terrorists were captured, but later released by West Germany following the hijacking by Black September of a Lufthansa airliner. Israel responded to the massacre with Operation Spring of Youth and Operation Wrath of God, as well as a series of airstrikes and killings of those suspected of planning the kidnappings (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** July 27, 1996  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia, USA  
**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Eric Robert Rudolph  
**Offense(s):** Pipe Bombing  
**Incident Name:** *Centennial Olympic Park Bombing*

**Abstract:** The Centennial Olympic Park bombing was a terrorist bombing on July 27, 1996 in Atlanta, Georgia, United States during the 1996 Summer Olympics, the first of four committed by Eric Robert Rudolph. **Two people died, and 111 were injured.** Centennial Olympic Park was designed as the "town square" of the Olympics, and thousands of spectators had gathered for a late concert by the band Jack Mack and the Heart Attack. Sometime after midnight, **Rudolph planted a green U.S. military ALICE pack (field pack) containing three pipe bombs surrounded by nails underneath a bench near the base of a concert sound tower.** He then left the area. The pack had a directed charge and could have done more damage but it was tipped over at some point. **It was the largest pipe bomb in U.S. history, weighing in excess of 40 pounds.** It used a steel plate as a directional device. Investigators were later to tie the Sandy Springs and Otherside bombs together with this first device because **all were propelled by nitroglycerin dynamite, used an alarm clock and Rubbermaid containers, and contained steel plates.** Security guard Richard Jewell discovered the bag and alerted Georgia Bureau of Investigation officers; 9 minutes later, Rudolph called 911 to deliver a warning. Jewell and other security guards began clearing the immediate area so that a bomb squad could investigate the suspicious package. At 1:20 AM, the bomb exploded. An Albany, Georgia woman, Alice Hawthorne, was killed by a nail that struck her in the head. The bomb wounded 111 others. Turkish cameraman Melih Uzunyol died from a heart attack he suffered while running to cover the blast (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** April 6, 2008  
**Source:** BBC  
**Location:** Beijing, China  
**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Xinjiang Separatists  
**Offense(s):** Plot to kidnap people and bomb Beijing during Olympics  
**Incident Name:** *2008 Olympic Terror Plot*

**Date:** April 6, 2008  
**Source:** BBC  
**Title/Headline:** *China 'Fails Olympic Terror Plot'*

**Abstract:** China says it has cracked a terror plot to kidnap athletes, journalists and tourists at August's Beijing Olympics. The security ministry said 35 arrests had been made in recent weeks and explosives seized in the north-western Xinjiang province. It said 10 others were held when police smashed another plot based in Xinjiang back in January to disrupt the Games. The province is home to many Muslim Uighurs, some of whom want independence in the region they call East Turkestan. **Uighur activists have accused the Chinese authorities of fabricating terror plots to crack down on the people of the region and prevent them airing legitimate grievances.** Thursday's development was announced by a Ministry of Public Security spokesman at a news conference. Wu Heping was quoted by AFP news agency as saying: **"The violent terrorist group plotted to kidnap foreign journalists, tourists and athletes during the Beijing Olympics."** Mr Wu said two terror rings had been smashed by the authorities and that militants had planned to launch attacks to disrupt the Olympics from next month. In recent weeks, he said, **police had seized nearly 10kg (22lb) of explosives and "jihadist" literature during raids in Xinjiang's capital, Urumqi.** He said the militants had sought volunteers to carry out suicide bombings in Urumqi and other Chinese cities. Mr Wu also provided more details on another alleged plot, which the authorities said they had smashed last month. **He said those militants had planned to attack hotels and government offices in Beijing, Shanghai and other cities. Poisonings and remote-control bombings were planned and 13 practice explosions had already been carried out,** he said (BBC, 2008).

**Date:** March 31, 2010  
**Source:** Daily Mail, Tom Cain  
**Title/Headline:** *Olympic Armageddon: How Terrorists Could Send Nuclear Bomb Up The Thames To Target London 2012 Games*

**Abstract:** In less than an hour, the London Olympics of 2012 would get under way at a ceremony presided over by Her Majesty the Queen and attended by political leaders from around the world. **More than a billion people would be watching live on TV.** The Olympic Stadium was now, officially, the top terrorist target on earth. The meeting room contained representatives from MI6 and MI5 the Special Forces, the Metropolitan Police's SO15 Counter-Terrorism Unit and a slew of Government departments. They were way past the point of making preparations. Every possible eventuality had been considered and its dangers analysed. CCTV cameras, backed by facial recognition systems, were tracking the crowds travelling to the Olympic Stadium and gathering in its stands. Teams of sniffer dogs had gone over every square millimetre of the Olympic site, looking for explosives. In the skies above London, police spotter drones were tracking any suspicious movements of traffic. Helicopters fitted with radiation sensors had swept the city from the air, seeking out the gamma rays that would signal the presence of a nuclear device. Everything had been thought of. And yet there could still be nasty surprises. Such as the alert they had just received from GCHQ, the Government's surveillance centre in Cheltenham. It stated there had been a sudden spike in communications traffic between known activists in the Islamic fundamentalist movement. One email in particular had caught the attention of a GCHQ supercomputer. Sent from an iPhone belonging to a regular worshipper at one of London's most radical mosques, it read: **'Have collected those old 90s records. Taking them to the party now.'** It seemed perfectly innocent, but for **two digits and two letters, placed consecutively: 9-0-s-r.** Together they formed the chemical symbol for a substance called **strontium-90.** And that was enough to silence the room. 'Wonderful,' sighed a senior MI6 officer with heavy irony. 'A dirty bomb. Just what we need.' Though no one

in Westminster knew it, about 50 kg of strontium-90 was sitting at that moment less than five miles from the Olympic Stadium. It had come from the frozen wasteland of Russia's Arctic coast. There, it had been used to power one of a string of unmanned lighthouses erected by the former Soviet government, then forgotten in the chaos of the post-Communist years. **Retrieved by a Russian mafia gang, the strontium was sold on to Al Qaeda operatives fighting alongside Islamic rebels in Chechnya.** They placed it in a lead casket, which rendered the strontium's radioactivity undetectable, and transported it to the UK in a container marked Agricultural Equipment. Now the strontium had come to rest in an anonymous unit on an industrial estate in Walthamstow, East London. But it would not be at rest for much longer. The Prime Minister had sent his deputy director of communications to the Home Office meeting, the director himself having bagged a Royal Box seat at the Olympics opening ceremony. 'Dirty bomb' was not a phrase the spin doctor wanted to see on tomorrow's front pages. 'What are we talking about here?' he asked. 'Is this some kind of nuke?' An official from the Ministry of Defence, whose speciality was threat assessment, was the first to speak. 'Not exactly. A dirty bomb contains nuclear material, but it doesn't use it to generate the actual explosion. The blast comes from conventional explosives, like a regular bomb. So it's much, much less powerful than even the smallest atom bomb.' 'Well that's a relief.' 'Ah, not exactly. **You see, the blast from the explosives smashes into the nuclear material, such as this strontium-90, and blasts it into highly toxic dust, which is spread by the force of the blast and then carried on the wind. Anyone breathing that air inhales the toxic dust.**' The spin doctor grimaced at the thought of talking away that disaster. 'How dangerous is this toxic dust? What kind of casualties are we talking?' 'It's a matter of quantity. People close to the blast, who are exposed to high doses of radioactive material will die. In less severe cases, exposure will cause serious, but survivable, sickness. 'For most people, however, who breathe a very diluted amount of the material, a mile or two from the bomb site, it would be no better or worse than, say, smoking a few packets of cigarettes.' 'Well, that's good, isn't it?' asked the spinner, desperate for a positive angle. 'Not entirely,' the bureaucrat replied. 'For one thing, **a large, high-explosive bomb in the Olympic Stadium, could easily cause thousands of casualties. And with 80,000 people crammed into a confined space, even those who escape the blast will inevitably breathe in a great deal of heavily radioactive air. 'In total, I would expect many times the number of deaths the Americans suffered on 9/11.** The same would apply, of course, if the bomb were to go off at any of the other Olympic celebrations tonight.' Giant screens had been erected in Britain's major cities to broadcast the opening ceremony. Each would attract tens of thousands of revellers. Just down the road from the meeting, Trafalgar Square was already crammed with people. 'My God!' the spin-doctor gasped. 'And the whole thing'll be live on TV. The Olympics will be over before they'd begun. Britain's reputation in the world would be...' 'Devastated,' nodded the MI6 officer. **'This would give Al Qaeda the greatest propaganda triumph in its history. And it would be our greatest humiliation.'** 'There's something else,' said the man from the Ministry of Defence. **'The dust eventually settles on the ground and on buildings as fallout, which, in strontium's case, would continue to emit radiation for around 30 years.** So it has to be cleaned up, which is not an easy process. 'In fact, it may be simpler to knock down any affected buildings, remove contaminated earth and rebuild from scratch.' 'So the Olympic site...' 'Would be a write-off, as would any city centre hit by a dirty bomb. A decade after 9/11, the Ground Zero site was still a gigantic hole in the ground. A dirty bomb in central London would be even more devastating. **Politically, financially, psychologically, this would be a wound from which the country might never recover.'** 'So where the hell is this strontium then?' the spin doctor demanded. And this time, no one had an answer. **Rafik Anwar was the son of a Pakistani industrialist and an upper-class Englishwoman.** Educated at Harrow and Oxford, Anwar appeared to devote himself now to the playboy life that his money, charm and looks so well suited. He bedded high society's prettiest girls. He gave witty quotes to delighted gossip columnists. And in his most private moments, with none but his God to observe him, Anwar waited for the day when he would tear their world apart. That day had now come. In the drab, shed-like surroundings of the industrial unit, **Anwar had watched as an Al Qaeda explosives expert wired the deadly strontium-90 to a 200 kg charge of C4 plastic explosive, packed on a wooden pallet. When the job was done, the expert sent a coded message on his i-Phone via a series of apparently innocent contacts to the team's controllers in Pakistan,** confirming that the operation was on schedule. Had any of the bombers known that the message had been intercepted, they would have been untroubled. It was too late to stop them now. The completed bomb was loaded into a dusty white Transit van. Anwar and two other men got on board, then drove away through the streets of East London, out past Walthamstow Marshes towards the Springfield marina on the River Lee Navigation. The river flows to the Thames. And it passes right by the Olympic Stadium on the way. Three months previously, Anwar had bought a berth at the marina and used it to moor his pride and joy, a £1.1m XSR48 superboat, capable of doing 100mph. The pallet was loaded aboard. The van drove away. Then Rafik Anwar took the controls of his boat, left the mooring and **set off for the Olympic Stadium and his own glorious martyrdom.** The security forces had not been idle. While telecoms experts worked on determining the location from which the 90sr message had been sent, military commanders had doubled the number of bomb-disposal teams on-site at the Olympic Stadium. MI5 agents were hustling all their informants and sources of information, trying to find any scraps of data that might provide a clue as to who was planning what and when. Meanwhile, the dignitaries were starting to arrive at the Olympic Stadium. Thirty-seven minutes before the ceremony was due to begin, the email was traced to the industrial estate where the bomb had been assembled. Within ten minutes, armed police had arrived there, closely followed by MI5 and Special Forces personnel. It took a further three minutes to uncover the unit used to house the strontium. Footage from the nearest CCTV cameras was swiftly examined, the Transit was identified and its route to the marina tracked. Rafik Anwar's face was caught on video footage and recognised by an MI5 officer, not because he was on any list of suspects, but because she recognised him from an article in Tatler magazine. By chance, the article had described Anwar's magnificent speedboat. So now they knew how he planned to deliver his attack. Whether there was any time to do anything about it was another matter. The 2012 Olympics were eight minutes away from starting and the Royal Box was all but full when security personnel reached the marina where Anwar's boat had been moored. But the berth was empty. The boat had gone. The Olympic Stadium stands on an island surrounded by rivers and canals. One of them is the River Lee Navigation, which runs along one side of the stadium. It is possible to go by river and canal all the way from the Olympic site to Birmingham. This would make the stadium extremely vulnerable to waterborne attack, were it not for the many locks that govern the flow of water and boats. Shut down the locks and you shut down the water traffic. On the day of the opening ceremony, there wasn't a working lock within several miles of the stadium. That explained the choice of the Springfield marina. It was as far from the stadium as one could travel without passing through a lock. Rafik Anwar was, therefore, able to shift at motorway speeds down open water towards the Olympic site in his XSR48. And with him was coming a radioactive dirty bomb. Anwar's boat was rocketing past Hackney Marshes when a Metropolitan Police patrol helicopter picked it up. The pilot swooped towards the river, hovering 20ft above the water. He switched on the chopper's powerful searchlight, beaming it straight at Anwar's face, hoping to dazzle him. Then the pilot spoke through a loudspeaker: 'This is the Metropolitan Police. Stop immediately or we will shoot. I repeat: stop or we will shoot.' The boat kept coming. The helicopter swung

through 90 degrees, so that it was side-on to the boat. The sliding door of the cabin opened and two police marksmen opened fire with Heckler and Koch MP-5 submachine guns. From the riverbank, a four-man SAS squad added to the hailstorm of hot lead. The windscreen in front of Rafik Anwar disintegrated. The cockpit erupted around him as one bullet after another smashed into it. He rocked backwards in his seat as he was hit in the shoulder. Another round grazed the side of his body. But he ignored the pain and forced himself to grip the controls even tighter. He was almost there. The stadium was just a couple of hundred metres ahead. In a matter of seconds he would be alongside it. The guns kept firing. A round smashed into Anwar's chest, ripping into his heart. Another struck him in the lungs. He slumped forward over the controls. But Rafik Anwar died with a smile on his face. **It was too late to stop him now.** The quad bike carrying an ammunition technical officer, one of the Army's elite bomb disposal men, had been racing along the path that ran parallel to the water, following the boat, which had come to rest with its sleek, pointed nose resting against the riverbank. The ATO skidded to a halt, jumped off the bike, raced to the bank and leapt onto the boat. He wore no protective suit. There was no point. When you're working next to a bomb, it doesn't matter how much armour you've got on. If it goes, you go. There were two minutes to go till the ceremony began. There was no hope of evacuating the stadium and, anyway, the spectators would be safer in it than out in the open. The ATO found the massive bomb in the passenger cabin in the bows of the boat, forward from the shattered cockpit where Rafik Anwar lay. There was a timer atop the mass of C4 and strontium-90. It struck the ATO that even if the bomb did not go off, he was so close to the radioactive material that it might just kill him anyway. The clock showed 48 seconds till detonation. From the stadium there came the sound of a massive roar as the lights over the athletics field dimmed. The show was about to begin. The ATO ignored everything as he examined the wires and circuit boards in front of him.

**Thirty seconds. He couldn't fix it in time. Twenty seconds... 15... 10...**

The hell with it, the ATO simply cut every wire he could see. He waited for the detonation of a booby trap. He watched the clock count down to zero. And nothing happened. The bomb remained silent and inert. The Olympic Stadium was safe. In that room in Queen Anne's Gate, the people who had been following the drama on screens linked to video-phones slumped in exhausted relief and exchanged wan smiles of congratulation. **They had no idea that less than 200m away another Transit van, driven from a different industrial estate, was making its way towards Trafalgar Square and its celebrating crowds. And in the back of that van was another pallet loaded with C4 explosives. And a second consignment of strontium-90** (Cain, 2010).

**Conclusion:** As the aforementioned article states, terrorists are very excited about the 2012 summer Olympics in London. The year will be 2012, and the Globalists might just try to make the "End of the World" scenarios that Hollywood has been pimping about December 21, 2012, come true.

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Target # 3: The World Cup



**Intro:** Being the largest Nation in South America, Brazil is a rising star who will host the World Cup (2014) and the Summer Olympics (2016) during the next four years. A nuclear detonation would be the end of Brazil's dominance in South America, and would potentially destroy the entire South American economy for decades. Brazil, who recently signed a nuclear agreement with Iran and Turkey, is the largest and most powerful economic force in South America. It is possible that the Globalists see Brazil as a threat and may try to invade South America to "hunt down Al Qaeda", should a nuclear terror event occur in 2014 and/or 2016.



**Nuclear Target # 3: The World Cup**

**Agency:** FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)

**World Cup Dates:** 2014, 2018, 2022

**2010 World Cup:** The 2010 FIFA World Cup was played in South Africa on July 11, 2010 (7/11). Aside from the U.S., most other countries put the day first rather than the month, thus resulting in the numerical switch to 11/7. Should a massive terror event occur at the World Cup on the same date, the 7/11 convenience store with 38,000 locations globally would serve as a constant reminder of Nuclear Terror, similarly like 9/11 was to all Americans who dialed 911 (Emergency Phone Number for Police, Fire, & Medical). Ironically, on the day of the World Cup Final, twin suicide bombs were detonated in Uganda during the game.

| <u>Event:</u>  | <u>Country:</u> | <u>Date:</u>             |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 2014 World Cup | Brazil          | June 11 – July 11, 2014? |
| 2018 World Cup | Russia          | 2018                     |
| 2022 World Cup | Qatar           | 2022                     |

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**Date:** June 9, 2006

**Source:** Spiegel News

**Location:** Munich, Germany

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Islamist Extremist

**Offense(s):** Terror Plot

**Incident Name:** 2006 World Cup Terror Plot

**Date:** March 28, 2008

**Source:** Spiegel News

**Title/Headline:** German Official Says World Cup Terror Attack Narrowly Avoided

**Abstract:** German security authorities were proud of having pulled off a safe and successful 2006 Soccer World Cup. **Now a German security official has revealed that a major attack on the tournament may have been averted -- but the suspect got away.** Ever since the 2006 World Cup came to an end, Germany has been basking in the glow of having pulled off a wildly successful tournament. **But according to Bavaria's interior minister, it almost ended in explosive failure.** Joachim Herrmann, of the conservative Christian Social Union, told German television news channel N-TV that police foiled a terror attack planned to be carried out in Munich on the first day of the World Cup in June 2006. He said that the public was deliberately not informed of the possible threat at the time to prevent panic. According to the station, a spokesman for the Bavarian Interior Ministry said that police began intensive observations of a lone man thought to be "associated with Islamist extremism" who was noticed acting suspiciously near Munich's Allianz Arena soccer stadium. In the course of the surveillance, according to the spokesman, the suspect left Germany, perhaps as a result of growing suspicious that he was being watched. The spokesman did not reveal the man's nationality or current place of residence. **The man was thought to be a member of a group that had cased the arena prior to the games,** according to the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. Herrmann made the comments in the US, where he is holding a round of meetings this week with the FBI, the CIA, the US State Department, the Pentagon and the Department of Homeland Security to discuss security issues, exchange information about suspected terrorists and strengthen terror-prevention ties between the countries. Herrmann delivered a speech to the German Marshall Fund Foundation Thursday in Washington, D.C., in which he warned of the "danger of attacks from home-grown networks" and the "formation of parallel societies in large cities and urban areas." "We can't just ignore the fact," Herrmann said, "that there is drastic distance between some Muslims and our system of values" (Spiegel News, 2008).

**Date:** March 29, 2008

**Source:** Thaindian News

**Title/Headline:** *Terror Attack On 2006 World Cup Was Averted'*

**Abstract:** Berlin, March 29 (DPA) **German security forces had scotched possible terrorist plans to attack the Munich stadium on the occasion of the opening game of the 2006 football World Cup, Bavarian Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann has claimed. "People were observed who were quite clearly monitoring the stadium with the possible intention of carrying out an attack,"** Herrmann told national commercial news broadcaster n-tv, acknowledging the incident for the first time. One person regarded as a potential security threat had been deported, he said. News of the possible threat had been kept from the public "because we did not want to spread unnecessary fear", Herrmann said. Germany beat Costa Rica 4-2 in the June 19, 2006, opening game of the tournament that passed off without incident and was seen as a major public relations success for Germany (Thaindian News, 2008).

**Date:** May 17, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Location:** Johannesburg, South Africa

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Al Qaeda

**Offense(s):** Terror Plot

**Incident Name:** *2010 World Cup Terror Plot*

**Date:** May 17, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Iraq Says It Uncovered Al Qaeda Plot On World Cup*

**Abstract:** **A senior Al Qaeda militant suspected of planning an attack targeting the soccer World Cup in South Africa next month has been detained,** an Iraqi official says. Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, a spokesman for Baghdad security services, says the militant was an officer in the Saudi army. **Abdullah Azam Saleh al-Qahtani is suspected of planning a "terrorist act" in South Africa during the World Cup beginning June 11,** al-Moussawi said at a press conference on Monday. He added that al-Qahtani entered Iraq in 2004 and is suspected in several attacks in the capital and elsewhere in the country. Al-Moussawi said the 30-year-old Saudi national, who was in charge of "security" for the terror network in Baghdad, was in contact with Al Qaeda number two Ayman al-Zawahiri to "organize the plan," AFP reported. In Johannesburg, meanwhile, **South African police were reportedly investigating the alleged terror plot at the month-long tournament, the world's biggest sporting event which starts on June 11.** The World Cup is expected to attract more than 370,000 foreign fans. "The South African police are still working on getting confirmation," Nonkululeko Mbatha, spokeswoman for the national police chief, told AFP. Despite the killing last month of Al Qaeda in Iraq's two top figures in a U.S.-assisted military operation, attacks blamed on the group have continued (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** May 17, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Richard Spencer

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaeda Number Two Plotting World Cup Terrorist Attack*

**Abstract:** **Osama bin Laden's closest al-Qaeda lieutenant has been plotting a terrorist attack on the World Cup, Iraqi police said. According to investigators, Ayman al-Zawahiri, bin Laden's number two, was conspiring with an al-Qaeda operative who was arrested in Baghdad two weeks ago.** The operative, named as Abdullah Azzam Saleh Misfar al-Qahtani and said to be a former Saudi army colonel who had travelled to Iraq and become security chief for al-Qaeda's local branch, has been accused of organising suicide bombings in two cities south of Baghdad. Major General Qassim Atta, head of security in Baghdad, said he was also believed to have made contact with al-Zawahiri, the man generally regarded as al-Qaeda's second-highest leader after bin Laden. "He participated in the planning of a terrorist act in South Africa during the World Cup," Maj Gen Atta said. **"He was in contact with the terrorist Ayman al-Zawahiri to organise the plan hatched by al-Qaeda."** Maj Gen Atta gave no details of what the plot was or how far it had been developed. **But last month a jihadist website published a statement in which al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, the North African branch, suggested an attack might be made on England's opening game, against the United States.** The bulk of South Africa's police work in advance of the World Cup, starting next month, has been aimed at controlling high rates of violent crime. Precautions have been laid against terrorist attacks, but police said they were still investigating the latest claims. **"The South African police are still working on getting confirmation,"** Nonkululeko Mbatha, a spokeswoman, said (Spencer, 2010).

**Date:** May 28, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *US State Department Issues South Africa Alert*

**Abstract:** **The U.S. State Department has issued a travel alert to U.S citizens living in South Africa or traveling there for the World Cup. "There is a heightened risk that extremist groups will conduct terrorist acts within South Africa in the near future,"** the department said in an alert Thursday. **"While a number of terrorist threats against the World Cup in South Africa have appeared in the media in recent weeks and months, the U.S. government has no information on any specific, credible threat of attack that any individual or group is planning to coincide with the tournament."** The State Department said it would make any information public on "a specific and credible threat." U.S. citizens were advised to keep car doors and windows locked while driving and not to leave valuables in plain view or to wear expensive jewelry. **The alert said public transportation is "poorly developed" and advised using rental cars or private transport instead. And when stopping at intersections at night or in isolated areas, it suggested leaving room for a**



"quick exit." The State Department says its alerts are "about short-term conditions" in a country "that pose imminent risks to the security of U.S. citizens." **Its warnings are "to describe long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable"** (ABC News, 2010).

**Date:** May 31, 2010

**Source:** Xinhau News

**Title/Headline:** *South Africa Refutes World Cup Terror Report*

**Abstract:** South Africa's National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (Natjoints) on Sunday refuted media reports about a terror threat to next month's the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. The move came after the Sunday Times in Johannesburg, the biggest Sunday newspaper in South Africa, carried an extensive story on the subject as their main item. It quoted experts as saying South Africa is vulnerable to some form of terrorist attack during the June 11 to July 11 tournament. However, South Africa's Natjoints said in a statement to the South African Press Association (SAPA) **"The security forces can firmly state that there is no known specific terror threat against the 2010 FIFA World Cup."** It "strongly disputed" the Sunday Times's claim that South Africa had drawn up a watch-list of 40 terror suspects. The newspaper said it had received two separate accounts of "at least one arrest linked to World Cup threats." **The Sunday Times also said that "operational militant training camps" were set up in several provinces.** In response Natjoints said that the newspaper report was riddled with inaccuracies and most comments were from anonymous sources. **"Although the Natjoints is not prepared to discuss intelligence matters for obvious reasons, we can categorically deny the existence of a 'watch-list of 40 terror suspects' or the arrest of any person directly targeting the World Cup.** Natjoints also disputed the existence of operational militant training camps in several provinces in South Africa. Earlier the Sunday Times had quoted among others, Frank van Rooyen, senior researcher at the South African Institute of International Affairs. **"We are definitely vulnerable to suicide bombers and car bombs. All the signs are there that al-Qaeda is planning one of these attacks on the World Cup," said Van Rooyen, who is also a former South African naval officer** (Xinhau News, 2010).

**Date:** May 31, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *South Africa Plays Down World Cup Terror Threat*

**Abstract:** South Africa's police minister has claimed there is currently no terrorist threat to the upcoming World Cup. Nathi Mthethwa sought to refute recent media reports alleging that South Africa is vulnerable to some form of terrorist attack during the June 11 to July 11 tournament. He said South African police have been working closely with intelligence agencies in each of the 31 countries sending teams to South Africa. **"It would be folly for any country to grandstand and proclaim that it is immune to terror attacks," Mthethwa told reporters in Johannesburg on Monday. But "there is no threat to South Africa as we speak now."** Mthethwa played down last week's warning by the U.S. government to its citizens that South Africa faces a heightened risk of terrorism during the World Cup. Mthethwa his forces would be ready to deal with any threat that might emerge. **"Each country has the right to say whatever they want to say to their citizens," he said. "All we are saying in South Africa is that together with the security forces of U.S., UK and others, we have prepared ourselves for any eventuality"** (CNN, 2010).

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**Date:** June 26, 2010

**Source:** The Sydney Morning Herald

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Terror Suspect Held In Zimbabwe*

**Abstract:** A Pakistani suspect in the 2008 Mumbai attacks has been arrested in Zimbabwe as he tried to cross into World Cup host South Africa, police and state media say. Imran Muhammad, 33, was arrested at the Beitbridge border post along with another Pakistani national, the state-run Herald newspaper reported, saying Muhammad was wanted for the Mumbai attacks. **"Indications were that... Muhammad (is) wanted in Pakistan (as he) was allegedly involved in the terror attacks that rocked Mumbai, India in November 2008,"** the daily said. Police spokesman Wayne Bvudzijena said the two were arrested on June 20 after they were found using fake Kenyan passports. **"Investigations are still being carried out through Interpol to see who these people are," he told AFP. "We will have to get information from the Pakistani authorities to see what they have on these two."** According to unnamed sources quoted by the Herald, Muhammad was normally based in the Chilean capital Santiago. The daily said Muhammad and 39-year-old Chaudry Parvez Ahmed flew from Saudi Arabia to Tanzania, before connecting to Zimbabwe by road. Bvudzijena would not comment on why the two were travelling to

South Africa. "This is part of our investigations. We will only be able to know why they wanted to travel to South Africa once our investigations are completed," he said (The Sydney Morning Herald, 2010).

**Date:** July 7, 2010

**Source:** ZEE News

**Title/Headline:** *Two Pak Men Charged With Using Forged Travel Documents In Zim*

**Abstract:** Two Pakistani men, one of whom was initially thought to be linked to the Mumbai terror attack, have been charged in a Zimbabwe court with using forged travel documents to enter South Africa. The two Pakistani men, who were arrested at a border post in Zimbabwe while trying to cross into South Africa illegally were produced in court yesterday and charged with breaching immigration laws. The arrest had raised an alarm over the possibility of terror groups trying to target the FIFA World Cup in South Africa. The state media had initially linked one of the two arrested men to the Mumbai terror attack, but police is yet to verify any such links. Imran Muhammad (33) and Warraich Chaudhry Pervez Ahmed (39) were arrested while trying to cross into South Africa at Beitbridge Border Post last month. The two appeared in court and were charged with contravening sections of the Immigration Act, Zimbabwe Herald reported. The two men were found to be in possession of fake travel documents by immigration officials at the border check post while trying to enter the country on June 20. The paper said they were found in possession of forged Tanzanian Emergency Travel Documents whose names did not tally with those on their Pakistani passports. They have been remanded in custody to July 22 because a Pakistani interpreter is needed for the proceedings as the two men are not conversant in English. The prosecutor told the court that the two men were being charged under the Immigration Act, "after they failed to present themselves to an immigration officer and possession of travel documents to which they were not entitled" (ZEE News, 2010).

**Date:** July 9, 2010

**Source:** Haaretz

**Title/Headline:** *Jihad VS. The World Cup? Not If Bin Laden Has His Say*

**Abstract:** Last month an extremist Islamic organization in Somalia arrested two men watching a World Cup game between Argentina and Nigeria. The two were put to death. The organization, that draws its ideas from al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, arrested ten others who were watching games and later released them with a warning: "World Cup games are a waste of time and money, they are immoral and un-Islamic. We warn Somali youth not to watch the games." However, if bin Laden, from his hiding place somewhere in Afghanistan or Pakistan was to hear of the murderous attack, he would undoubtedly be dismayed. The reason? The leader of Al Qaida - whose conservative Islamic worldview outlaws music, women's education, gambling, alcohol, homosexuality and beard shaving - is a huge fan of soccer, and his favorite position is striker. But bin Laden is not the only Muslim extremist that submits to the game of soccer - there are those that claim that he favorite club is London's Arsenal - he is only one of many Jihadists that love the world's most popular sport. "It's on the whole their favorite thing after jihad," American-French anthropologist Scott Atran, who investigated the connection between terror organizations and soccer, told Newsweek (Haaretz, 2010).



**Date:** July 9, 2010

**Source:** Voice Of America News ( VOA)

**Location:** Pretoria, South Africa

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Unknown

**Offense(s):** Possession of a Radioactive Device

**Incident Name:** *2010 World Cup Nuclear Incident*

**Date:** July 10, 2010

**Source:** Voice Of America News ( VOA)

**Title/Headline:** *4 Arrested In South Africa Trying To Sell Nuclear Device*

**Abstract:** South African police say they have arrested four men in the capital, Pretoria, for attempting to sell what they describe as an industrial nuclear device to undercover officers. The men - all South Africans - were arrested Friday at a Pretoria gas station, where they attempted to sell the device for about \$6 million. Police say Interpol was also involved in the operation. They did not say where the device came from or for what industrial purpose it is used, but did say it contained radioactive material. The officials say the four will appear in court soon to face charges of possession of a radioactive device, as well as health code violations for handling radioactive material in public (VOA, 2010).

**Date:** July 11, 2010  
**Source:** Sign On San Diego, Max Delany, Jason Straziuso  
**Location:** Kampala, Uganda  
**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Al Qaeda Linked Somalia Group  
**Offense(s):** Bombing  
**Incident Name:** 2010 World Cup Bombings

**Date:** July 12, 2010  
**Source:** Sign On San Diego, Max Delany, Jason Straziuso  
**Title/Headline:** Ugandan Toll In World Cup Bombings Rises To 74

**Abstract:** An al-Qaida-linked Somali militant group suspected in twin bombings in Uganda's capital that hit crowds watching the World Cup final endorsed the attacks Monday but stopped short of claiming responsibility, while the death toll rose to 74. The blasts came two days after a commander with the Somali group, al-Shabab, called for militants to attack sites in Uganda and Burundi, two nations that contribute troops to the African Union peacekeeping force in Somalia. **The attacks on two soft targets filled with civilians also raise concerns about the capabilities and motives of al-Shabab, which the U.S. State Department has declared a terrorist organization.** If confirmed that the group carried out the attacks, it would be the first time al-Shabab has struck outside Somalia. Sheik Yusuf Sheik Issa, an al-Shabab commander, told The Associated Press that he was happy with the attacks in Uganda but refused to confirm or deny that al-Shabab was responsible. "Uganda is one of our enemies. Whatever makes them cry, makes us happy. May Allah's anger be upon those who are against us," Sheik said. Kampala's police chief, Kale Kaihura, said he believed al-Shabab could be responsible. One of the targets was an Ethiopian restaurant - a nation despised by the al-Shabab militants. **The attacks appeared to represent a dangerous step forward by al-Shabab,** analysts said, and could mean that other East African countries working to support the Somali government will face attacks. **"Al-Shabab has used suicide bombers in the past and shown no concern about civilian casualties in its attacks,"** said David Shinn, a former U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia and a professor at George Washington University. **"Some elements of al-Shabab have also prohibited the showing of television, including the World Cup, in Somalia."** At a wrap-up news briefing Monday in South Africa, FIFA President Sepp Blatter denounced the violence against fans watching the game. **"Can you link it to the World Cup? I don't know... Whatever happened, linked or not linked, it is something that we all should condemn,"** he said. Al-Shabab, which wants to overthrow Somalia's weak, U.N.-backed government, is known to have links with al-Qaida. **Al-Shabab also counts militant veterans from the Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan conflicts among its ranks. Their fighters also include young men recruited from the Somali communities in the United States.** Ethiopia, which fought two wars with Somalia, is a longtime enemy of al-Shabab and other Somali militants who accuse their neighbor of meddling in Somali affairs. Ethiopia had troops in Somalia between December 2006 and January 2009 to back Somalia's fragile government against the Islamic insurgency. In addition to Uganda's troops in Mogadishu, Uganda also hosts Somali soldiers trained in U.S. and European-backed programs. **Officials said the Sunday attacks will not affect the African Union summit being held in Uganda from July 19-27. Many African leaders are expected to attend** (Delany & Straziuso, 2010).



**Date:** July 11, 2010  
**Source:** CNN, Ben Wyatt  
**Title/Headline:** Could 2010 World Cup Final Be The Most Watched Event In History?

**Abstract:** The World Cup final has always been one of the most watched events on the planet with viewers from New York to Nepal tuning in to see soccer's elite in action. But now football's world governing body FIFA hopes Sunday's final between the Netherlands and Spain will prove to be the most watched event of all-time, after early research suggests the 2010 edition hosted by South Africa has garnered the biggest television audience yet. **"We don't want to speculate in numbers but we're hoping this will be the biggest [event] ever,"** Niclas Ericson, FIFA's director of television, said in a press conference from Soccer City Stadium, the final's venue. **"We think it will be bigger than the 2006 World Cup final which had an audience somewhere in the region of around 700 million,"** he added. **The record to beat is that set by the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games, when in 2008 a global audience of one billion** watched at least some part of the extravaganza unfolding in the Chinese capital. Kevin Alavy, a director of Futures Sport + Entertainment, a global sport research and evaluation consultancy, told CNN that sport had an attraction few other events could match. **"The most watched events in history, by some margin, are the opening ceremony of the Olympics Games and the World Cup final. Historical events, like the inauguration of Barack Obama or the funeral of Princess Diana for example may be important from a cultural and historical perspective, but they simply don't have the same scale of television audiences that mass sport events can generate,"** he said. Alavy added that for any record attempt the Chinese market was now crucial. "Historically the World Cup final always drew more figures than anything else, however, when the Olympics took place in... the most populous nation in the world the viewing figures went through the roof. **"Our research found that there was a global audience of 593 million people who watched the opening ceremony live, while 320 million watched the World Cup final in Germany in 2006,"** Alavy said. However, Ericson said the international reach of the World Cup had grown significantly since 2006. **"I think this is the first time we have managed to place the rights in every single television territory -- right from the small Pacific islands, to small countries in Asia and Africa -- we have covered everywhere. "The kick off time has maximized the viewership in America and in Africa. In market share we have seen big increases in major territories, therefore we feel confident in saying that we'll have much higher figures than those for Germany. On**

top of the audience growth in television markets Ericson added there were hundreds of thousands who had watched at public viewing venues or on other platforms that had not been counted, factors that needed to be taken into account (Wyatt, 2010).



**Date:** January 7, 2011

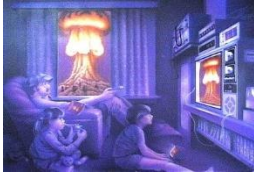
**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Blatter Expects Winter Switch For 2022 World Cup In Qatar*

**Abstract:** IFA president Sepp Blatter expects the 2022 World Cup in Qatar to be held in the winter to avoid the searing heat in the region in the summer. Qatar won the right to host football's global showpiece last month despite temperatures in the Gulf emirate reaching 40 degrees Celsius in June and July when the tournament is traditionally staged. **Blatter went on record Friday to say that a switch to winter would make more sense, citing health concerns for players. "I expect it to be in the winter because when you play football you must protect the main people, the players,"** he told gathered reporters in the Qatari capital Doha ahead of the Asian Cup, which starts later Friday. **We will take it up at our executive committee meeting in March,"** he added. **German legend Franz Beckenbauer, a FIFA executive committee member, first raised the prospect of a winter World Cup in January and Michel Platini, the president of UEFA, the European governing body, is also believed to support the idea.** But it would have serious implications for the major domestic leagues in Europe which would be in full swing during this period. Qatar's bid promised to provide air-conditioned stadiums and training grounds to combat the intense heat, but doubts have been raised this would fully address the issue, particularly for supporters. Blatter said Qatar organizers would have to approach FIFA about any change of dates. **"If they have any wishes on whether they want to change the basic conditions prevailing at the bidding process, then they have to make this demand of the FIFA Executive Committee,"** he said. "The Executive Committee is free to change anything," he added. **"If there really is a will to change dates then we have enough time to do it because we still have 11 years to go."** **Blatter has defended the decisions to award the 2018 and 2022 World Cups to Russia and Qatar, saying football had to break into new territories** (CNN, 2011).

**Conclusion:** The summer to winter World Cup switch guarantees far more viewers, for more people will be inside and less people are on summer vacation. This switch makes it far more likely that this event will be exploited for nuclear terrorism. Obviously, this move has political ramifications, for if the heat was a concern, a massive stadium dome could be built with state of the art air conditioning. Although the Super Bowl is the most watched TV event in America, the World Cup is the most watched event in the World making it a prime target. The collective outrage from a nuclear detonation at the World Cup would be so great that countries would simultaneously cower to the demands of the likely new World Government, thus making it a very likely target in the future.

## **The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror TV & Programming**



**Intro:** The amount of premeditated nuclear terror programming on TV and in the movies over the last 60 years is absolutely staggering. Hollywood appears obsessed with nuclear and post-apocalyptic storyline, which begs the question: Why?

## **The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Explosions on TV**

**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Weapons In Popular Culture*

**Date:** 1959

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *The Twilight Zone: Time Enough At Last*

**Director(s):** John Brahm

**Teleplay:** Rod Serling

**Short Story:** Lynn Venable

**Date:** November 13, 1995

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: Little Green Men*

**Director(s):** James L. Conway

**Writer(s):** Toni Marberry, Jack Trevino, Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe



**Date:** September 22, 1996

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Babylon 5: Z'ha'dum*

**Director(s):** Adam Nimoy

**Writer(s):** J. Michael Straczynski

**Date:** February 3, 1997

**Title:** *Babylon 5: Into The Fire*

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Director(s):** Kevin Dobson

**Writer(s):** J. Michael Straczynski

**Date:** October 27, 1997

**Title:** *Babylon 5: The Deconstruction Of Falling Stars*

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Director(s):** Stephen Furst

**Writer(s):** J. Michael Straczynski





**Date:** April 9, 2000

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Fail Safe*

**Director(s):** Stephen Frears

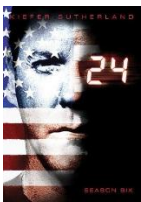
**Writer(s):** Eugene Burdick

**Novel:** Harvey Wheeler

**Screenplay:** Walter Bernstein

**Producer(s):** George Clooney, Pamela Oas Williams, Laura Ziskin, Walter Bernstein, Harvey Wheeler, Tom Park, Eric J. Wilker, Amy Minda Cohen

**Distributor(s):** CBS (Columbia Broadcasting System), Warner Bros. Television



**Date:** November 6, 2001 through May 24, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *24*

**Distributor:** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Television

**Abstract:** *24* is an American serial action/drama television series broadcast on FOX and syndicated worldwide. **24 premiered November 6, 2001, roughly three weeks after the 9/11 terror attacks.** The story of 24 is presented in the semblance of real time. Each season depicts a 24-hour period in the life of Jack Bauer, who works with the United States government as it fights fictitious terrorist threats to the United States. Bauer is often in the field for the Los Angeles Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU) as it tries to safeguard the nation from terrorist threats. Season 2 was solely based on Jack's attempt to **stop a nuclear bomb from detonating in Los Angeles**, and assists President **David Palmer, an African-American, and an obvious Barack Obama protégé in the national crisis.** Later in the series during season 6, Jack is released after being detained in a Chinese prison for twenty months, and is determined to **stop terrorists who plot to set off suitcase nuclear devices in the United States** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** December 9, 2001

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Futurama: Roswell That Ends Well*

**Director(s):** Rich Moore

**Writer(s):** J. Stewart Burns

**Date:** October 28, 2002

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *24: Season 2*

**Director(s):** N/A

**Writer(s):** N/A

**Producer(s):** Joel Surnow, Robert Cochran, Brian Grazer, Howard Gordon, Evan Katz, Kiefer Sutherland, Jon Cassar, Manny Coto, David Fury, Brad Turner, Brannon Braga, Alex Gansa, Chip Johannessen

**Distributor(s):** 20th Century Fox Television

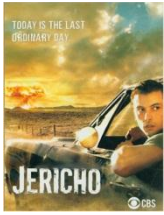
**Date:** December 8-9, 2003

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Battlestar Galactica: The Miniseries*

**Creator(s):** Glen A. Larson, Ronald D. Moore

**Developer(s):** David Eick, Ronald D. Moore



**Date:** September 20, 2006

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Jericho*

**Producer(s):** Jon Turteltaub, Stephen Chbosky, Carol Barbee, Karim Zreik

**Distributor(s):** CBS (Columbia Broadcasting System)

**Date:** January 14, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *24: Season 6*

**Producer(s):** Joel Surnow, Robert Cochran, Brian Grazer, Howard Gordon, Evan Katz, Kiefer Sutherland, Jon Cassar, Manny Coto, David Fury, Brad Turner, Brannon Braga, Alex Gansa, Chip Johannessen

**Distributor(s):** 20th Century Fox Television

**Date:** February 5, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Stargate Atlantis: First Strike*

**Director(s):** Martin Wood

**Writer(s):** Martin Gero

**Distributor(s):** The Movie Network, Sci Fi Channel

**Date:** May 21, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Heroes: How To Stop An Exploding Man*

**Director(s):** Allan Arkush

**Writer(s):** Tim Kring

**Distributor(s):** NBC (National Broadcasting Corporation)

**Date:** October 6, 2008

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Heroes: I Am Become Death*

**Director(s):** David Von Ancken

**Writer(s):** Aron Eli Coleite

**Distributor(s):** NBC (National Broadcasting Corporation)



**Date:** May 2, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *The Simpsons: To Surveil With Love*

**Director(s):** N/A

**Writer(s):** Michael Nobori

**Distributor(s):** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Television

**\*Notice the 6 & 11 on the clock at the moment of nuclear detonation! Super Bowl XLV is in Arlington (Dallas), Texas, USA on February 6, 2011, or 6/11.**



**Date:** September 20, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *The Event*

**Creator:** Nick Waters

**Writer(s):** Michael Nobori

**Distributor(s):** 20<sup>th</sup>

**Abstract:** *The Event* is an American political thriller and science fiction television series created by Nick Wauters for NBC. The show centers on three plots: Sean Walker, a computer programmer, whose girlfriend is kidnapped; President Elias Martinez, who must deal with detainees at Mount Inostranka; and the detainees themselves and their non-terrestrial origin. The network announced on May 7, 2010 that the show would be picked up as a series. **The series premiered on September 20, 2010. The show was picked up for a full season order of 22 episodes by NBC on October 18, 2010** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Although “The Event” has not aired an episode regarding nuclear terror or war, the first image below as well as the apparent mushroom cloud in the reflection in the eyes of the woman on the right is a possible clue of things to come.**

## **The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Explosions In Movies**

**Intro:** Movie goers have been psychologically conditioned over the last 60 years with repeated nuclear explosions in some of the biggest blockbuster movies in history. These nuclear detonations on the Big Screen have increased in recent years and is reaching a crescendo.

**Date:** 1952

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Invasion U.S.A.*

**Director(s):** Alfred Green

**Writer(s):** Robert Smith, Franz Schulz

**Producer(s):** Albert Zugsmith, Robert Smith

**Distributor(s):** Columbia Pictures

**Date:** August 23, 1953

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *The War Of The Worlds*

**Director(s):** Byron Haskin

**Novel Author:** H. G. Wells

**Screenplay:** Barré Lyndon

**Producer(s):** George Pal

**Distributor(s):** Paramount Pictures

**Date:** 1961

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *The Day The Earth Caught Fire*

**Director(s):** Val Guest

**Writer(s):** Wolf Mankowitz, Val Guest

**Producer(s):** Val Guest, Frank Sherwin Green

**Distributor(s):** British Lion Films (UK), Universal International Pictures (US)

**Date:** 1961

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *The Last War*

**Director(s):** Shūe Matsubayashi

**Writer(s):** Takeshi Kimura, Toshio Yasumi

**Producer(s):** Tomoyuki Tanaka

**Distributor(s):** Toho

**Date:** July 5, 1962  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Panic In Year Zero!*  
**Director(s):** Ray Milland  
**Story:** Ward Moore  
**Screenplay:** John Morton, Jay Simms  
**Producer(s):** Arnold Houghland, Lou Rusoff  
**Distributor(s):** American International Pictures



**Date:** 1962  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *This Is Not A Test*  
**Director(s):** Fredric Gadette  
**Writer(s):** Fredric Gadette, Peter Abenheim, Betty Lasky  
**Producer(s):** Murray De Atley, Fredric Gadette, James Grandin, Arthur Schmoyer  
**Distributor(s):** Allied Artists

**Date:** 1964  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Fail Safe*  
**Director(s):** Sidney Lumet  
**Writer(s):** Walter Bernstein  
**Producer(s):** Sidney Lumet, Charles H. Maguire, Max E. Youngstein  
**Distributor(s):** Columbia Pictures

**Date:** November 1, 1965  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *The War Game*  
**Director(s):** Peter Watkins  
**Writer(s):** Peter Watkins  
**Distributor(s):** BBC (British Broadcasting Compan

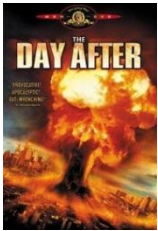
**Date:** October 11, 1965  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *The Bedford Incident*  
**Director(s):** James B. Harris  
**Writer(s):** Mark Rascovich (novel), James Poe (screenplay)  
**Producer(s):** James B. Harris, Richard Widmark  
**Distributor(s):** Columbia Pictures



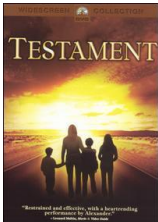
**Date:** November, 1975  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *A Boy And His Dog*  
**Director(s):** L.Q. Jones  
**Writer(s):** Harlan Ellison (story), L.Q. Jones, Alvy Moore, Wayne Cruseturner  
**Producer(s):** L.Q. Jones, Alvy Moore  
**Distributor(s):** LQ/JAF (1975), Anglo-EMI Film Distributors (1975) (UK)

**Date:** October 21, 1977  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Damnation Alley*  
**Director(s):** Jack Smight  
**Writer(s):** Roger Zelazny (novel), Alan Sharp, Lukas Heller  
**Producer(s):** Jerome M. Zeitman, Paul Maslansky  
**Distributor(s):** 20th Century Fox

**Date:** December 10, 1978  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Superman*  
**Director(s):** Richard Donner  
**Writer(s):** Story By: Mario Puzo, Jerry Siegel (characters), Joe Shuster (characters)  
**Producer(s):** Alexander Salkind, Ilya Salkind, Pierre Spengler  
**Distributor(s):** Warner Bros.



**Date:** November 20, 1983  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *The Day After*  
**Director(s):** Nicholas Meyer  
**Writer(s):** Edward Hume  
**Producer(s):** William Hughes  
**Distributor(s):** ABC (American Broadcasting Company)



**Date:** December 9, 1983  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Testament*  
**Director(s):** Lynne Littmann  
**Writer(s):** Carol Amen, John Sacret Young  
**Producer(s):** Jonathan Bernstein  
**Distributor(s):** Paramount Pictures  
**Nuclear Target(s):** New York, New York

**Date:** 1984  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Threads*  
**Director(s):** Mick Jackson  
**Writer(s):** Barry Hines  
**Producer(s):** Mick Jackson, Graham Massey, John Purdie, Peter Wolfes  
**Distributor(s):** BCC (British Broadcasting Corporation)





**Date:** October 14, 1984  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Countdown To Looking Glass*  
**Director(s):** Fred Barzyk  
**Writer(s):** Albert Ruben  
**Distributor(s):** HBO (Home Box Office)

**Date:** August 16, 1985  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *The Return Of The Living Dead*  
**Director(s):** Dan O'Bannon  
**Writer(s):** Story: Rudy Ricci, John A. Russo, Russell Streiner  
**Producer(s):** Tom Fox, Graham Henderson  
**Distributor(s):** Orion Pictures Corporation

**Date:** October, 1986  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *When The Wind Blows*  
**Director(s):** Jimmy T. Murakami  
**Writer(s):** Raymond Briggs  
**Distributor(s):** United Kingdom: Recorded Releasing, United States: Kings Road Entertainment

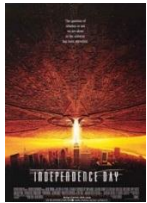
**Date:** September 11, 1988  
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**Title:** *Miracle Mile*  
**Director(s):** Steve De Jarnatt  
**Writer(s):** Steve De Jarnatt  
**Producer(s):** John Daly, Derek Gibson  
**Distributor(s):** Hemdale Film Corporation  
**Nuclear Target(s):** Los Angeles

**Date:** May 19, 1990  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *By Dawn's Early Light*  
**Director(s):** Jack Sholder  
**Writer(s):** William Prochnau (novel), Bruce Gilbert (teleplay)  
**Distributor(s):** HBO  
**Nuclear Target(s):** Donetsk, Russia, Washington, D. C.

**Date:** July 3, 1991  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*  
**Director(s):** James Cameron  
**Writer(s):** James Cameron, William Wisher  
**Producer(s):** James Cameron, Stephanie Austin, B.J. Rack, Gale Anne Hurd, Mario Kassar  
**Distributor(s):** TriStar Pictures

**Date:** July 15, 1994  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *True Lies*  
**Director(s):** James Cameron  
**Writer(s):** James Cameron  
**Screen Story:** James Cameron, Randall Frakes  
**Original Screenplay:** Claude Zidi, Simon Michaël, Didier Kaminka  
**Producer(s):** James Cameron, Stephanie Austin  
**Distributor(s):** 20th Century Fox

**Date:** February 9, 1996  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Broken Arrow*  
**Director(s):** John Woo  
**Writer(s):** Graham Yost  
**Producer(s):** Bill Badalato, Terence Chang, Mark Gordon  
**Distributor(s):** 20th Century Fox



**Date:** July 2, 1996  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Independence Day*  
**Director(s):** Roland Emmerich  
**Writer(s):** Dean Devlin, Roland Emmerich  
**Producer(s):** Dean Devlin  
**Distributor(s):** 20th Century Fox

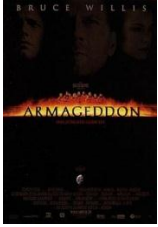
**Date:** September 26, 1997  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *The Peacemaker*  
**Director(s):** Mimi Leder  
**Writer(s):** Andrew Cockburn, Leslie Redlich Cockburn (Article), Michael Schiffer  
**Producer(s):** Walter Parkes, Laurie Macdonald, Branko Lustig, Pat Kehoe, Andrew Cockburn, Leslie Cockburn  
**Distributor(s):** DreamWorks  
**Nuclear Target(s):** U.N. Headquarters in New York

**Date:** October 30, 1998  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Without Warning*  
**Director(s):** Robert Iscove  
**Writer(s):** Jeremy Thorn (story), Walon Green (story), Peter Lance (story and teleplay)  
**Distributor(s):** CBS (Columbia Broadcasting System)

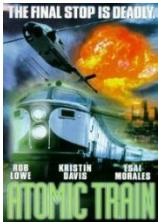
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**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Godzilla*  
**Director(s):** Roland Emmerich  
**Screenplay:** Dean Devlin, Roland Emmerich  
**Original 1994 Screenplay:** Ted Elliott, Terry Rossio  
**Story:** Dean Devlin, Roland Emmerich,  
**Characters:** Toho Co., Ltd.  
**Producer(s):** Dean Devlin  
**Distributor(s):** TriStar Pictures

**Date:** January 4, 1998  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Babylon 5: In the Beginning*  
**Director(s):** Michael Vejar  
**Writer(s):** J. Michael Straczynski  
**Producer(s):** John Copeland  
**Distributor(s):** TNT

**Date:** July 19, 1998  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Babylon 5: Thirdspace*  
**Director(s):** Jesús Salvador Trevino  
**Writer(s):** J. Michael Straczynski  
**Producer(s):** John Copeland  
**Distributor(s):** TNT



**Date:** July 1, 1998  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Armageddon*  
**Director(s):** Michael Bay  
**Screenplay:** Jonathan Hensleigh, J.J. Abrams  
**Story:** Robert Roy Pool, Jonathan Hensleigh  
**Adaptation:** Tony Gilroy, Shane Salerno  
**Producer(s):** Michael Bay, Jerry Bruckheimer, Gale Anne Hurd  
**Distributor(s):** Touchstone Pictures



**Date:** September 21, 1999  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Atomic Train*  
**Director(s):** David Jackson, Dick Lowry  
**Writer(s):** Jeff Fazio et al  
**Distributor(s):** Trimark Home Video  
**Nuclear Target(s):** Denver, Colorado

**Date:** March 10, 2000  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Deterrence*  
**Director(s):** Rod Lurie  
**Writer(s):** Rod Lurie  
**Producer(s):** Marc Frydman, James Spies, Maurice Leblond  
**Distributor(s):** Paramount Classics  
**Nuclear Target(s):** Baghdad, Iraq

**Date:** 2000  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Chain Of Command*  
**Director(s):** John Terlesky  
**Writer(s):** Roger Wade  
**Producer(s):** Lisa M. Hansen, Paul Hertzberg, J.P. Pettinato, Hans C. Ritter  
**Nuclear Target(s):** Beijing, China, Washington, D. C.

**Date:** July 19, 2003  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Alien Hunter*  
**Director(s):** Ron Krauss  
**Writer(s):** Boaz Davidson, J.S. Cardone  
**Producer(s):** David Yost  
**Distributor(s):** Columbia TriStar Home Video

**Date:** December 25, 2003  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Paycheck*  
**Director(s):** John Woo  
**Writer(s):** Dean Georgaris, Philip K. Dick (Short story)  
**Producer(s):** John Woo, John Davis, Terence Chang, Michael Hackett  
**Distributor(s):** Paramount Pictures (USA), DreamWorks (non-USA)

**Date:** March 28, 2003  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *The Core*  
**Director(s):** Jon Amiel  
**Writer(s):** Cooper Layne, John Rogers  
**Distributor(s):** Paramount Pictures

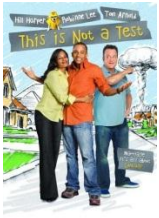
**Date:** July 2, 2003  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines*  
**Director(s):** Jonathan Mostow  
**Writer(s):** John Brancato and Michael Ferris (screenplay and story), Tedi Sarafian (story), James Cameron (characters), Gale Anne Hurd  
**Producer(s):** Mario Kassab, Hal Lieberman, Joel B. Michaels, Andrew G. Vajna, Colin Wilson, Gale Anne Hurd, Dieter Nobbe, Nigel Sinclair, Moritz Borman, Guy East  
**Distributor(s):** Warner Bros. Pictures (United States), Columbia Pictures (international)

**Date:** September 10, 2004  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*  
**Director(s):** Alexander Witt  
**Writer(s):** Paul W.S. Anderson  
**Producer(s):** Paul W.S. Anderson, Jeremy Bolt, Don Carmody  
**Distributor(s):** Screen Gems

**Date:** March 10, 2006  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *The Hills Have Eyes*  
**Director(s):** Alexandre Aja  
**Writer(s):** 2006 Screenplay: Alexandre Aja, Grégory Levasseur  
**Writer(s):** 1977 Screenplay: Wes Craven  
**Producer(s):** Wes Craven, Peter Locke, Marianne Maddalena, Cody Zwig  
**Distributor(s):** Fox Searchlight Pictures

**Date:** December 25, 2007  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Alien VS. Predator: Requiem*  
**Director(s):** Colin Strause, Greg Strause  
**Writer(s):** Shane Salerno, Dan O'Bannon (characters), Ronald Shusett (characters), Jim Thomas (characters), John Thomas (characters)  
**Producer(s):** John Davis, Wyck Godfrey, Walter Hill  
**Distributor(s):** 20th Century Fox

**Date:** May 22, 2008  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull*  
**Director(s):** Steven Spielberg  
**Writer(s):** David Koepp  
**Producer(s):** Frank Marshall, George Lucas, Kathleen Kennedy  
**Distributor(s):** Paramount Pictures



**Date:** 2008  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *This Is Not A Test*  
**Director(s):** Chris Angel  
**Writer(s):** Chris Angel  
**Producer(s):** Chris Angel  
**Nuclear Target(s):** Los Angeles

**Date:** May 21, 2009  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Terminator: Salvation*  
**Director(s):** McG  
**Writer(s):** John Brancato and Michael Ferris (screenplay), James Cameron (characters), Gale Anne Hurd (characters)  
**Producer(s):** Derek Anderson, Victor Kubicek, Jeffrey Silver, Moritz Borman  
**Distributor(s):** Warner Bros. Pictures (United States), Columbia Pictures (International)

**Date:** March 5, 2009  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Watchmen*  
**Director(s):** Zack Snyder  
**Screenplay:** David Hayter, Alex Tse  
**Producer(s):** Lawrence Gordon, Lloyd Levin, Deborah Snyder  
**Distributor(s):** Warner Bros. Pictures (North America), Paramount Pictures International

**Date:** February 26, 2010  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *The Crazies*  
**Director(s):** Breck Eisner  
**Writer(s):** Scott Kosar, Ray Wright  
**Producer(s):** Michael Aguilar, Rob Cowan, Dean Georgaris  
**Executive Producer:** George A. Romero  
**Distributor(s):** Overture Films

**Conclusion:** In order to sell nuclear terror, the public has to think that it is a real possibility. With countless nuclear detonations on TV and in the movies, Hollywood is complicit in the nuclear terror plot, whether they know it or not.



## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Video Games



**Intro:** Since 1980, video games have featured nuclear weapons and explosions in many shapes, sizes, and forms in almost a 100 video and computer games. This sustained barrage of apocalyptic images over the last 30 years and its subsequent psychological damage to the minds of millions of children and young adults is simply staggering. Even more frightening is that players in some of the games actually choose to use nuclear weapons on their enemies as well as their own people! Developing the rational for the use of Nuclear Weapons of Mass Destruction at a young age is anti-human and a shame, not to mention the blatant nuclear apocalypse propaganda and mind seeding at play. All the information in this chapter was taken and liberally edited directly from the two sources listed below. This amalgamation of nuclear video games does not purport to be infallible or inclusive, and does not necessarily represent all games with nuclear weapons, scenarios, or contexts.



**Date:** July 1, 2009

**Source:** XBOX 360

**Title/Headline:** *The Wednesday 10: Best Nuclear Explosions In Game*



**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Weapons In Popular Culture*



**Date:** July, 1980

**Source:** XBOX 360

**Title:** *Missile Command*

**Developer(s):** Atari Inc.

**Publisher(s):** Atari Inc.

**Abstract:** If it didn't serve up the first nuclear explosions in a videogame, then Missile Command served up some of the most memorable. Designed when the Cold War was still smoldering and nuclear annihilation was a possibility, Missile Command had a depressing premise: no matter how hard you try to defend it, the nukes will destroy your cities in the end (XBOX 360, 2010).

**Date:** February, 1985

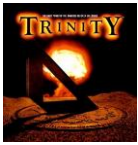
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**Title:** *Balance Of Power*

**Developer(s):** Chris Crawford

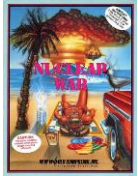
**Publisher(s):** Mindscape

**Abstract:** Puts the player in the position of the President of the United States or the General Secretary of the Soviet Union, with the goal of increasing "prestige", balanced out by the need to avoid a nuclear war, which ends the game (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** May 9, 1986  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Trinity*  
**Developer(s):** Infocom  
**Publisher(s):** Infocom

**Abstract:** Features a plotline involving time travel to various sites related to nuclear weapons. The title refers to the Trinity Nuclear test site (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** 1989  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Nuclear War*  
**Developer(s):** New World Computing  
**Publisher(s):** US Gold

**Abstract:** Players takes part in a satirical and cartoonish nuclear battle between five world powers (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** 1991  
**Source:** XBOX 360  
**Title:** *Civilization*  
**Developer(s):** MicroProse  
**Publisher(s):** MicroProse, Koe

**Abstract:** Features nuclear weapons as a possible area of research in their extensive "tech trees." A player must construct their own version of the Manhattan Project to unlock the construction of nuclear weapons. Afterward, all players with sufficient technology can build nuclear weapons. In all versions of Civilization the use of nuclear weapons destroys all units in the area that was attacked, pollutes the surrounding area, and contributes to global warming. A nuclear attack on or near a city decreases the population of the city rather than annihilating it (XBOX 360, 2010).

**Date:** June 30, 1995  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Air Combat*  
**Developer(s):** Namco  
**Publisher(s):** Namco, (PAL) Sony Computer Entertainment Europe

**Abstract:** Features nuclear strikes (Wikipedia, 2010)

**Date:** August 31, 1995  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Command & Conquer*  
**Developer(s):** Westwood Studios, Looking Glass Studios (N64)  
**Publisher(s):** Virgin Interactive, SEGA (Saturn), Nintendo (N64)  
**Abstract:** Players have the possibility to use nuclear devices as "superweapons" (Wikipedia, 2010)

**Date:** October 31, 1996  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Command & Conquer: Red Alert*  
**Developer(s):** Westwood Studios  
**Publisher(s):** Virgin Interactive, Sony Computer Entertainment (PSN)

**Abstract:** Requires players to prevent a strategic nuclear strike on Paris, France (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 30, 1997  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Ace Combat 2*  
**Developer(s):** Namco  
**Publisher(s):** Namco

**Abstract:** Features nuclear strikes (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** September 30, 1997  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Total Annihilation*  
**Developer(s):** Cavedog Entertainment (A sub-division of Humongous Entertainment)  
**Publisher(s):** GT Interactive

**Abstract:** Players have the possibility to use nuclear devices as "superweapons" (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** September 30, 1997  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Fallout*  
**Developer(s):** Black Isle Studios  
**Publisher(s):** Interplay Entertainment

**Abstract:** Contains numerous direct and indirect allusions to nuclear wars and potential nuclear holocaust, and the game is set in a post-nuclear war wasteland (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** March 31, 1998  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *StarCraft*  
**Developer(s):** Blizzard Entertainment, Mass Media Interactive Entertainment (Nintendo 64 version)  
**Publisher(s):** Windows, Mac OS: Blizzard Entertainment, Sierra Entertainment. Nintendo 64: Nintendo

**Abstract:** In the *StarCraft* series, the Terran can construct laser-guided nuclear missiles for Ghost units to deploy. Several locations in *StarCraft's* backstory were affected by nuclear attacks prior to the events of the game (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 22, 1998  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Unreal*  
**Developer(s):** Epic Games, Digital Extremes  
**Publisher(s):** GT Interactive

**Abstract:** Features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** September 3, 1998  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Metal Gear Solid*  
**Developer(s):** Konami Computer Entertainment Japan (West), Digital Dialect (PC port)  
**Publisher(s):** Konami (PlayStation), Microsoft (Microsoft Windows)

**Abstract:** The *Metal Gear Solid* Series by Konami, revolves around Metal Gear, a weapon described as a giant solo-operating tank capable of firing nuclear missiles at any target on the planet's surface (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** September 30, 1998  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Fallout 2*  
**Developer(s):** Black Isle Studios  
**Publisher(s):** Interplay Entertainment

**Abstract:** Contains numerous direct and indirect allusions to nuclear wars and potential nuclear holocaust, and the game is set in a post-nuclear war wasteland (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 31, 1998

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Warhammer 40,000 Series*

**Developer(s):** Random Games Inc.

**Publisher(s):** Strategic Simulations, Inc.

**Abstract:** Nuclear weapons are used to cause widespread damage to a planet (the methods collectively being called an "Exterminatus", a mass execution of a population through futuristic weapons) and in combat. The nukes must be properly arranged in orbit to create a global firestorm (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** February 17, 1999

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Syphon Filter*

**Developer(s):** Eidetic

**Publisher(s):** 989 Studios

**Abstract:** Game ends with either the player or Gabe Logan having to disarm a nuclear missile (Wikipedia, 2010)

**Date:** May 27, 1999

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Ace Combat 3*

**Developer(s):** Namco

**Publisher(s):** Namco, SCEE

**Abstract:** Features nuclear strikes (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 31, 1999

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Unreal Championship*

**Developer(s):** Epic Games, Digital Extremes

**Publisher(s):** Atari

**Abstract:** Features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 31, 1999

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Unreal Mission Pack: Return To Na Pali*

**Developer(s):** Epic Games

**Publisher(s):** GT Interactive

**Abstract:** Features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** April 10, 1999

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Warzone 2100*

**Developer(s):** Pumpkin Studios

**Publisher(s):** Eidos Interactive

**Abstract:** The game is set after a nuclear holocaust initiated by an intelligent computer virus known as Nexus (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 31, 1999

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Twisted Metal 4*

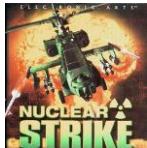
**Developer(s):** 989 Studios

**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** Playable character Calypso drives a truck where its special attack is to launch the nuclear missile it carries (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 30, 1999  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Unreal Tournament*  
**Developer(s):** Epic Games, Digital Extremes  
**Publisher(s):** GT Interactive

**Abstract:** Features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** November 30, 1999  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Nuclear Strike*  
**Developer(s):** Pacific Coast Power and Light, Electronic Arts  
**Publisher(s):** Electronic Arts, THQ

**Abstract:** The third level begins in Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea. It is revealed that a nuclear bomb has been smuggled in an unknown location of the city and the player has to escort as many diplomats out of the city as possible before the bomb detonates (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 23, 2000  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Command & Conquer: Red Alert 2*  
**Developer(s):** Westwood Pacific  
**Publisher(s):** EA Games

**Abstract:** The Soviets **successfully destroy Chicago with a large nuclear bomb** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 10, 2001  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Command & Conquer: Yuri's Revenge*  
**Developer(s):** Westwood Pacific  
**Publisher(s):** EA Games

**Abstract:** The main villain **nuke** **Seattle, Washington, several times** to extort money from a computer corporation (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 23, 2001  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Ace Combat 4: Shattered Skies*  
**Developer(s):** Namco  
**Publisher(s):** Namco, SCEE

**Abstract:** Features nuclear strikes (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 12, 2001  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Empire Earth*  
**Developer(s):** Stainless Steel Studios  
**Publisher(s):** Sierra Entertainment

**Abstract:** Players can use nuclear devices as “superweapons” (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 15, 2001  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Halo*  
**Developer(s):** Bungie, Ensemble Studios, Robot Entertainment, 343 Industries  
**Publisher(s):** Microsoft Game Studios

**Abstract:** In the *Halo* video games and novels, nuclear weapons are used in both space and land combat (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** October 1, 2002  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Unreal Tournament 2003*  
**Developer(s):** Epic Games, Digital Extremes  
**Publisher(s):** Atari

**Abstract:** Features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 27, 2002  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Strike Fighters: Project 1*  
**Developer(s):** Third Wire Productions  
**Publisher(s):** Strategy First

**Abstract:** There are several downloadable modifications which allow the player to use nuclear weapons. Free falling bombs, air to surface missiles, air to air missiles, and air to air rockets are covered in these modifications. American, British, Russian and French weapons are provided (with the range of American weapons being the most comprehensive). A variety of effects packages are available to provide the appropriate visual representation of the nuclear explosion. Several of aircraft in the ThirdWire series were either designed as, or came to be used as nuclear weapons carrying aircraft including the F-101 Voodoo, F-89 Scorpion, and B-29 Superfortress (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 4, 2002  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Ratchet & Clank*  
**Developer(s):** Insomniac Games  
**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** The game features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** February 3, 2003  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Unreal II: The Awakening*  
**Developer(s):** Legend Entertainment  
**Publisher(s):** Atari

**Abstract:** Features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** February 10, 2003  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Command & Conquer: Generals*  
**Developer(s):** EA Pacific (PC), Aspyr Media (Mac OS)  
**Publisher(s):** EA Games (PC), MacSoft (Mac OS)

**Abstract:** Features a nuke that is very realistic in damage and creates an EMP wave explosion (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 20, 2003  
**Source:** XBOX 360, Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Rise Of Nations: Thrones And Patriots*  
**Developer(s):** Big Huge Games  
**Publisher(s):** Microsoft Game Studios

**Abstract:** Rise of Nations could be described as a real-time version of Civilization, and that just makes the race to the nukes even more frantic. And, rest assured, once nuclear capability has been achieved, it's very difficult not to press the button and let the missiles fly. It's always satisfying to drop a nuke on an enemy city or army. There's no better way to signal your arrival to superpower status (XBOX 360, 2010). You can access nuclear missiles once you are at an advanced enough age (Wikipedia, 2010)

**Date:** September 22, 2003  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Command & Conquer: Generals – Zero Hour*  
**Developer(s):** EA Los Angeles, Aspyr Media (Mac OS)  
**Publisher(s):** EA Games (PC), MacSoft (Mac OS)

**Abstract:** Features a nuke that is very realistic in damage and creates an EMP wave explosion (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 11, 2003  
**Title:** *Ratchet & Clank: Going Commando*  
**Source:** XBOX 360, Wikipedia  
**Developer(s):** Insomniac Games  
**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** The game features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** March 16, 2004  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Unreal Tournament 2004*  
**Developer(s):** Epic Games, Digital Extremes  
**Publisher(s):** Atari (Linux/Windows), MacSoft (Mac), Midway, GOG.com

**Abstract:** Features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 4, 2004  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Syphon Filter: The Omega Strain*  
**Developer(s):** Sony Bend  
**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** Game ends with either the player or Gabe Logan having to disarm a nuclear missile (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 21, 2004  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Ace Combat 5: The Unsung War*  
**Developer(s):** Namco  
**Publisher(s):** Namco, SCEE

**Abstract:** Features nuclear strikes (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 2, 2004  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Ratchet & Clank: Up Your Arsenal*  
**Developer(s):** Insomniac Games, High Impact Games, Sanzaru Games  
**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** The game features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 9, 2004  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Halo 2*  
**Developer(s):** Bungie Studios (Xbox), Hired Gun (PC), Certain Affinity (Blastacular Map Pack)  
**Publisher(s):** Microsoft Game Studios

**Abstract:** In the popular *Halo* franchise of video games and novels, nuclear weapons are used in both space and land combat (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** November 17, 2004

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater*

**Developer(s):** Konami Computer Entertainment Japan, Kojima Productions

**Publisher(s):** Konami

**Abstract:** In *Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater* the primary antagonist, Colonel Volgin, obtains two M-388 Davy Crockett nuclear rifles. He then uses one of them to destroy half of a forest and cover up the theft (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** February 22, 2005

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Ace Combat Advance*

**Developer(s):** Humansoft

**Publisher(s):** Namco

**Abstract:** Features nuclear strikes (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** April 18, 2005

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Unreal Championship 2: The Liandri Conflict*

**Developer(s):** Epic Games

**Publisher(s):** Midway Games

**Abstract:** Features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 25, 2005

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Ratchet: Deadlocked*

**Developer(s):** High Impact Games

**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** The game features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** March 23, 2006

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Ace Combat Zero: The Belkan War*

**Developer(s):** Namco (Project Aces)

**Publisher(s):** Namco Bandia

**Abstract:** Belka, a fictional antagonist, detonated several nuclear warheads to fend off Allied troops (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** September 29, 2006

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *DEFCON*

**Developer(s):** Introversion Software

**Publisher(s):** Valve Software, Introversion Software, Ambrosia Software, Pinnacle Software, Encore

**Abstract:** The explosions aren't down and dirty in DEFCON, but they're about as chilling as you can get. Inspired, of course, by the famous nuclear war scenarios in the movie Wargames, **DEFCON shows you just how the world could end, with its major cities wiped out within minutes.** So, yes, now you too can finally play out the Turkish Heavy scenario (XBOX 360, 2010). The players are in charge of

one of six world territories in a situation which inevitably deteriorates to global thermonuclear war. **With the sense that nuclear war is being commanded by distant generals in deep underground bunkers using abstract images, the game gives an unsettling impression of how popular culture imagined nuclear war would look to the people responsible for starting it. Because "Everybody Dies", DEFCON is extremely difficult to win, as all sides will inevitably suffer nuclear attack. In the game's terminology, the victor is the player who 'loses the least' (Wikipedia, 2010).**

**Date:** October 17, 2006

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Splinter Cell: Double Agent*

**Developer(s):** Ubisoft Shanghai (7th Gen), Ubisoft Montreal (6th Gen), Ubisoft Annecy & Ubisoft Milan (Multiplayer)

**Publisher(s):** Ubisoft

**Abstract:** The player must disarm a nuclear bomb, one in the JBA headquarters, another on a boat. One of the mission failure scenes shows New York City being destroyed in an explosion (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 24, 2006

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Ace Combat X*

**Developer(s):** Access Games

**Publisher(s):** Namco, Sony Computer Entertainment Europe (Europe Only)

**Abstract:** Features nuclear strikes (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** February 13, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Ratchet & Clank: Size Matters*

**Developer(s):** Insomniac Games, High Impact Games, Sanzaru Games

**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** The game features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** February 16, 2007

**Source:** XBOX 360

**Title:** *Supreme Commander*

**Developer(s):** Gas Powered Games, Hellbent Games

**Publisher(s):** THQ

**Abstract:** Nuclear weapons were a selling point for Supreme Commander, but executing a nuclear attack in Supreme Commander is a really difficult thing. Not only is it laborious to build nuclear missiles, but you must neutralize enemy anti-missile defenses for your nukes to even work. But there's nothing quite more satisfying than landing a nuke in the enemy's base and then watching its structures and units disappear in a halo of destruction (XBOX 360, 2010).

**Date:** February 19, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *War Front: Turning Point*

**Developer(s):** Digital Reality

**Publisher(s):** CDV, Atari (Europe)

**Abstract:** The Allied faction's super weapon is a small nuclear bomb dropped from a Northrop YB-35 (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** August 27, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Metroid Prime 3: Corruption*

**Developer(s):** Retro Studios

**Publisher(s):** Nintendo

**Abstract:** A mission requires Samus Aran, the game's main protagonist, to use her ship to collect 3 pieces of a thermonuclear bomb needed to break a force field blocking her way to a boss fight (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** September 18, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *World In Conflict*

**Developer(s):** Massive Entertainment

**Publisher(s):** Ubisoft, Sierra Entertainment

**Abstract:** No game lavishes such attention and detail to nuclear explosions than *World in Conflict*. Sure, these are *tactical* nukes that we're dealing with, not the bigger, city-killing warheads. However, the execution is so perfect, from the initial blinding flash of light to the angry, billowing, mushrooming cloud rising high into the sky. This is a game where nukes fly back and forth during a single match, resulting in fireworks galore (XBOX 360, 2010). The United States uses tactical nuclear weaponry to halt the advance of the Soviet Union in America. The weapons are also available in multiplayer games (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 23, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Ratchet & Clank Future: Tools Of Destruction*

**Developer(s):** Insomniac Games

**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** The game features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 23, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Ace Combat 6: Fires Of Liberation*

**Developer(s):** Namco (Project Aces)

**Publisher(s):** Namco Bandai

**Abstract:** Features nuclear strikes (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 5, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare*

**Developer(s):** Infinity Ward, Aspyr (Mac conversion), Treyarch (Wii conversion)<sup>[1]</sup>

**Publisher(s):** Activision

**Abstract:** A group of the warlord Al-Asad's forces in a fictional Middle Eastern country under occupation by the USMC detonate a Russian nuclear warhead, annihilating themselves, the capital city and nearly the entire invading US Marine force. Later in the game, the USMC must work together with the SAS to stop two SS-27 Topol M missiles, loaded with MIRVs, sent by the Russian ultranationalist forces, from **destroying eight US cities: Boston, Hartford, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, Norfolk, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.** - which would kill more than 40 million people (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 6, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Supreme Commander: Forged Alliance*

**Developer(s):** Gas Powered Games

**Publisher(s):** THQ

**Abstract:** The United Earth Federation (UEF) uses nukes on its commander mechs and has a superheavy artillery emplacement used to launch tactical nuclear shells across the map with nearly flawless accuracy. The range and accuracy of the artillery battery is nerfed for better balance, and to make the game seem more real. **The Aeon Illuminate also has a nuclear weapon** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 19, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title:** *Unreal Tournament 3*

**Developer(s):** Epic Games

**Publisher(s):** Midway Games

**Abstract:** Features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** February 25, 2008  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title:** *Frontlines: Fuel of War*  
**Developer(s):** Kaos Studios  
**Publisher(s):** THQ

**Abstract:** Includes the detonations of two tactical nuclear warheads to destroy American tank battalions (Wikipedia, 2010).

As evidenced in the following articles, the Military Industrial Complex, who has funded and profited immensely from the nuclear saturation of video games, seems ready and quite willing to assert blame on Al Qaeda and its alleged associated when it's politically beneficial.



**Date:** May 30, 2008  
**Source:** Fox News  
**Title/Headline:** *Watchdog Mistakenly Reports Video Game Image Is Terrorist Nuclear Simulation*

**Abstract:** An image on two Islamic extremist Web sites depicting Washington, D.C., after a nuclear attack was not created by radicals but swiped from a computer game, the U.K.'s Telegraph reported. The terrorist-monitoring SITE Intelligence Group on Thursday reported that terrorists had created the image, which shows a large gash in the Capitol and the surrounding area in ruins, as part of dialogue on the ability to launch nuclear assaults on the United States and Britain, the Telegraph reported. The image appeared on the al-Ekhlass and al-Hesbah Web sites in video titled "Nuclear Jihad: The Ultimate Terror." The groups are believed to have ties to Al Qaeda. It did not take long to realize the image actually is from a scene in "Fallout 3," dubbed by its U.S. makers as "America's first choice in post-nuclear simulation." According to its Web site, SITE reports on the day-to-day happenings of terrorists as gleaned from Internet postings. "Studying the primary source propaganda, training manuals and chatter of terrorists offers insight into terrorists and their activities that cannot be obtained anywhere else (Fox News, 2008).

**Date:** May 30, 2008  
**Source:** The Register, Dan Goodin  
**Title/Headline:** *Daily Mail Cites Video Game As Proof Of Terrorist Doomsday Plot*

**Abstract:** Fear-mongering hacks at *The Daily Mail* have been caught mistaking footage from a popular video game series as proof of al-Qaeda's "terrifying vision" for a nuclear attack on Washington. The paper splashed a gory image showing the utter destruction that would result from the plot by terrorists to carry out a nuclear attack. In the foreground are the charred ruins of the Capitol in a city that is utterly devoid of people, cars or any other sign of life. "This computer generated image posted on terror forums depict what would happen if a nuclear attack took place in Washington D.C.," the paper reported breathlessly. "So far that is only a dream ... or, as this picture suggests, a nightmare," reporter Barry Wigmore blathered on. Turns out the image was lifted from *Fallout 3*, the latest installment of a role-playing game made by Bethesda Software. Marketers describe the game, as "America's First Choice in Post Nuclear Simulation". Players are left to roam America's ravaged streets in the year 2277, 200 years after nuclear bombs destroyed the nation's capital. A *Telegraph* report claims *Daily Mail* hacks were hoodwinked after the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors terrorist websites, posted the image first, along with claims it had been posted to forums where terrorists were discussing the feasibility of nuclear strikes on the US and Britain (Goodin, 2008).

**Date:** June 13, 2008  
**Title:** *Civilization Revolution*  
**Developer(s):** Firaxis  
**Publisher(s):** 2K Games

**Abstract:** Civilization Revolution has a single ICBM which can destroy cities (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** June 17, 2008  
**Title:** *Secret Agent Clank*  
**Developer(s):** High Impact Games (PlayStation Portable), Sanzaru Games (PlayStation 2)  
**Publisher(s):** SCEA

**Abstract:** The game features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** August 21, 2008  
**Title:** *Ratchet & Clank Future: Quest For Booty*  
**Developer(s):** Insomniac Games  
**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** The game features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** August 31, 2008  
**Title:** *Mercenaries 2: World In Flames*  
**Developer(s):** Pandemic Studios, A2M  
**Publisher(s):** Electronic Arts

**Abstract:** You can set the world afire thanks to a nuclear bunker busting bomb that's good for a lot more than just busting bunkers. There are plenty of user videos out there of people popping a nuke off in the distance and then panning the camera to showcase their avatar posing, proudly, in front of the destruction (XBOX 360, 2010). The main objective of the player is to obtain a Nuclear bunker buster to penetrate the main enemy's hardened bunker (after which the bomb can be purchased and used according to the player's wishes) (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** September 4, 2008  
**Title:** *Spore*  
**Developer(s):** Maxis  
**Publisher(s):** Electronic Arts

**Abstract:** In *Spore's* Civilization stage, militaristic nations may use two types of nuclear weapon once certain prerequisites have been fulfilled - the Gadget Bomb, **which can wipe out all structures of a city and capture it instantly, and the ICBM, which can be used to wipe out every nation on the planet simultaneously**, winning the stage. The Gadget Bomb severely impacts international relations, and both weapons produce indestructible radioactive rubble (Wikipedia, 2010).



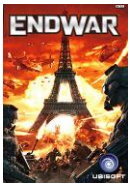
**Date:** September 23, 2008  
**Title:** *Halo 3*  
**Developer(s):** Bungie Studios  
**Publisher(s):** Microsoft Game Studios

**Abstract:** Nuclear weapons are used in both space and land combat (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** October 28, 2008  
**Title:** *Fallout 3*  
**Developer(s):** Bethesda Game Studios  
**Publisher(s):** Bethesda Softworks, ZeniMax Media

**Abstract:** Contains numerous direct and indirect allusions to nuclear wars and potential nuclear holocaust, and the game is set in a post-nuclear war wasteland (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** November 4, 2008

**Title:** *Tom Clancy's EndWar*

**Developer(s):** Ubisoft Shanghai

**Publisher(s):** Ubisoft

**Abstract:** Saudi Arabia and Iran have destroyed each other with nuclear weapons, setting the basis for the storyline of the game (Wikipedia, 2010)

**Date:** December 22, 2008

**Title:** *Strike Fighters 2*

**Developer(s):** [Third Wire Productions](#)

**Publisher(s):** [Third Wire Productions](#)

**Abstract:** Player can use nuclear weapons as free falling bombs, air to surface missiles, air to air missiles, and air to air rockets (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** February 25, 2009

**Title:** *Killzone 2*

**Developer(s):** Guerilla Games

**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** The Helghast were formidable enough with their glowing eyes and body armor, but once they acquired nukes, the threat to the ISA became much more magnified. As close as Sev and his squad came to crushing the threat of Emperor Visari, they couldn't stop his plan of fully enraging the Helghan empire's war machine to slaughter ISA troops. Threatening your enemies with nukes takes guts, but using them on your own people? That's certifiably insane – and ballsy (XBOX 360, 2010).

**Date:** April, 2009

**Title:** *Strike Fighters 2: Vietnam*

**Developer(s):** Third Wire Productions

**Publisher(s):** Tsuyoshi Kawahito

**Abstract:** Player can use nuclear weapons as free falling bombs, air to surface missiles, air to air missiles, and air to air rockets.

**Date:** June, 2009

**Title:** *Strike Fighters 2: Europe*

**Developer(s):** Third Wire Productions

**Publisher(s):** Third Wire Productions

**Abstract:** Player can use nuclear weapons as free falling bombs, air to surface missiles, air to air missiles, and air to air rockets

**Date:** October 27, 2009

**Title:** *Ratchet & Clank Future: A Crack In Time*

**Developer(s):** Insomniac Games

**Publisher(s):** Sony Computer Entertainment

**Abstract:** The game features a tactical nuclear missile launcher that the player can find (or upgrade to) and use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November, 2009

**Title:** *Strike Fighters 2: Israel*

**Developer(s):** Third Wire Productions

**Publisher(s):** Third Wire Productions

**Abstract:** Player can use nuclear weapons as free falling bombs, air to surface missiles, air to air missiles, and air to air rockets (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 5, 2009  
**Title:** *Call Of Duty: Modern Warfare 2*  
**Developer(s):** Infinity Award  
**Publisher(s):** Activision

**Abstract:** The nuclear explosion in Modern Warfare 2 is shocking, but it's the immediate aftermath that's unexpected and terrifying. This was easily one of the biggest narrative shocks in recent years (XBOX 360, 2010). Captain Price launches a nuclear missile out of a nuclear submarine - however, instead of attacking land, he detonates it in the stratosphere, destroying the International Space Station and creating an electro-magnetic pulse [EMP] throughout the eastern seaboard of the United States. Also, in multiplayer, a person that has received 25 kills (or 24 with the second tier perk hardline) without dying can call in a tactical nuke to end the game (Wikipedia, 2010). **Notice the U.S. Capitol Building bombed out in the background.**

**Date:** December 3, 2009  
**Title:** *Ace Combat Xi: Skies Of Incursion*  
**Developer(s):** Namco (Project Aces)  
**Publisher(s):** Namco Bandai

**Abstract:** Features nuclear strikes (Wikipedia, 2010)

**Date:** August 26, 2010  
**Title:** *Ace Combat: Joint Assault*  
**Developer(s):** Namco (Project Aces)  
**Publisher(s):** Namco Bandai

**Abstract:** Features nuclear strikes (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** TBA  
**Title:** *Fallout 4*  
**Developer:** Bethesda Game Studios  
**Publisher:** Bethesda Softworks

**Abstract:** *Fallout 4* is a future game planned to be created and published by Bethesda Softworks after *Fallout 3* (2008). Initially, in 2004, Bethesda licensed from Interplay the rights to create and publish three *Fallout* games. However, in 2007 Bethesda purchased the entire franchise, and Interplay licensed back from Bethesda the rights to a *Fallout* MMORPG (Wikipedia, 2010).

## The Nuclear Bible: Nuclear Terror Card Games

**Date:** November 5, 2010  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title/Headline:** *Illuminati Game*

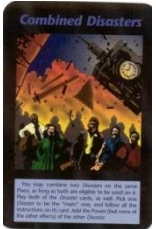
**Abstract:** *Illuminati* is a standalone card game made by Steve Jackson Games (SJG), inspired by *The Illuminatus! Trilogy* by Robert Anton Wilson and Robert Shea. The game has ominous secret societies competing with each other to control the world through sinister means, including legal, illegal, and even mystical. It was designed as a "tongue-in-cheek rather than serious" take on conspiracy theories. It contains groups named similarly to real world organizations, such as the Society for Creative Anachronism. It can be played by two to eight players. Depending on the number of players, a game can take between one and six hours (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Terrorist Nuke:** Maybe there is a reason the World Trade Center site is called Ground Zero? Although the Pentagon was not destroyed on 9/11, it is likely it could be simultaneously attacked along with the Super Bowl, thus giving the perception, as on 9/11, that the military is also being attacked.



**Texas:** Super Bowl (XLV) is in Arlington (Dallas), Texas, USA on February 6, 2011



**Combined Disasters:** Should a nuclear terror attack occur, a biological attack, an assassination attempt of Obama, or a massive hurricane/flood/tornado/fire/tsunami (HAARP caused) will likely follow. On 9/11 and the subsequent aftermath, there were roughly 7 combined disasters”:

- 1) WTC #1 Attack & Demolition (Ney York, New York, USA)
- 2) WTC #2 Attack & Demolition (Ney York, New York, USA)
- 3) WTC #7 Demolition (Ney York, New York, USA)
- 4) Pentagon Attack (Washington D. C., USA)
- 5) Flight 93 Hijacking & Crash (Shanksville, Pennsylvania, USA)
- 6) D.C. Sniper Attacks (Washington D. C., USA)
- 7) Anthrax Attacks (Multiple locations throughout America).

(Clock appears to be at 11:11 and the 2012 Olympic Games are in London, England).



(1995) (2010)

**Date:** May 29, 2010

**Source:** Dimensional Bliss

**Title/Headline:** *Illuminati Card Game Shows The BP Oil Spill Was Planned*

**Abstract:** Oil spill card of Illuminati Card Game proves that – The entire oil spill incident was planned to bring down America. Likewise another card, issued well before 9-11, showed the twin towers being taken down is one of the most shocking of all, especially in light of the fact that this game first hit the specialty stores in 1995! How in the world did Steve Jackson know that the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center were going to be attacked? In fact, this card accurately depicted the World Trade Center attack in great detail. This card accurately depicts several facts of 9/11 — on cards created all the way back in 1995! The picture accurately depicts: **That one tower was going to be struck first; this picture accurately depicts the moments between the first tower strike and the second. The card accurately depicts that the place of impact is some distance from the top of the twin towers. The plane hit in this approximate area of the first tower.** How in the world could Steve Jackson know this fact? The card accurately depicts the Illuminati leadership by showing on the building to the extreme left of the card the Illuminist pyramid with an all-seeing eye in the middle. The caption at the top properly identifies the perpetrators of the attack as “terrorists”. **However, what does the caption to this card mean? It says, “Terrorist Nuke”. Now, what could this possibly mean? The Twin Towers were not destroyed by a terrorist nuclear device, or were they? In Bali Blast, the scientific data suggested that the hotel was taken down by a micro-nuclear device of about 0.10 kilotons . One can only ask: was a micro-nuclear device used at the base of the Twin Towers as well? That kind of small, but nuclear, explosion would account for the sudden manner the reinforced concrete and steel shell simply crumbled into dust as it fell.** That kind of nuclear explosion would also explain the tremendous heat that stayed at “Ground Zero” for several months after 9/11. As we head into the planned “terrorist attacks” and attendant panics, we have to remain cognizant that a micro-nuke device might be the real culprit in some of these attacks



**Pentagon:** Unless one had advanced knowledge of the Illuminati Plan, there is no way on earth that they would have been able to create pictures in 1995 that accurately depict the unfolding events of 9/11! The Pentagon is shown on fire; we know that a plane allegedly flew into a section of the Pentagon and nearly burned that section completely. However, the rest of the Pentagon was undamaged to the point where its functions continued unimpeded. Isn't this the situation depicted here? This card shows a fire burning mightily in the center courtyard of the Pentagon, but the rest of the building looks undamaged enough so that normal activities could continue unimpeded! **Thus, these two cards literally depict both of the strikes of 9/11: against the Twin Towers first and then against the Pentagon. This kind of accuracy 6 years before the attacks is possible only if one knows the Illuminati Plan very thoroughly.** What other types of disasters might the Illuminati have planned for us? In the card game we find the following: Tidal wave, Oregon disaster (type not stated), earthquake, hurricane, volcano, combined disasters, and meteor strike, just to name a few. Are you ready? (Dimensional Bliss, 2010).

**Conclusion:** The foreshadowing of nuclear terror in video games and card games is rather blatant, and is clearly an attempt to unconsciously submit our minds to the nuclear terror reality. Aside from the programming of our children, the fact that these games promote the use of nuclear weapons by the player on other players or societies within the game is a crime in itself. It is no wonder that Western society is the most violent on Earth, and it all starts with innocent games that kids usually get for Christmas.

## The Nuclear Bible: The Numerology of “26” & “11” (Date of Super Bowl XLV)

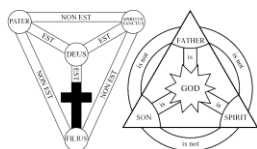
**Intro:** Understanding the numbers 26 & 11 goes a long way into understanding which days to stay home and avoid public places, and who is responsible for the worst the tragedies that humanity has ever experienced. The 2011 Super Bowl date of February 6, 2011, just happen to include both numbers. Interestingly, Road 2611 just happens to be in Texas where Super Bowl XLV will be played!



**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** Farm To Market Road

**Abstract:** Farm to Market Road 2611 begins where FM 2004 ends at State Highway 36 near Jones Creek. The road follows a western path, crossing the San Bernard River and passing the Churchill Bridge Community. The highway intersects FM 2918, an access highway to the River's End Community and the San Bernard Wildlife Refuge. Making a sharp north, then west curve, FM 2611 continues its western path 10 miles (16 km) south of Sweeny, entering Matagorda County and the Cedar Lake Community. The road comes to its end at the intersection of FM 457, connecting Sargent to Bay City (Wikipedia, 2010).



**26 & 11: Scutum Constellation:** Messier object M11, a magnitude 7.0 open cluster in the constellation Scutum, also known as the Wild Duck Cluster. Scutum contains several open clusters, as well as a globular cluster and a planetary nebula. The two best known deep sky objects in Scutum are M11 (NGC 6705), the Wild Duck Cluster, a dense open cluster, and M26, another open cluster also known as NGC 6694. The globular cluster NGC 6712 and the planetary nebula IC 1295 can be found in the eastern part of the constellation, only 24 arcminutes apart (Wikipedia, 2010).

## The Nuclear Bible: The Number “26”



**26:** The number 26 may be the most sacred number in the World, for it is the name of the God of Israel, “YHWH”. Countless deeds have been done in the name of 26, and most of them are accounted for in this chapter.



The # 26 is the Geometric number of the name of the God of Israel:

**YHWH=26 & 26=YHWH**

**26<sup>th</sup> Generation:** According to Jewish chronology, God gave the Torah in the 26th generation since Creation. Notice the “11” or two towers on either side of the Torah



**26 Sheaves:** 26 sheaves flank the earth on the UN flag. Notice the (2) horns, the bull’s-eye, and the pyramid at the base



**26 Cantons:** The number of Cantons (states) of Switzerland



**Bankers Holiday (Boxing Day):** December 26, 2010



**26/93:** February 26, 1993, First World Trade Center Terror Attack



**26/08:** November 26, 2008, Mumbai Terror Attacks

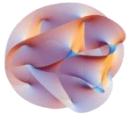
## **The Nuclear Bible: “26” In Religion**

- It is the number of generation from David to Christ according to the evangelist Luke and also the number of generations between Moses and Adam.
- The genealogy of Sem comprises twenty-six descendants
- In the Psalms, the God of Israel promises to the nations the iron rods and in chapter XXVI of the Leviticus, an avalanche of curse is pronounced against his people among which "a sky of iron"
- The atomic number of iron is 26
- Jesus was 26 years old when died his adoptive father Joseph, according to visions of Mary Agreda
- According to the Talmud, the Torah would have been revealed to Israel to the 26th generation of the history of the world, that is to say starting from Adam.
- It is Moses who, to the 26th generation of the world, receives the Torah transmitted by God.
- Numerical value of the name of God in Hebrew formed of the Hebraic letters yod, he, waw and he, YHWH,  $10+5+6+5=26$ . This name of 4 letters giving 26 is found in the 4th chapter of the Genesis with its 26 verses, beginning with Adam and ending by the name of God
- By using as correspondence table A=1, B=2, ..., Z=26, we find that the name of God in English, GOD, gives 26
- The number 26 is used only once in the Bible
- The Gospel of Luke uses on the whole 26 different numbers, which are numbers 1 to 3, 5 to 12, 15, 18, 30, 40, 50, 60, 72, 80, 84, 99, 100, 500, 5000, 10000 and 20000
- **The number 18 is used 26 times in the Bible.**
- The word "Beloved", representing the Lord, appears 26 times in the Song of Songs. The words prescription and baptism are used 26 times in the Bible.
- The word "merciful" is used 26 times in the NRSV

**Religios Symbolism:** According to R. Allendy, "It associates the idea of the cosmic differentiation, 20, with that of providence or the Karma, 6, and with that to the liberation of the nirvana,  $2 + 6 = 8$ ". It would represent also the individual initiative in the fight against the sin.

**Atomic # 26:** The Atomic number of Iron

**NGC 26:** The New General Catalogue object NGC 26, a Spiral Galaxy in the Constellation Pegasus



**26 Space-Time Dimensions:** The number of space-time dimensions in Bosonic String Theory

ABCDE  
FGHIK  
LMNOP  
QRSTU  
VWXYZ

**26 Letters:** The number of letters in the English and Interlingua alphabets, if capital letters are not distinguished from lowercase letters. The 26<sup>th</sup> letter in the alphabet is “Z”. “Z” has always been synonymous with Zionism.

**The Nuclear Bible: “26” In America**



**26<sup>th</sup> U.S. President:** Teddy Roosevelt (In 1901, President William McKinley was assassinated; and Roosevelt became President at the age of 42, taking office at the youngest age of any U.S. President in history)

**26<sup>th</sup> U.S. State: Michigan:** According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the city with the largest percentage of Arab Americans is Dearborn, Michigan (southwestern suburb of Detroit) at nearly 30%).



**Interstate 26:** Route 26 in America



**26.2 Mile Marathon:** The number of miles in a marathon rounded down (26 miles and 385 yards)

**26 TV Episodes:** Often the number of episodes in a television program each year; this allows one new show per week for half the year, and one rerun per week for the rest of the year.

**26 Years Old:** The age at which males can no longer be drafted in the United States



**26 Playing Cards:** The number of cards in a regular deck (26 red cards and 26 black cards).



**26 Oscars:** The largest number of Oscars awarded to one person (Walt Disney).



**26 Bones:** The number of bones in the normal human Foot and Ankle.

**26 Ganglions:** The number ganglions of the sympathetic system of the human bodies

### **26 In Mathematics:**

- 26 is the only single number between a square ( $25 = 5^2$ ) and a cube ( $27 = 3^3$ ).
- A rhombicuboctahedron has twenty-six sides.
- When a  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  cube is made of twenty-seven unit cubes, twenty-six of them are visible parts of the exterior layer of cubes.



## **The Nuclear Bible: World Holidays & Observances**

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| January 26 <sup>th</sup>         | Australia Day (Australia)                                                                       |
| January 26 <sup>th</sup>         | Liberation Day (Uganda)                                                                         |
| January 26 <sup>th</sup>         | Republic Day (India)                                                                            |
| January 26 <sup>th</sup>         | Third day of the Sementivae in honor of Ceres and Terra (Roman Empire)                          |
| February 26 <sup>th</sup>        | Liberation Day (Kuwait)                                                                         |
| <b>March 26<sup>th</sup></b>     | <b>Independence/National Day (Bangladesh): Celebrates Independence from Pakistan in 1971</b>    |
| March 26 <sup>th</sup>           | Prince Kuhio Day (Hawaii)                                                                       |
| <b>March 26<sup>th</sup></b>     | <b>Prophet Zoroaster's Birthday (Zoroastrianism)</b>                                            |
| March 26 <sup>th</sup>           | Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel (Eastern Christianity)                                         |
| April 26 <sup>th</sup>           | Confederate Memorial Day (States of Florida and Georgia)                                        |
| April 26 <sup>th</sup>           | Union Day (Tanzania)                                                                            |
| April 26 <sup>th</sup>           | Vallenato Legend Festival usually begins on this day (Valledupar, Colombia)                     |
| April 26 <sup>th</sup>           | World Intellectual Property Day (International)                                                 |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>             | Crown Prince's Birthday (Denmark)                                                               |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>             | Georgia Independence Day: Commemorate the day of the First Republic in 1918 (Georgia)           |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>             | Independence Day: Celebrate the independence of Guyana from the United Kingdom in 1966          |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>             | Mother's Day (Poland)                                                                           |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>             | National Paper Airplane Day (United States)                                                     |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>             | National Sorry Day (Australia)                                                                  |
| June 26 <sup>th</sup>            | Flag Day (Romania)                                                                              |
| June 26 <sup>th</sup>            | Madagascar Independence Day: Celebrates the independence of Madagascar from France in 1960      |
| <b>June 26<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (International)</b>             |
| <b>June 26<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>International Day in Support of Torture Victims (International)</b>                          |
| June 26 <sup>th</sup>            | Sunthorn Phu Day (Thailand)                                                                     |
| July 26 <sup>th</sup>            | Day of the National Rebellion (Cuba)                                                            |
| July 26 <sup>th</sup>            | Liberia Independence Day: Celebrates the independence of Liberia from the United States in 1847 |
| July 26 <sup>th</sup>            | Maldives Independence Day: Celebrates the Independence from the United Kingdom in 1965          |
| July 26 <sup>th</sup>            | Kargil Victory Day or Kargil Vijay Diwas (India)                                                |
| August 26 <sup>th</sup>          | Heroes' Day (Namibia)                                                                           |
| August 26 <sup>th</sup>          | Women's Equality Day (United States)                                                            |
| September 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Dominion Day (New Zealand)                                                                      |
| <b>September 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>European Day of Languages (European Union)</b>                                               |
| September 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Day for the Flag of Ecuador: In 1860, Ecuador flag was officially adopted.                      |
| October 26 <sup>th</sup>         | Austria National Day: Celebrates the anniversary of the Declaration of Neutrality in 1955       |
| October 26 <sup>th</sup>         | The first day of Ludi Victoriae Sullanae, celebrated until November 1. (Roman Empire)           |
| November 26 <sup>th</sup>        | Day of the Covenant (Bahá'í Faith)                                                              |



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| November 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Cyber Monday: Earliest day on which Cyber Monday can fall, while December 2 is the latest; observed on the first Monday after Thanksgiving (United States)          |
| November 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Mongolia Independence Day: Celebrates Independence from China on July 11, 1921                                                                                      |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Boxing Day: Except when 26 December is a Sunday Boxing Day is transferred to 27 December by Royal Proclamation. (Commonwealth of Nations)                           |
| <b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Christian Feast Day</b>                                                                                                                                          |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Abadiu of Antinoe (Coptic Church)                                                                                                                                   |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | James the Just (Eastern Orthodox Church)                                                                                                                            |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Stephen (Western Church)                                                                                                                                            |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Day of Good Will (South Africa)                                                                                                                                     |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Independence and Unity Day (Slovenia)                                                                                                                               |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Mauro Hamza Day (Houston, Texas)                                                                                                                                    |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Mummer's Day (Padstow, Cornwall)                                                                                                                                    |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | South Australia Proclamation Day: Celebrates the founding of the state of South Australia on December 28, 1836                                                      |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Synaxis of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Church)                                                                                                                  |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | St. Stephen's Day: A public holiday in Alsace, Austria, Catalonia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Ireland, Luxembourg, Poland and Slovakia |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Thanksgiving (Solomon Islands)                                                                                                                                      |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | The first day of Kwanzaa                                                                                                                                            |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | The first day of Junkanoo street parade; The second day is on the New Year's Day (the Bahamas)                                                                      |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup>       | The second of the twelve days of Christmas (Western Christianity)                                                                                                   |
| <b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Wren Day (Ireland and the Isle of Man)</b>                                                                                                                       |

**26<sup>th</sup> Every Month:** **Christian Feast Day**

## **The Nuclear Bible: January 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 1924:** St. Petersburg is renamed Leningrad
- 1930:** The Indian National Congress declares 26 January as Independence Day or as the day for Poorna Swaraj (Complete Independence) which occurred 20 years later.
- 1934:** The Apollo Theater reopens in Harlem, New York City.
- 1934:** German-Polish Non-Aggression Pact is signed.
- 1939:** Spanish Civil War: Troops loyal to nationalist General Francisco Franco and aided by Italy take Barcelona.
- 1942:** **World War II: The first United States forces arrive in Europe landing in Northern Ireland.**
- 1950:** The Constitution of India comes into force, forming a republic. Rajendra Prasad is sworn in as its first President of India. Observed as Republic Day in India.
- 1952:** Black Saturday in Egypt: Rioters burn Cairo's central business district, targeting British and upper-class Egyptian businesses.
- 1978:** The Great Blizzard of 1978, a rare severe blizzard with the lowest non-tropical atmospheric pressure ever recorded in the US, strikes the Ohio – Great Lakes region with heavy snow and winds up to 100 mph (161 km/h).
- 1980:** Israel and Egypt establish diplomatic relations.
- 1991:** Mohamed Siad Barre is removed from power in Somalia, ending centralized government, and is succeeded by Ali Mahdi.
- 1992:** **Boris Yeltsin announces that Russia will stop targeting United States cities with nuclear weapon**
- 1998:** **Lewinsky scandal: On American television, U.S. President Bill Clinton denies having had "sexual relations" with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.**
- 2001:** An earthquake hits Gujarat, India, causing more than 20,000 deaths.
- 2004:** President Hamid Karzai signs the new constitution of Afghanistan.
- 2004:** A whale explodes in the town of Tainan, Taiwan. A build-up of gas in the decomposing sperm whale is suspected of causing the explosion.
- 2005:** **Glendale train crash: Two trains derail killing 11 and injuring 200 in Glendale, California, near Los Angeles.**

## **The Nuclear Bible: February 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 1794:** Christiansborg Palace, Copenhagen burns down.
- 1815:** Napoleon Bonaparte escapes from Elba.
- 1848:** The Second French Republic is proclaimed.
- 1863:** **U.S. President Abraham Lincoln signs the National Currency Act into law.**
- 1885:** The Berlin Act, which resulted from the Berlin Conference regulating European colonization and trade in Africa, is signed
- 1897:** Sigma Pi Fraternity is founded at Vincennes University in Vincennes, IN.
- 1914:** HMHS Britannic, sister to the RMS Titanic, is launched at Harland & Wolff shipyard in Belfast.

- 1919:** An act of the U.S. Congress establishes most of the Grand Canyon as a United States National Park (see Grand Canyon National Park).
- 1929:** The Grand Teton National Park is created.
- 1935:** **The Luftwaffe is re-formed.**
- 1935:** The Daventry Experiment, Robert Watson-Watt carries out a demonstration near Daventry which leads directly to the development of RADAR in the United Kingdom.
- 1936:** Young Japanese military officers attempt to stage a coup against the government.
- 1952:** **British Prime Minister Winston Churchill announces that his nation has an atomic bomb.**
- 1960:** A New York bound Alitalia airliner crashed into a cemetery at Shannon, Ireland, after takeoff, killing 34 of the 52 persons on board.
- 1966:** Apollo Program: Launch of AS-201, the first flight of the Saturn IB rocket
- 1970:** National Public Radio incorporates as a non-profit corporation.
- 1971:** **U.N. Secretary General U Thant signs United Nations proclamation of the vernal equinox as Earth Day.**
- 1972:** The Buffalo Creek Flood caused by a burst dam kills 125 in West Virginia.
- 1984:** US troops withdraw from Beirut.
- 1986:** People Power Revolution in the Philippines.
- 1987:** **Iran-Contra Affair: The Tower Commission rebukes Ronald Reagan for not controlling his National Security Staff.**
- 1990:** The Sandinistas are defeated in Nicaraguan elections.
- 1991:** Gulf War: On Baghdad Radio Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein announces the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait.
- 1992:** Nagorno-Karabakh War: Armenian armed forces open fire on Azeri civilians at a military post outside the town of Khojaly leaving hundreds dead.
- 1993:** **1<sup>st</sup> World Trade Center bombing in New York City**
- 1995:** The United Kingdom's oldest investment banking institute, Barings Bank, collapses after a securities broker, Nick Leeson, loses \$1.4 billion by speculating on the Singapore International Monetary Exchange using futures contracts.
- 2000:** Mount Hekla in Iceland erupts.
- 2001:** The Taliban destroys two giant statues of Buddha in Bamyán, Afghanistan.
- 2003:** War in Darfur starts
- 2004:** The United States lifts a ban on travel to Libya, ending travel restrictions to the nation that had lasted for 23 years.
- 2004:** Republic of Macedonia President Boris Trajkovski is killed in a plane crash near Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 2005:** Hosni Mubarak, the president of Egypt, orders the constitution changed to allow multi-candidate presidential elections before September 2005 by asking Egyptian parliament to amend Article 76.

## **The Nuclear Bible: March 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 1636:** Utrecht University is founded in the Netherlands.
- 1808:** Charles IV of Spain abdicates in favor of his son, Ferdinand VII.
- 1812:** An earthquake destroys Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1830:** The Book of Mormon is published in Palmyra, New York.
- 1839:** The first Henley Royal Regatta is held.
- 1881:** Thessaly is freed and becomes part of Greece again.
- 1913:** Balkan War: Bulgarian forces take Adrianople.
- 1934:** The driving test is introduced in the United Kingdom.
- 1942:** **World War II: In Poland, the first female prisoners arrive at Auschwitz.**
- 1945:** World War II: US forces declare Iwo Jima secure.
- 1958:** The United States Army launches Explorer 3.
- 1958:** The African Regroupment Party is launched at a meeting in Paris.
- 1971:** **East Pakistan declares its independence from Pakistan to form People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Liberation War begins.**
- 1975:** **The Biological Weapons Convention comes into force.**
- 1976:** **Queen Elizabeth II sends the first royal email, from the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment.**
- 1979:** Anwar al-Sadat, Menachem Begin and Jimmy Carter sign the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty in Washington, D.C..
- 1982:** **A groundbreaking ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is held in Washington, D.C..**
- 1991:** **Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay sign the Treaty of Asunción, establishing Mercosur, the South Common Market.**
- 1995:** The Schengen Treaty comes into effect.
- 1995:** Thirty-nine bodies are found in the Heaven's Gate cult suicides.
- 1998:** Oued Bouaicha Massacre in Algeria: 52 people are killed with axes and knives, 32 of them babies under the age of 2
- 1999:** **The "Melissa worm" infects Microsoft word processing and e-mail systems around the world.**
- 1999:** A jury in Michigan finds Dr. Jack Kevorkian guilty of second-degree murder for administering a lethal injection to a terminally ill man.
- 2005:** The Taiwanese government calls on 1 million Taiwanese to demonstrate in Taipei, in opposition to the Anti-Secession Law of the People's Republic of China. Around 200,000 to 300,000 attend the demonstration.
- 2006:** The military junta ruling Burma officially names Naypyidaw, a new city in Mandalay Division, as the new capital. Yangon had formerly been the nation's capital.

**2010:** 46 die as a South Korean warship sinks, allegedly after an attack by North Korea.

## **The Nuclear Bible: April 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 1478:** The Pazzi attack Lorenzo de' Medici and kill his brother Giuliano during High Mass in the Duomo of Florence
- 1607:** English colonists of the Jamestown settlement make landfall at Cape Henry, Virginia.
- 1802:** Napoleon Bonaparte signs a general amnesty to allow all but about one thousand of the most notorious émigrés of the French Revolution to return to France, as part of a reconciliatory gesture with the factions of the Ancien Regime and to eventually consolidate his own rule.
- 1805:** United States Marines captured Derne, Tripoli under the command of First Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon.
- 1865:** American Civil War: Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston surrenders his army to General William Tecumseh Sherman at the Bennett Place near Durham, North Carolina.
- 1865:** Union cavalry troopers corner and shoot dead John Wilkes Booth, assassin of President Lincoln, in Virginia
- 1925:** Paul von Hindenburg defeats Wilhelm Marx in the second round of the German presidential election to become the first directly elected head of state of the Weimar Republic.
- 1928:** Los Angeles City Hall dedicated.
- 1933:** The Gestapo, the official secret police force of Nazi Germany, is established.
- 1937:** Spanish Civil War: Guernica (or Gernika) in Basque, Spain is bombed by German Luftwaffe.
- 1942:** The Benxihu Colliery accident occurs in Manchukuo : 1549 Chinese miners are dead.
- 1945:** World War II: Battle of Bautzen – last successful German tank-offensive of the war and last noteworthy victory of the Wehrmacht.
- 1954:** The Geneva Conference, an effort to restore peace in Indochina and Korea, begins.
- 1956:** First container ship left Port Newark, New Jersey for Houston, Texas.
- 1958:** Final run of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's Royal Blue from Washington, D.C., to New York City after 68 years, the first U.S. passenger train to use electric locomotives.
- 1962:** NASA's Ranger 4 spacecraft crashes into the Moon.
- 1963:** In Libya, amendments to the constitution transform Libya (United Kingdom of Libya) into one national unity (Kingdom of Libya) and allows for female participation in elections.
- 1964:** Tanganyika and Zanzibar merge to form Tanzania.
- 1965:** A Rolling Stones concert in London, Ontario is shut down by police after 15 minutes due to rioting.
- 1966:** An earthquake of magnitude 7.5 destroys Tashkent.
- 1966:** A new government is formed in the Republic of Congo, led by Ambroise Noumazalaye.
- 1970:** The Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization enters into force
- 1982:** 57 people are killed by former police officer Woo Bum-kon in a shooting spree in South Korea.
- 1986:** A nuclear reactor accident occurs at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in the Soviet Union (now Ukraine), creating the world's worst nuclear disaster
- 1989:** The deadliest tornado in world history strikes Central Bangladesh, killing upwards of 1,300, injuring 12,000, and leaving as many as 80,000 homeless.
- 1991:** Seventy tornadoes break out in the central United States. Before the outbreak's end, Andover, Kansas, would record the year's only F5 tornado
- 1994:** China Airlines flight 140 crashes at Nagoya Airport in Japan, killing 264 of the 271 people on board.
- 1994:** Physicists announce first evidence of the top quark subatomic particle.
- 2002:** Robert Steinhäuser infiltrates and kills 17 at Gutenberg-Gymnasium in Erfurt, Germany before dying of a self-inflicted gunshot.
- 2005:** Under international pressure, Syria withdraws the last of its 14,000 troop military garrison in Lebanon, ending its 29-year military domination of that country (Syrian occupation of Lebanon).

## **The Nuclear Bible: May 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 1538:** Geneva expels John Calvin and his followers from the city.
- 1637:** Pequot War: A combined Protestant and Mohegan force under English Captain John Mason attacks a Pequot village in Connecticut, massacring approximately 500 Native Americans
- 1647:** Else Young, hanged in Hartford, Connecticut, becomes the first person executed as a “witch” in the British American colonies.
- 1670:** In Dover, England, Charles II of Great Britain and Louis XIV of France sign the Secret Treaty of Dover.
- 1736:** Battle of Ackia: British and Chickasaw soldiers repel a French and Choctaw attack on the Chickasaw village of Ackia, near present-day Tupelo, Mississippi. The French, under Louisiana governor Jean Baptiste Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville, had sought to link Louisiana with Acadia and the other northern colonies of New France.
- 1770:** The Orlov Revolt, an attempt to revolt against the Ottoman Empire before the Greek War of Independence, ends in disaster for the Greeks.
- 1783:** A Great Jubilee Day is held in Trumbull, Connecticut to celebrate the end of the American Revolution.
- 1805:** Napoléon Bonaparte assumes the title of King of Italy and is crowned with the Iron Crown of Lombardy in the Duomo di Milano, the gothic cathedral in Milan.
- 1822:** 116 people die in the Grue Church fire, the biggest fire disaster in Norway's history.
- 1828:** Feral child Kaspar Hauser is discovered wandering the streets of Nuremberg.

- 1830:** Indian Removal Act is passed by U.S. Congress; it is signed into law by President Andrew Jackson two days later.
- 1857:** Dred Scott is emancipated by the Blow family, his original owners. 1864 – Montana is organized as a United States territory.
- 1865:** American Civil War: Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith, commander of the Confederate Trans-Mississippi division, is the last general of the Confederate Army to surrender, at Galveston, Texas.
- 1868:** The impeachment trial of U.S. President Andrew Johnson ends with Johnson being found not guilty by one vote.
- 1869:** Boston University is chartered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 1879:** Russia and the United Kingdom sign the Treaty of Gandamak establishing an Afghan state.
- 1889:** Opening of the first Eiffel Tower elevator to the public.
- 1896:** Nicholas II becomes Tsar of Russia.
- 1896:** Charles Dow publishes the first edition of the Dow Jones Industrial Average.
- 1896:** James Dunham murders six people in Campbell, California.
- 1906:** Vauxhall Bridge is opened in London.
- 1908:** At Masjed Soleyman in southwest Persia, the first major commercial oil strike in the Middle East is made. The rights to the resource are quickly acquired by the United Kingdom.
- 1917:** Several powerful tornadoes rip through Illinois, including the city of Mattoon, killing 101 people and injuring 689.
- 1918:** The Democratic Republic of Georgia is established.
- 1936:** In the House of Commons of Northern Ireland, Tommy Henderson begins speaking on £ the Appropriation Bill. By the time he sits down in the early hours of the following morning, he had spoken for 10 hours.
- 1938:** The House Un-American Activities Committee begins its first session.
- 1940:** World War II: Battle of Dunkirk – In France, Allied forces begin a massive evacuation from Dunkirk, France.
- 1942:** World War II: The Battle of Bir Hakeim takes place.
- 1948:** The U.S. Congress passes Public Law 557, which permanently establishes the Civil Air Patrol as an auxiliary of the United States Air Force.
- 1966:** British Guiana gains independence, becoming Guyana.
- 1969:** Apollo program: Apollo 10 returns to Earth after a successful eight-day test of all the components needed for the forthcoming first manned moon landing.
- 1970:** The Soviet Tupolev Tu-144 becomes the first commercial transport to exceed Mach 2.
- 1972:** Willandra National Park is established in Australia.
- 1972:** The United States and the Soviet Union sign the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.
- 1977:** George Willig climbs the South Tower of New York City's World Trade Center.
- 1981:** Prime Minister of Italy Arnaldo Forlani and his coalition cabinet resign following a scandal over membership of the pseudo-masonic lodge P2 (Propaganda Due).
- 1983:** A strong 7.7 magnitude earthquake strikes Japan, triggering a tsunami that kills at least 104 people and injures thousands. Many people go missing and thousands of buildings are destroyed.
- 1986:** The European Community adopts the European flag.
- 1991:** Zviad Gamsakhurdia becomes the first democratically elected President of the Republic of Georgia in the post-Soviet era.
- 1991:** Lauda Air Flight 004 explodes over rural Thailand, killing 223.
- 1992:** Charles Geschke, co-founder of Adobe Systems, Inc. is kidnapped at gunpoint from the Adobe parking lot in Mountain View, California and is held hostage for a ransom of \$650,000 in a rented house in Hollister, California. The FBI rescues him four days later.
- 1998:** The Supreme Court of the United States rules that Ellis Island, the historic gateway for millions of immigrants, is mainly in the state of New Jersey, not New York.
- 2004:** The New York Times publishes an admission of journalistic failings, claiming that its flawed reporting and lack of skepticism towards sources during the build-up to the 2003 war in Iraq helped promote the belief that Iraq possessed large stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction.
- 2004:** The United States Army veteran Terry Nichols is found guilty of 161 state murder charges for helping carry out the Oklahoma City bombing.
- 2006:** The May 2006 Java earthquake kills over 5,700 people and leaves 200,000 homeless.

## **The Nuclear Bible: June 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 1483:** Richard III is crowned king of England.
- 1541:** Francisco Pizarro is assassinated in Lima by the son of his former companion and later antagonist, Diego Almagro the younger. Almagro is later caught and executed.
- 1718:** Tsarevich Alexei Petrovich of Russia, Peter the Great's son, mysteriously dies after being sentenced to death by his father for plotting against him.
- 1723:** After a siege and bombardment by cannon, Baku surrenders to the Russians.
- 1848:** End of the June Days Uprising in Paris.
- 1857:** The first investiture of the Victoria Cross in Hyde Park, London.
- 1870:** The Christian holiday of Christmas is declared a federal holiday in the United States.
- 1909:** The Science Museum in London comes into existence as an independent entity.
- 1917:** The first U.S. troops arrive in France to fight alongside Britain, France, Italy, and Russia against Germany, and Austria-Hungary in World War I.

- 1918:** World War I, Western Front: Battle for Belleau Wood – Allied Forces under John J. Pershing and James Harbord defeat Imperial German Forces under Wilhelm, German Crown Prince.
- 1924:** American occupying forces leave the Dominican Republic.
- 1927:** The Cyclone roller coaster opens on Coney Island.
- 1934:** President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Federal Credit Union Act, which establishes credit unions.
- 1936:** Initial flight of the Focke-Wulf Fw 61, the first practical helicopter.
- 1940:** World War II: under the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, the Soviet Union presents an ultimatum to Romania requiring it to cede Bessarabia and the northern part of Bukovina.
- 1942:** The first flight of the Grumman F6F Hellcat.
- 1945:** The United Nations Charter is signed in San Francisco.
- 1948:** The Western allies begin an airlift to Berlin after the Soviet Union blockades West Berlin.
- 1948:** William Shockley files the original patent for the grown junction transistor, the first bipolar junction transistor.
- 1948:** Shirley Jackson's short story The Lottery is published in The New Yorker magazine.
- 1952:** The Pan-Malayan Labour Party is founded in Malaya, as a union of statewide labour parties.
- 1953:** Lavrentiy Beria, head of MVD, was arrested by Nikita Khrushchev and other members of the Politburo.
- 1955:** The South African Congress Alliance adopts the Freedom Charter at the Congress of the People in Kliptown.
- 1959:** The Saint Lawrence Seaway opens, opening North America's Great Lakes to ocean-going ships.
- 1960:** The former British Protectorate of British Somaliland gains its independence as Somaliland .
- 1960:** Madagascar gains its independence from France.
- 1973:** At Plesetsk Cosmodrome 9 people are killed in an explosion of a Cosmos 3-M rocket.
- 1974:** The Universal Product Code is scanned for the first time to sell a package of Wrigley's chewing gum at the Marsh Supermarket in Troy, Ohio
- 1975:** Indira Gandhi establishes emergency rule in India.
- 1975:** Two FBI agents and a member of the American Indian Movement are killed in a shootout on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota; Leonard Peltier is later convicted of the murders in a controversial trial.
- 1977:** The Yorkshire Ripper kills 16 year old shop assistant Jayne MacDonald in Leeds, changing public perception of the killer as she is the first victim who is not a prostitute.
- 1978:** Air Canada Flight 189 to Toronto overruns the runway and crashes into the Etobicoke Creek ravine. Two of 107 passengers on board perish.
- 1991:** Ten-Day War: the Yugoslav people's army begins the Ten-Day War in Slovenia.
- 1995:** Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani deposes his father Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar, in a bloodless coup.
- 1997:** The U.S. Supreme Court rules that the Communications Decency Act violates the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 2003:** The U.S. Supreme Court rules in Lawrence v. Texas that gender-based sodomy laws are unconstitutional.
- 2008:** The U.S. Supreme Court rules in District of Columbia v. Heller that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects an individual right, and that the District of Columbia handgun ban is unconstitutional.

## **The Nuclear Bible: July 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 1745:** The first recorded women's cricket match takes place near Guildford, England.
- 1758:** French and Indian War: the Siege of Louisbourg ends with British forces defeating the French and taking control of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.
- 1775:** The office that would later become the United States Post Office Department is established by the Second Continental Congress.
- 1788:** New York ratifies the United States Constitution and becomes the 11th state of the United States.
- 1803:** The Surrey Iron Railway, arguably the world's first public railway, opens in south London
- 1822:** José de San Martín arrives in Guayaquil, Ecuador, to meet with Simón Bolívar
- 1822:** First day of the three-day Battle of Dervenakia, between the Ottoman Empire force led by Mahmud Dramali Pasha and the Greek Revolutionary force led by Theodoros Kolokotronis
- 1847:** Liberia declares independence
- 1861:** American Civil War: George B. McClellan assumes command of the Army of the Potomac following a disastrous Union defeat at the First Battle of Bull Run
- 1863:** American Civil War: Morgan's Raid ends – At Salineville, Ohio, Confederate cavalry leader John Hunt Morgan and 360 of his volunteers are captured by Union forces
- 1878:** In California, the poet and American West outlaw calling himself "Black Bart" makes his last clean getaway when he steals a safe box from a Wells Fargo stagecoach. The empty box will be found later with a taunting poem inside.
- 1882:** Premiere of Richard Wagner's opera Parsifal at Bayreuth
- 1882:** The Republic of Stellaland is founded in Southern Africa.
- 1887:** Publication of the Unua Libro, founding the Esperanto movement.
- 1890:** In Buenos Aires the Revolución del Parque takes place, forcing President Juárez Celman's resignation.
- 1891:** France annexes Tahiti
- 1908:** United States Attorney General Charles Joseph Bonaparte issues an order to immediately staff the Office of the Chief Examiner (later renamed the FBI: Federal Bureau of Investigation)
- 1914:** Serbia and Bulgaria interrupt diplomatic relationship.
- 1936:** The Axis Powers decide to intervene in the Spanish Civil War.



- 1936:** King Edward VIII, in one of his few official duties before he abdicates the throne, officially unveils the Canadian National Vimy Memorial
- 1937:** End of the Battle of Brunete in the Spanish Civil War
- 1941:** World War II: in response to the Japanese occupation of French Indo-China, US President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders the seizure of all Japanese assets in the United States
- 1944:** World War II: the Soviet army enters Lviv, a major city in western Ukraine, liberating it from the Nazis. Only 300 Jews survive out of 160,000 living in Lviv prior to occupation.
- 1944:** The first German V-2 rocket hits Great Britain
- 1945:** The Labour Party wins the United Kingdom general election of July 5 by a landslide, removing Winston Churchill from power
- 1945:** The Potsdam Declaration is signed in Potsdam, Germany
- 1945:** The US Navy cruiser USS Indianapolis arrives at Tinian with parts of the warhead for the Hiroshima atomic bomb
- 1946:** Aloha Airlines begins service from Honolulu International Airport
- 1947:** Cold War: U.S. President Harry S. Truman signs the National Security Act of 1947 into United States law creating the Central Intelligence Agency, United States Department of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the United States National Security Council
- 1948:** U.S. President Harry S. Truman signs Executive Order 9981 desegregating the military of the United States.
- 1952:** King Farouk of Egypt abdicates in favor of his son Fuad.
- 1953:** Fidel Castro leads an unsuccessful attack on the Moncada Barracks, thus beginning the Cuban Revolution
- 1953:** Arizona Governor John Howard Pyle orders an anti-polygamy law enforcement crackdown on residents of Short Creek, Arizona, which becomes known as the Short Creek Raid.
- 1956:** Following the World Bank's refusal to fund building the Aswan High Dam, Egyptian leader Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal sparking international condemnation.
- 1957:** Carlos Castillo Armas, Dictator of Guatemala, is assassinated.
- 1958:** Explorer program: Explorer 4 is launched.
- 1963:** Syncom 2, the world's first geosynchronous satellite, is launched from Cape Canaveral on a Delta B booster.
- 1963:** An earthquake in Skopje, Yugoslavia (now in the Republic of Macedonia) leaves 1,100 dead.
- 1963:** The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development votes to admit Japan.
- 1965:** Full independence is granted to the Maldives.
- 1968:** Vietnam War: South Vietnamese opposition leader Truong Dinh Dzū is sentenced to five years hard labor for advocating the formation of a coalition government as a way to move toward an end to the war.
- 1971:** Apollo Program: Launch of Apollo 15.
- 1974:** Greek Prime Minister Constantinos Karamanlis forms the country's first civil government after seven years of military rule.
- 1975:** Formation of a military triumvirate in Portugal.
- 1977:** The National Assembly of Quebec imposes the use of French as the official language of the provincial government.
- 1989:** A federal grand jury indicts Cornell University student Robert T. Morris, Jr. for releasing the Morris worm, thus becoming the first person to be prosecuted under the 1986 Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.
- 1990:** The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 is signed into law by President George H. W. Bush.
- 2005:** Space Shuttle program: STS-114 Mission – Launch of Discovery, NASA's first scheduled flight mission after the Columbia Disaster in 2003.
- 2005:** Mumbai, India receives 99.5cm of rain (39.17 inches) within 24 hours, bringing the city to a halt for over 2 days.
- 2008:** 56 people were killed and over 200 people were injured in 21 bomb blasts in Ahmedabad bombing in India.

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- 1466:** A conspiracy against Piero di Cosimo de' Medici in Florence, led by Luca Pitti, is discovered.
- 1498:** Michelangelo is commissioned to carve the Pietà.
- 1748:** The first Lutheran denomination in North America, the Pennsylvania Ministerium, is founded in Philadelphia.
- 1768:** Captain James Cook sets sail from England on board HMS Endeavour.
- 1778:** The first recorded ascent of Triglav, the highest mountain in Slovenia.
- 1789:** The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen is approved by National Assembly at Palace of Versailles.
- 1858:** First news dispatch by telegraph.
- 1862:** American Civil War: the Second Battle of Bull Run begins.
- 1883:** The 1883 eruption of Krakatoa begins its final, paroxysmal, stage.
- 1914:** World War I: the British Expeditionary Force fights a rear-guard action at the Battle of Le Cateau that briefly checks the German advance.
- 1914:** World War I: the German colony of Togoland is invaded by French and British forces, who take it after 5 days.
- 1920:** The 19th amendment to United States Constitution takes effect, giving women the right to vote.
- 1939:** The first Major League Baseball game is telecast, a doubleheader between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field, in Brooklyn, New York.
- 1940:** Chad becomes the first French colony to join the Allies under Félix Éboué, France's first black colonial governor.
- 1942:** Holocaust in Chortkiv, Western Ukraine: At 2.30 am the German Schutzpolizei starts driving Jews out of their houses, divides them into groups of 120, packs them in freight cars and deports 2000 to Belzec death camp. 500 of

the sick and children are murdered on the spot.

**1944:** World War II: Charles de Gaulle enters Paris.

**1957:** The USSR announces the successful test of an ICBM – a "super long distance intercontinental multistage ballistic rocket ... a few days ago," according to the Soviet news agency, ITAR-TASS.

**1966:** The Namibian War of Independence starts with the battle at Omugulugwombashe.

**1970:** The then new feminist movement, led by Betty Friedan, leads a nation-wide Women's Strike for Equality.

**1971:** The United States Congress declares August 26th as an annual Women's Equality Day.

**1977:** The Charter of the French Language is adopted by the National Assembly of Quebec

**1978:** Papal conclave, 1978 (August): Pope John Paul I is elected to the Papacy.

**1978:** Sigmund Jähn becomes first German cosmonaut, on board Soyuz 31.

**1980:** John Birges plants a bomb at Harvey's Resort Hotel in Stateline, Nevada.

**1987:** President Ronald Reagan proclaims September 11, 1987 as 9-1-1 Emergency Number Day.

**1992:** In Brno Václav Klaus and Vladimír Mečiar sign an agreement to divide Czechoslovakia.

**1997:** Beni-Ali massacre in Algeria; 60-100 people killed.

**2003:** The Columbia Accident Investigation Board releases its final reports on Space Shuttle Columbia disaster.

**2008:** Russia unilaterally recognizes the independence of the former Georgian breakaway republics Abkhazia and South Ossetia

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**1212:** Golden Bull of Sicily is certified as an hereditary royal title in Bohemia for the Přemyslid dynasty.

**1580:** Sir Francis Drake finishes his circumnavigation of the Earth. 1687 – The Parthenon in Athens is partially destroyed by an explosion caused by the bombing from Venetian forces led by Morosini who are besieging the Ottoman Turks stationed in Athens.

**1687:** The city council of Amsterdam votes to support William of Orange's invasion of England, which became the Glorious Revolution.

**1777:** British troops occupy Philadelphia, Pennsylvania during the American Revolution.

**1783:** The first battle of Shays' Rebellion begins.

**1789:** Thomas Jefferson is appointed the first United States Secretary of State, John Jay is appointed the first Chief Justice of the United States, Samuel Osgood is appointed the first United States Postmaster General, and Edmund Randolph is appointed the first United States Attorney General

**1792:** Marc-David Lasource begins accusing Maximilien Robespierre of wanting a dictatorship for France.

**1810:** A new Act of Succession is adopted by the Riksdag of the Estates and Jean Baptiste Bernadotte becomes heir to the Swedish throne.

**1820:** Colonel Robert Gibbon Johnson proved tomatoes weren't poisonous by eating several on the steps of the courthouse in Salem, New Jersey.

**1872:** The first Shriners Temple (called Mecca) is established in New York City.

**1907:** New Zealand and Newfoundland each become dominions within the British Empire.

**1914:** The United States Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is established by the Federal Trade Commission Act.

**1918:** World War I: The Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the bloodiest single battle in American history, begins.

**1923:** Gustav Stresemann resumes the Weimar Republic's payment of reparations.

**1934:** Steamship RMS Queen Mary is launched.

**1944:** World War II: Operation Market Garden fails.

**1944:** World War II: On the Gothic Line Brazilian troops control the Serchio valley region after ten days of fighting.

**1950:** United Nations troops recapture Seoul from the North Koreans.

**1950:** Indonesia is admitted to the United Nations.

**1954:** Japanese rail ferry Toya Maru sinks during a typhoon in the Tsugaru Strait, Japan killing 1,172.

**1960:** First televised debate takes place between presidential candidates Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy.

**1960:** Fidel Castro announces Cuba's support for the U.S.S.R.

**1962:** The Yemen Arab Republic is proclaimed.

**1970:** The Laguna Fire starts in San Diego County, California, burning 175,425 acres (710 km²).

**1973:** Concorde makes its first non-stop crossing of the Atlantic in record-breaking time.

**1983:** Soviet military officer Stanislav Petrov averts a likely worldwide nuclear war by correctly identifying a report of an incoming nuclear missile as a computer error and not an American first strike.

**1984:** The United Kingdom agrees to the handover of Hong Kong

**1997:** A Garuda Indonesia Airbus A-300 crashes near Medan, Indonesia, airport, killing 234.

**1997:** An earthquake strikes the Italian regions of Umbria and the Marche, causing part of the Basilica of St. Francis at Assisi to collapse.

**2000:** Anti-globalization protests in Prague (some 20,000 protesters) turn violent during the IMF and World Bank summits.

**2000:** The MS Express Samina sinks off Paros in the Aegean sea killing 80 passengers.

**2002:** The overcrowded Senegalese ferry MV Joola capsizes off the coast of Gambia killing more than 1,000.

**2008:** Swiss pilot Yves Rossy becomes first person to fly a jet engine-powered wing across the English Channel.

**2009:** Typhoon Ketsana hit the Philippines, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand, causing 700 fatalities.

**2010:** Stuxnet Worm hits Iran's nuclear reactors

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- 1774:** The first Continental Congress adjourns in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1775:** King George III goes before Parliament to declare the American colonies in rebellion, and authorized a military response to quell the American Revolution.
- 1776:** Benjamin Franklin departs from America for France to seek French support for the American Revolution.
- 1795:** The French Directory, a five-man revolutionary government, is created.
- 1811:** The Argentine government declare the freedom of expression for the press by decree.
- 1825:** The Erie Canal opens – passage from Albany, New York to Lake Erie.
- 1859:** The Royal Charter is wrecked on the coast of Anglesey, north Wales with 459 dead.
- 1860:** Meeting of Teano. Giuseppe Garibaldi, conqueror of the Kingdom of Two Sicilies, gives it to King Victor Emmanuel II of Italy.
- 1861:** The Pony Express officially ceases operations.
- 1881:** The Gunfight at the O.K. Corral takes place at Tombstone, Arizona.
- 1905:** Norway becomes independent from Sweden.
- 1909:** Itō Hirobumi, Resident-General of Korea, was shot to death by Korean independence supporter Ahn Jung-geun at the Harbin train station in Manchuria.
- 1912:** First Balkan War: The Ottoman occupied city of Thessaloniki, is liberated and unified with Greece on the feast day of its patron Saint Demetrius. On the same day, Serbian troops captured Skopje.
- 1917:** World War I: Battle of Caporetto; Italy suffers a catastrophic defeat at the forces of Austria-Hungary and Germany. The young unknown Oberleutnant Erwin Rommel captures Mount Matajur with only 100 Germans against a force of over 7000 Italians.
- 1917:** World War I: Brazil declared in state of war with Central Powers.
- 1918:** Erich Ludendorff, quartermaster-general of the Imperial German Army, is dismissed by Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany for refusing to cooperate in peace negotiations.
- 1921:** The Chicago Theatre opens.
- 1936:** The first electric generator at Hoover Dam goes into full operation.
- 1940:** The P-51 Mustang makes its maiden flight.
- 1942:** World War II: In the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands during the Guadalcanal Campaign, one U.S. aircraft carrier, Hornet, is sunk and another aircraft carrier, Enterprise, is heavily damaged.
- 1943:** World War II: First flight of the Dornier Do 335 "Pfeil".
- 1944:** World War II: The Battle of Leyte Gulf ends with an overwhelming American victory.
- 1947:** The Maharaja of Kashmir agrees to allow his kingdom to join India.
- 1948:** Killer smog settles into Donora, Pennsylvania.
- 1955:** After the last Allied troops have left the country and following the provisions of the Austrian Independence Treaty, Austria declares permanent neutrality.
- 1955:** Ngô Đình Diệm declares himself Premier of South Vietnam.
- 1958:** Pan American Airways makes the first commercial flight of the Boeing 707 from New York City to Paris, France.
- 1959:** The world sees the far side of the Moon for the first time.
- 1964:** Eric Edgar Cooke becomes last person in Western Australia to be executed.
- 1967:** Mohammad Reza Pahlavi crowns himself Emperor of Iran and then crowns his wife Farah Empress of Iran.
- 1977:** The last natural case of smallpox is discovered in Merca district, Somalia. The WHO and the CDC consider this date the anniversary of the eradication of smallpox, the most spectacular success of vaccination.
- 1979:** Park Chung-hee, President of South Korea is assassinated by KCIA head Kim Jae-kyu. Choi Kyu-ha becomes the acting President; Kim is executed the following May.
- 1984:** "Baby Fae" receives a heart transplant from a baboon.
- 1985:** The Australian government returns ownership of Uluru to the local Pitjantjatjara Aborigines.
- 1992:** The Charlottetown Accord fails to win majority support in a Canada wide referendum.
- 1992:** The London Ambulance Service is thrown into chaos after the implementation of a new CAD, or Computer Aided Dispatch, system which failed.
- 1994:** Jordan and Israel sign a peace treaty
- 1995:** Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Mossad agents assassinate Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shikaki in his hotel in Malta.
- 1999:** Britain's House of Lords votes to end the right of hereditary peers to vote in Britain's upper chamber of Parliament.
- 2000:** Laurent Gbagbo takes over as president of Côte d'Ivoire following a popular uprising against President Robert Guéi.
- 2001:** The United States passes the USA PATRIOT Act into law.
- 2002:** Moscow Theatre Siege: Approximately 50 Chechen terrorists and 150 hostages die when Russian Spetsnaz storm a theater building in Moscow, which had been occupied by the terrorists during a musical performance three days before.
- 2003:** The Cedar Fire, the second-largest fire in California history, kills 15 people, consumes 250,000 acres (1,000 km²), and destroys 2,200 homes around San Diego.

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- 1778:** In the Hawaiian Islands, Captain James Cook becomes the first European to visit Maui.
- 1784:** The Catholic Apostolic Prefecture of the United States established.
- 1789:** A Pational Thanksgiving Day is observed in the United States as recommended by President George Washington and approved by Congress.
- 1805:** Official opening of Thomas Telford's Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.
- 1825:** At Union College in Schenectady, New York a group of college students form Kappa Alpha Society, the first college social fraternity.
- 1842:** The University of Notre Dame is founded.
- 1863:** American Civil War: Mine Run – Union forces under General George Meade position against troops led by Confederate General Robert E. Lee.
- 1863:** President Abraham Lincoln proclaims November 26th as a national Thanksgiving Day, to be celebrated annually on the final Thursday of November (since 1941, on the fourth Thursday).
- 1865:** Battle of Papudo: The Spanish navy engages a combined Peruvian-Chilean fleet north of Valparaiso, Chile.
- 1909:** Sigma Alpha Mu is founded in the City College of New York by 8 Jewish young men.
- 1913:** Phi Sigma Sigma is founded at Hunter College in New York City.
- 1917:** The National Hockey League is formed, with the Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Wanderers, Ottawa Senators, Quebec Bulldogs, and Toronto Arenas as its first teams.
- 1918:** The Podgorica Assembly votes for "union of the people", declaring assimilation into the Kingdom of Serbia.
- 1922:** Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon become the first people to enter the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun in over 3000 years.
- 1922:** Toll of the Sea debuts as the first general release film to use two-tone Technicolor (The Gulf Between was the first film to do so but it was not widely distributed).
- 1939:** Shelling of Mainila: The Soviet Army orchestrates the incident which is used to justify the start of the Winter War with Finland four days later.
- 1942:** World War II: Yugoslav Partisans convene the first meeting of the Anti-Fascist Council of National Liberation of Yugoslavia at Bihać in northwestern Bosnia.
- 1944:** World War II: A German V-2 rocket hits a Woolworth's shop on New Cross High Street, United Kingdom, killing 168 shoppers.
- 1944:** World War II: Germany begins V-1 and V-2 attacks on Antwerp, Belgium.
- 1949:** The Indian Constituent Assembly adopts India's constitution presented by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
- 1950:** Korean War: Troops from the People's Republic of China launch a massive counterattack in North Korea against South Korean and United Nations forces (Battle of the Ch'ongch'on River and Battle of Chosin Reservoir), ending any hopes of a quick end to the conflict.
- 1965:** In the Hammaguir launch facility in the Sahara Desert, France launches a Diamant-A rocket with its first satellite, Asterix-1 on board, becoming the third country to enter outer space.
- 1968:** Vietnam War: United States Air Force helicopter pilot James P. Fleming rescues an Army Special Forces unit pinned down by Viet Cong fire and is later awarded the Medal of Honor.
- 1970:** In Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, 1.5 inches (38.1 mm) of rain fall in a minute, the heaviest rainfall ever recorded.
- 1977:** 'Vrillon', claiming to be the representative of the 'Ashtar Galactic Command', takes over Britain's Southern Television for six minutes at 5:12 PM.
- 1983:** Brink's-MAT robbery: In London, 6,800 gold bars worth nearly £26 million are stolen from the Brink's-MAT vault at Heathrow Airport.
- 1986:** Iran-Contra scandal: U.S. President Ronald Reagan announces the members of what will become known as the Tower Commission.
- 1990:** The Delta II rocket makes its maiden flight.
- 1998:** Tony Blair becomes the first Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to address the Republic of Ireland's parliament.
- 2003:** Concorde makes its final flight, over Bristol, England.
- 2004:** Ruzhou School massacre: a man stabs and kills eight people and seriously wounds another four in a school dormitory in Ruzhou, China.
- 2004:** Male Po'ouli (Black-faced honeycreeper) dies of Avian malaria in the Maui Bird Conservation Center in Olinda, Hawaii before it could breed, making the species in all probability extinct
- 2008:** The first of many attacks on Mumbai, India are fired. These ten coordinated attacks by Pakistan-based terrorists kill 166 and injure more than 300 people in Mumbai.

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- 1481:** Battle of Westbrook – Holland defeats troops of Utrecht.
- 1613:** Robert Carr, 1st Earl of Somerset, marries Frances Howard.
- 1620:** Pilgrim Fathers land at what becomes Plymouth in Massachusetts.
- 1776:** American Revolutionary War: The British are defeated in the Battle of Trenton.
- 1790:** Louis XVI of France gives his public assent to Civil Constitution of the Clergy during the French Revolution.
- 1792:** The final trial of Louis XVI of France begins in Paris.
- 1793:** Battle of Geisberg: French defeat Austrians.

- 1793:** The wedding of Prince Friedrich Ludwig of Prussia and Frederica of Mecklenburg-Strelitz takes place.
- 1805:** Austria and France sign the Treaty of Pressburg.
- 1806:** Battles of Pultusk and Golymin: Russian forces hold French forces under Napoleon.
- 1811:** A theater fire in Richmond, Virginia kills the Governor of Virginia George William Smith and the president of the First National Bank of Virginia Abraham B. Venable.
- 1825:** Several Imperial Russia army officers lead circa 3000 soldiers on the Senate Square in the failed Decembrist uprising.
- 1848:** The Phi Delta Theta fraternity is founded at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
- 1860:** The first ever inter-club football match takes place between Hallam F.C. and Sheffield F.C. at the Sandygate Road ground in Sheffield, England.
- 1861:** American Civil War: The Trent Affair: Confederate diplomatic envoys James M. Mason and John Slidell are freed by the United States government, thus heading off a possible war between the United States and Britain.
- 1862:** American Civil War: The Battle of Chickasaw Bayou begins.
- 1862:** Four nuns serving as volunteer nurses on board USS Red Rover are the first female nurses on a U.S. Navy hospital ship.
- 1862:** The largest mass-hanging in U.S. history took place in Mankato, Minnesota, 38 Native Americans die.
- 1870:** The 12.8-km long Fréjus Rail Tunnel through the Alps is completed.
- 1871:** Gilbert and Sullivan collaborate for the first time, on their lost opera, Thespis. It does modestly well, but the two would not collaborate again for four years.
- 1883:** The Harbour Grace Affray between Irish Catholics and Protestant Orangemen causes five deaths in Newfoundland.
- 1898:** Marie and Pierre Curie announce the isolation of radium.
- 1925:** Turkey adopts the Gregorian Calendar.
- 1931:** Phi Iota Alpha, the Oldest Latino Fraternity in Existence, was founded in Troy, NY.
- 1933:** FM radio is patented.
- 1941:** U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs a bill establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day in the United States.
- 1943:** World War II: German warship Scharnhorst is sunk off of Norway's North Cape after a battle against major Royal Navy forces.
- 1944:** World War II: Patton's Third Army breaks the encirclement of surrounded U.S. forces at Bastogne, Belgium.
- 1945:** CFP franc and CFA franc are created.
- 1948:** Cardinal Mindszenty is arrested in Hungary and accused of treason and conspiracy.
- 1966:** The first Kwanzaa is celebrated by Maulana Karenga, the chair of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach.
- 1975:** The Tupolev Tu-144 goes into service in Soviet Union.
- 1976:** The Communist Party of Nepal (Marxist-Leninist) is founded.
- 1980:** Aeroflot puts the Ilyushin Il-86 into service.
- 1982:** Time Magazine's Man of the Year is for the first time a non-human, the personal computer.
- 1986:** The first long-running American television soap opera, Search for Tomorrow, airs its final episode after thirty-five years on the air.
- 1991:** The Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union meets and formally dissolves the USSR.
- 1996:** Six-year-old beauty queen JonBenét Ramsey is found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colorado.
- 1996:** Start of the largest strike in South Korean history.
- 1997:** The Soufriere Hills volcano on the island of Montserrat explodes, creating a small tsunami offshore.
- 1998:** Iraq announces its intention to fire upon U.S. and British warplanes
- 2003:** A magnitude 6.6 earthquake devastates southeast Iranian city of Bam, killing tens of thousands and destroying the citadel of Arg-é Bam.
- 2004:** A 9.3 magnitude earthquake creates a tsunami causing devastation in Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, the Maldives and many other areas around the rim of the Indian Ocean, killing over 250,000 people including over 1700 on a moving train
- 2005:** Boxing Day shooting on a busy shopping street in Toronto.
- 2006:** The 2006 Hengchun earthquake with 7.1 magnitude hit Taiwan (Wikipedia, 2010).

## **The Nuclear Bible: The # 11 (Eleven)**

**11**

**Intro:** The number 11 along with the number 26 are so prevalent in *The Nuclear Bible*, that an entire chapter was devoted to each. Understanding the meaning of # 11 is key in understanding why certain dates are chosen for certain events, and who is ultimately responsible.



**Date:** September 11, 2001

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** Eleven (Number)

**Abstract:** 11 (Eleven) is the natural number following 10 and preceding 12. **It is the first number which cannot be represented by a human counting their eight fingers and two thumbs additively.** Eleven is the smallest positive integer requiring three syllables in English, and it is also the largest prime number with a single-morpheme name in this language (although etymologically the word eleven originated from a Germanic compound \*ainlif meaning "one left". **The number 11 has been linked to mystery and power since ancient times.** All forms of number research and study, including Numerology, the ancient science of Gematria, and the secret wisdom of Kabbalah, all give significant importance to 11, and 11 derivatives - 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77, 88, and 99. The number 11 is considered a master number (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Dial 911:** The number 911 is the telephone number for emergencies in North America.



New York, USA



Songdo International City, South Korea



Frankfurt, Germany



Beijing, China



Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Torres de Santa Cruz, Canary Islands, Spain



Guangzhou, China



Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago



Cairo, Egypt



Zurich, Switzerland



Dubai, UAE



Istanbul, Turkey

**11 History:** In ancient Egypt King Tutankhamen's tomb had combinations of 11 in the jewelry he wore, and he had 11 oars placed on the floor surrounding his tomb. **The number 11, and particularly the number 33, have significance to Freemasons, and other secretive groups. In addition, there have been thousands of people worldwide who have recently expressed a strong feeling towards 11.** This has been widely reported for the last 5-10 years, and is now commonly referred to as the 11:11 experience, referring to the time of 11:11 **The overwhelming quantity of elevens, surfacing from the events, people, and places related to the 9-11-2001 attacks, is remarkable.** It is as if someone planned the events to occur around the number eleven. If it was not planned, then the coincidence of the numbers, seems even more mysterious and improbable (Unknown Source, 2010).

**The Holocaust (Auschwitz): 1.1 Million:** Auschwitz first commandant, Rudolf Höss, testified after the war at the Nuremberg Trials that up to three million people had died there (2.5 million exterminated, and 500,000 from disease and starvation), a figure since revised to **1.1** million, around 90 percent of them Jews (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Doomsday Clock: 11:00:** Being only one hour before 12:00—midnight—the eleventh hour means the last possible moment to take care of

something, and often implies a situation of urgent danger or emergency.



**H1N1: Swine Flu Pandemic:** On June 11, 2009, the WHO (World Health Organization) declared an H1N1 pandemic, moving the alert level to phase 6, marking the first global pandemic since the 1968 Hong Kong flu (Wikipedia, 2010).



**9/11 Terror Attacks (September 11, 2001):** NYC & Washington D. C.

**3/11 Terror Attacks (March 11, 2004):** Madrid Spain

**American Airlines Flight 11:** A Boston-Los Angeles flight, was the 1<sup>st</sup> plane to crash into the North Tower of the World Trade Center after being hijacked by terrorists on 9/11.

**On December 4, 2001, George W. Bush Stated:** “Well, Jordan (ph), you're not going to believe what state I was in when I heard about the terrorist attack. I was in Florida. And my chief of staff, Andy Card -- actually I was in a classroom talking about a reading program that works. And I was sitting outside the classroom waiting to go in, and **I saw an airplane hit the tower -- the TV was obviously on**, and I use to fly myself, and I said, "There's one terrible pilot." And I said, "It must have been a horrible accident." But I was whisked off there -- I didn't have much time to think about it, and I was sitting in the classroom, and Andy Card, my chief who was sitting over here walked in and said, **"A second plane has hit the tower. America's under attack."**

**On January 2, 2002, George W. Bush Stated:** “I was sitting there, and my Chief of Staff – well, first of all, when we walked into the classroom, I had seen this plane fly into the first building. There was a TV set on...”

**What TV channel in New York was carrying a “live” feed with a camera trained in on the World Trade Center at the moment of impact? Was Bush watching Whitehouse CCTV?**



**9/11 Numerology:**

- September 11th is the 254th day of the year:  $2 + 5 + 4 = 11$ .
- After September 11th there are 111 days left to the end of the year.
- March 11, 2002, marked 6 months since the attack, and fell in the 11th week of 2002.
- On March 11, 2002, New York City lit the sky with 88 ( $8 \times 11 = 88$ ) powerful GE bulbs that sent light beams into the sky from the World Trade Center site.
- The next morning, on March 12, 2002, 11 FDNY firemen were recovered from Ground Zero.
- The date of the attack:  $9/11 - 9 + 1 + 1 = 11$ .
- September 11 has 9 letters and 2 numbers:  $9+2=11$ .
- The Flight 11 call letters were AA11:  $A=1, A=1, AA=11$ .
- Four of the hijackers on flight AA11 have the initials A. A. for their names:  $AA=11$ .
- The fifth AA11 hijacker was the pilot, Mohamed Atta, 11 letters, and AA in last name.
- Flight AA11 had 92 people on board –  $9 + 2 = 11$ .
- Flight AA11 had 11 crew members – 2 pilots and 9 flight attendants.
- The target of Flight AA11 was in New York City -11 letters.
- The State of New York was the 11<sup>th</sup> State added to the Union.
- Manhattan Island was discovered on Sept. 11, 1609 by Henry Hudson -11 letters.
- Trade Center is 11 letters, and Skyscrapers is 11 letters.
- World Trade Center Towers is 22 letters –  $2 \times 11 = 22$ .
- The WTC Twin Towers – standing side by side, look like the number 11.
- The WTC Towers are each 110-storeys high.
- The first WTC tower hit (North Tower) collapses at 10:28 A.M.  $-1+2+8=11$ .

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Fire Unit to arrive to the WTC towers was FDNY Unit 1. Unit 1 lost 11 firemen.
- The WTC towers collapsed to a height of 11 stories.
- After 99 days of burning, NYC declares the WTC fires are extinguished –  $9 \times 11 = 99$ .
- The World Trade Center fires burn continuously for 99 days, between September 11, 2001 and December 19, 2001. The World Trade Center fire is the longest burning commercial fire in U.S. history.
- On September 7, 2002, NYC Medical Examiners announced the revised official death toll from the World Trade Center attacks was 2,801 –  $(2+8+0+1 = 11)$ .
- The plane that hit the Pentagon was United Airlines Flight 77 -  $11 \times 7 = 77$ .
- Flight 77 – 65 on board –  $6 + 5 = 11$ .
- One of the walls of The Pentagon collapses at 10:10 A.M.
- George W. Bush – 11 letters
- Colin Powell – 11 letters
- Bill Clinton – 11 letters.
- The target of Flight 77 was The Pentagon – 11 Letters.
- According to the FBI, earlier terrorists originally planned to hijack 11 planes.
- Mohammed, the prophet of the Muslim faith, died in 632 A.D. –  $6+3+2=11$ .
- The Taliban's Manual of Afghan Jihad (Holy War) is 11 volumes.
- 119 is the area code to Iraq/Iran –  $1 + 1 + 9 = 11$ .
- The League of Arab States is comprised of 22 Arab nations –  $2 \times 11 = 22$ .
- The suspected base of the terrorists is Afghanistan – 11 Letters.
- Osama bin Laden's birthplace is Saudi Arabia – 11 letters.
- Ramzi Yousef – convicted of orchestrating the 1993 WTC attack – 11 Letters.
- The Prime Minister of Israel – Ariel Sharon – 11 Letters.
- Deputy PM, & Minister of Foreign Affairs for Israel – Shimon Peres – 11 Letters.
- The US Secretary of State – Colin Powell – 11 letters.
- Independence Day in the USA is July 4<sup>th</sup> –  $7 + 4 = 11$ .
- The US President's plane is Air Force One – 11 letters.
- George W. Bush's Air Force One is numbered "29000" on the tail –  $2+9+0+0+0 = 11$ .
- George W. Bush & Bob Beckwith (11 letters) Fireman #164 –  $1+6+4 = 11$ .

**Osama bin Laden & 11:** We also note that the September 11 attacks were not the only plane crashes related to Osama bin Laden. In 1968 Osama bin Laden's father, Mohammed Awad bin Laden, died in a plane crash. Osama, born in 1957, was 11 years old at the time. Osama's oldest brother, Salem bin Laden, then took over the family business. Twenty years later in 1988, Salem also died in a plane crash. The plane that crashed was a BAC 1-11. Father and brother die in plane crashes. There is a notable eleven year cycle in Osama bin Laden's life that begins at 11, when his father dies in 1968. This is the age that Osama "turned to God." Eleven years later, in 1979, when Osama is 22, Russia invades Afghanistan. Osama says, "I was enraged and went there at once." Another eleven years later, in 1990, when Osama is 33, Iraq invades Kuwait, and American forces land in Saudi Arabia. Again Osama was infuriated, he forms al-Qaeda, and says that American troops were now "in our most holy lands." Another eleven years later, in 2001, when Osama is 44, Osama's organization attacks America in New York and Washington. The four life changing events in Osama bin Laden's life occur in an 11-year cycle beginning at 11 and continuing every 11 years. Osama's defining moments occur when he is 11, 22, 33, and 44. Life follows an 11 year cycle at ages 11, 22, 33, and 44. Osama bin Laden notices dates. The bombings of the USA Embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, occurred on August 7, 1998. The American troops landed in Saudi Arabia, bin Laden's homeland, on August 7, 1990.

**911 Lottery:** On September 11, 2002, exactly one year after the 9/11 attacks, the winning numbers drawn in the New York State Lottery for September 11, 2002 were: 9, 1, 1. The lottery is called "Numbers" and was broadcast live on television.

**Date:** September 12, 2002

**Source:** Associated Press, Michael Virtanen

**Title/Headline:** *Eerie 9-1-1 Lottery Draws Interest*

**Abstract:** Officials say it was just a coincidence, but many people found it chilling nonetheless: **On the anniversary of Sept. 11, the winning numbers in the New York lottery were 9-1-1. Lottery officials said Thursday that 5,631 people had selected the tragic numbers. They won \$500 each.** "The numbers were picked in the standard random fashion using all the same protocols," said lottery spokeswoman Carolyn Hapeman. **"It's just the way the numbers came up." The 9-1-1 combination was picked so often, it reached the lottery's set limit for combinations and sold out by Tuesday evening, Hapeman said.** On any given day, seven to 10 sets of numbers are "closed out," she said. For the drawing, which is televised live, the lottery uses numbered balls circulating in a machine. When host Jolanda Vega pushes three levers, three balls pop up randomly. On Wednesday evening, there wasn't the slightest trace of a quaver in Vega's voice as she read out: "Nine ... one ... one." **There is a 1-in-1,000 chance of the numbers 9-1-1 coming up in the lottery. "I'm a bit surprised, but I wouldn't characterize it as bizarre,"** said Christopher Rump, a probability expert at the University of Buffalo. "People tend to read into these things. I'm sure that whatever numbers come up tonight will have some special meaning to someone, somewhere." Lottery players said the eerie number sequence didn't make them think the draw was rigged. "It's not that unusual," said Bob Matusiak, who bought a ticket Thursday at a convenience store. **A similar coincidence occurred Nov. 12 when the numbers 5-8-7 came up in the New Jersey lottery the day American Airlines Flight 587 crashed in New York City.** Lottery ticket vendors said some people seemed reluctant to try their luck on the sequence even as they bet on it. **"I think some people were disgusted with the idea of playing that number because it represents a black day in the history of America,"** Farzad Khosravi said. Hapeman said Wednesday was the first time in more than a year that the 9-1-1 combination had come up in the New York lottery (Virtanen, 2001).

**11 Meaning:** In Basque, hamaika ("Eleven") has the double meaning of "infinite", probably from amaigabe, "endless", as in Hamaika aldiz etortzeko esan dizut! ("I told you infinite/eleven times to come!"). Basque is the region of Spain where the alleged terror group ETA resides.



### **11: Money Symbols:**

**11 Cricket Players:** There are eleven players on a soccer team on a cricket team. Within a school or college, the phrases "the first football XI" and "the first cricket XI" generally refer to the first (best) team currently playing. Other teams are often referred to as "the second XI" etc. In cricket, the eleventh batsman is usually the weakest batsman, at the end of the tail. He is primarily in the team for his bowling abilities.



**11 Soccer Players:** Also in soccer, in the German language (and possibly others, in countries that predominantly use the metric system) a penalty kick is referred to as "Elfmeter" because the penalty spot is approximately 11m (precisely 12 yards) from the goal line. Historically, in the Pyramid formation that position names are taken from, a left wing-forward in football wears number 11. In the modern game, especially using the 4-4-2 formation, it is worn by a left-sided midfielder. Less commonly a striker will wear the shirt.



**26 Bones:** The number of bones in the normal human Foot and Ankle.

**Maybe that's why in Europe they play "Football", and in America the play "Football".**

**11 Football Players:** An American football team also has eleven players on the field at one time during play. 11 is also worn by quarterbacks, kickers, punter and wide receivers in American football's NFL. The only NFL team that has retired the #11 is the New York Giants, in honor of quarterback Phil Simms.

**11 Field Hockey Players:** There are eleven players in a field hockey team. The player wearing 11 will usually play on the left-hand side, as in soccer.



**Blackjack 11:** In the game of blackjack, an Ace can be counted as either one or eleven, whichever is more advantageous for the player.



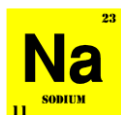
**11 Points:** The stylized maple leaf on the Flag of Canada has eleven points

**11 Sided Coin:** The Canadian one-dollar coin is a hendecagon, an eleven-sided polygon.

**11:00 O'Clock:** Clocks depicted on Canadian currency show 11:00.

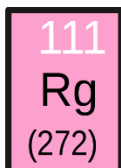
**11 Currency Dominations:** Canadian large currencies (bills)

**11 Crowns:** Due to Canada's federal nature, eleven legally distinct Crowns effectively exist in the country, with the Monarch being represented separately in each province, as well as at the federal level.

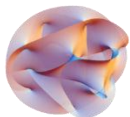


**Atomic Number 11:** The atomic number of Sodium

**Group 11:** In chemistry includes the three coinage metals copper, silver, and gold known from antiquity. It also includes the super heavy element Roentgenium, which was discovered only recently.



**Atomic Number 111: Roentgenium:** A synthetic radioactive chemical element with the symbol Rg and atomic number 111. It is placed as the heaviest member of the group 11 (IB) elements, although a sufficiently stable isotope is not known at this time that would allow its position as a heavier homologue of gold to be confirmed (Wikipedia, 2010).



**11 Space-Time Dimensions:** The number of space-time dimensions in M-Theory (String Theory)



**Apollo 11:** The 1<sup>st</sup> manned spacecraft to land on the Moon. The USA skipped sequence numbers on the Apollo moon missions to ensure it was Apollo 11 that landed on the moon.

**11 Year Sunspot Cycle:** The approximate periodicity of a sunspot cycle is 11 years.

**11<sup>th</sup> Sign of the Zodiac:** In Astrology, Aquarius is the 11th astrological sign of the Zodiac.



**NGC 11:** The New General Catalogue object NGC 11, a spiral galaxy in the constellation Andromeda



**Saros Series 11:** The Saros number of the solar eclipse series which began on -2511 December 26 and ended on -1158 March 18. The duration of Saros series 11 was 1352.2 years, and it contained 76 solar eclipses. The Saros number of the lunar eclipse series which began on -2389 June 19 and ended on -1037 September 8. The duration of Saros series 11 was 1352.2 years, and it contained 76 lunar eclipses.

**11<sup>th</sup> Moon:** The 11th moon of Jupiter is Himalia.

**11<sup>th</sup> Cord:** The interval of an octave and a fourth is an eleventh. A complete eleventh chord has almost every note of a diatonic scale

**November 11:** World War I ended with an Armistice on November 11, 1918, which went into effect at 11:00 am-the 11th hour on the 11th



day of the 11th month of the year. Armistice Day is still observed on November 11 of each year, although it is now called Veteran's Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in the Commonwealth of Nations and parts of Europe.

### **The U.S. Military & 11:**

- Occupational Specialty (MOS): Designators given to US Army Infantry Officer as well as to enlisted personnel (AKA 11 MOS Series, or 11B, 11C, 11D, 11H, 11M, etc.)
- **11:** The number of General Orders for Sentries in the Marine Corps and United States Navy.
- **11:** The number of guns in a gun salute to U.S. Army, Air Force and Marine Corps Brigadier Generals, and to Navy and Coast Guard Rear Admirals Lower Half.
- **11:** A page in the Service Record Book of an enlisted Marine for writing down disciplinary actions

### **UNIX®**

- The windowing system for Unix computers is known as X11.
- Computers of the PDP-11 series from Digital Equipment Corporation were informally referred to as "elevens".
- In Mozilla Firefox, Opera, Konqueror for KDE, and Internet Explorer 4 [3] for Windows, the function key F11 key toggles full screen viewing mode. In Mac OS X, F11 hides all open windows



**11 Oscars:** Three films -- **Ben-Hur** (1959), **Titanic** (1997), and **The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King** (2003) -- have each won 11 Academy Awards, including Best Picture of their respective years. In Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings, the number 11 is described as a curious number, and reaching your 111th birthday is an event.



**Ocean's Eleven:** Finally we note that the new Hollywood version of Ocean's Eleven is released only weeks after September 11, 2001. (The film was completed prior to 9/11). The star-studded film was so anticipated that the film opening topples the record-breaking Harry Potter movie from the #1 position at the movie box office. We also note the day of the film, which is clearly shown on the theatrical poster as "12-7-01" ( $1+2+7+1 = 11$ ).

## The Nuclear Bible: Obama's Super Bowl Party



**Intro:** As is he did in 2009 and 2010, Barack Hussein Obama will host a Super Bowl Party for Super Bowl XLV, which will be played at Cowboy Stadium in Arlington (Dallas), Texas, on February 6, 2011. Along with members from his Cabinet, Senators, Congressman, and a host of other people, Obama will be allegedly be watching the game. Should a nuclear attack occur at the Super Bowl, Obama and his "A TEAM" will already be in place to handle the crisis. Those surrounding Obama are from every ethnic origin and background, and will flank Obama in this time of peril, thus giving America and the World the illusion that Obama speaks for the American people and that he represents all races, nationalities, and religions. If Obama's 2010 Super Bowl Party is any indication, his team will consist of every Cabinet member relative to a nuclear attack, thus leading to the conclusion that the nuclear detonation was a premeditated act. **Most importantly, Obama WILL likely stage a military coup in the aftermath, in that he will suspend the rule of law, and therefore have to answer to no one.**

### A Few Questions:

- Why would the U.S. President feel the need to assemble a massive posse on Sunday, let alone on the Super Bowl, America's biggest party day?
- Who will be in attendance for Obama's 2011 Super Bowl Party?
- What exactly is going to happen at the Super Bowl?

**Date:** January 30, 2009

**Source:** The Huffington Post, Nicholas Sabloff

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Super Bowl Party Guest List*

**Abstract:** President Obama, who revealed Thursday that he will be rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers during Sunday's Super Bowl--"Other than the Bears, the Steelers are probably the team that's closest to my heart"--will also be hosting a bipartisan Super Bowl party at the White House.



Senator Bob Casey (Democrat-Pennsylvania)



Senator Dick Durbin (Democrat-Illinois)



Senator Amy Klobuchar (Democrat-Minnesota)



Senator Arlen Specter (Republican-Pennsylvania)



U.S. Congressman Elijah Cummings (Democrat-Maryland)



U.S. Congressman Artur Davis (Democrat-Alabama)



U.S. Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (Democrat-Connecticut)



U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent (Republican-Pennsylvania)



U.S. Congressman Mike Doyle (Democrat-Pennsylvania)



U.S. Congressman Paul Hodes (Democrat-New Hampshire)



U.S. Congressman Patrick Murphy (Democrat-Pennsylvania)



U.S. Congressman Trent Franks (Democrat-Arizona)



U.S. Congressman Raul Grijalva (Democrat-Arizona)



U.S. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes-Norton (Democrat-District of Columbia)



U.S. Congressman Fred Upton (Republican-Michigan)

**Date:** February 6, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Post, Ed O'Keefe

**Title/Headline:** *Half Of Obama's Cabinet Coming Over For The Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** Nine Cabinet secretaries and several lawmakers will join President and Mrs. Obama to watch Sunday's Super Bowl, the White House said Friday.



Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan



EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson



Education Secretary Arne Duncan



Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano



Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr.



United Nations Ambassador Susan E. Rice



**Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius**



**U.S. Congressman Andre Carson (Democrat-Indiana)**



**Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki**



**U.S. Congressman Brad Ellsworth (Democrat-Indiana)**



**Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack**



**U.S. Congressman Baron Hill (Democrat-Indiana)**



**U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra (Democrat-California)**



**U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee (Democrat-California)**



**U.S. Congressman Rick Boucher (Democrat-Virginia)**



**U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd (Democrat-Connecticut)**



**U.S. Congressman Joseph Cao (Republican-Louisiana)**

Cao, Carson, Ellsworth and Hill hail from Super Bowl states Louisiana and Indiana, home to the New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts. Veterans injured in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families will also attend Sunday's party (O'Keefe, 2010).

**Conclusion:** It appears that Obama & Co. will all be positioned for the nuclear crisis and the eventual military coup of America. Obama is likely to suspend the rule of law, and declare himself dictator. More than half of America will be intoxicated, and it is likely that there will be mad chaos and anarchy as people think that the end of the World is approaching. At this key time, SWAT teams, DHS personal and foreign troops will make gun sweeps across the nation. Americans who don't go along with the new fascist program will likely be shot on site or taken to the FEMA concentration camps for detainment and eventual extermination.

## The Nuclear Bible: Pakistan & Nuclear Proliferation



### Date

### Pakistani Nuclear Event

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1982       | China gives HEU to Pakistan (Smith & Warrick, 2009).                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1987       | Pakistani A.Q. Khan starts international nuclear smuggling operation with alleged sales of nuclear information to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Sudan, North Korea, Iran, and Libya (World Net Daily, 2005). |
| 1989-1991  | Pakistani scientists sell nuclear secrets to Iran (Gauhar, 2003).                                                                                                                                            |
| 1997       | Pakistani nuclear scientists meet with North Korea to exchange nuclear technical assistance in return for long-range missile technology (Allison, 2004).                                                     |
| 05/28/1998 | Pakistan tests 1 <sup>st</sup> Nuclear Bomb (Kerr & Nikitin, 2010).                                                                                                                                          |
| 2000       | Pakistani nuclear scientists Bashiruddin Mahmood and Abdul Majid meet with Osama Bin Laden (Blakely, 2009).                                                                                                  |
| 2001       | Just before 9/11, Pakistani nuclear scientists Bashiruddin Mahmood and Abdul Majid meet with Osama Bin Laden for a second time (Blakely, 2009).                                                              |
| 2001       | A Pakistani nuke is smuggled out of Pakistan by Al Qaeda and shipped to America (De Borchgrave, 2001).                                                                                                       |
| 2004       | Pakistan buys (3) Agosta 90Bs Nuclear Submarines giving Pakistan "second strike nuclear capability" (Bloom, 2004).                                                                                           |
| 02/04/2004 | A.Q. Khan admits selling blueprints for nuclear weapons to Libya, North Korea and Iran (World Net Daily, 2005).                                                                                              |
| 12/28/2007 | Pakistani President Benazir Bhutto Assassinated (MSNBC, 2007).                                                                                                                                               |
| 2007-2009  | Terrorists attacked Pakistan's nuclear facilities 3 times at 3 different locations (Blakely, 2009).                                                                                                          |
| 02/05/2009 | Pakistani A.Q. Khan freed from house arrest (Warrick 2009).                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12/01/2009 | Obama declares war on Pakistan, a fully nuclear state (Tarpley, 2009).                                                                                                                                       |
| 01/22/2010 | Pakistan rejects U.S. and U.N. nuclear disarmament attempts (Nebehay, 2010).                                                                                                                                 |
| 01/22/2010 | Pakistani based Lashkar-e-Taiba terror group target Pakistan's nuclear scientists (Puri, 2010).                                                                                                              |
| 01/17/2010 | Elite U.S. troops deployed to combat hijacked Pakistani nuclear weapons (Lamb, 2010).                                                                                                                        |
| 02/11/2010 | U.S. Vice President Biden states that Pakistan is "My greatest concern" (Press TV, 2010).                                                                                                                    |
| 08/29/2010 | Blackwater/Xe hijacks plane in an attempt to fly it into a nuclear reactor in Pakistan (Duff, 2010).                                                                                                         |
| 02/06/2011 | <b>Pakistan supplies a nuke to Al Qaeda to use at the Super Bowl?</b>                                                                                                                                        |



The Washington Times

**Date:** December 10, 2001

**Source:** The Washington Times, Arnaud de Borchgrave

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda's Nuclear Agenda Verified*

**Abstract:** Pakistani intelligence officers were assisting Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda organization to develop the ability to build a "dirty" nuclear device, U.S. and Pakistani intelligence agencies have concluded. Intelligence officers in Washington and Islamabad, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said they are now convinced that al Qaeda was attempting to put together a "nuclear device in the dirty bomb category." Documents uncovered in Kabul and the interrogation of nuclear scientists who were frequent visitors to Taliban-ruled Afghanistan - ostensibly to perform humanitarian work - have produced conclusive evidence of the fact, the officers said. **One Pakistani general who has seen the evidence described the device as a "dirty nuclear weapon," meaning one in which radioactive materials are wrapped around conventional explosives. Such a device can contaminate an area of several square blocks with radiation. The general said he also believes bin Laden obtained such materials on Russia's nuclear black market.** The International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna is aware of 175 cases of trafficking in nuclear materials since 1993, including 18 that involved highly enriched uranium and plutonium pellets the size of a silver dollar. **There are 18 million potential delivery vehicles that could be used to smuggle a nuclear device into the United States. That is the number of cargo containers that arrive in the country annually. Of them, only 3 percent are inspected, and bills of lading do not have to be produced until the containers reach their destination, according to current regulations. An unidentified former chief of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency is believed to be the man who coordinated bin Laden's nuclear ambitions. One local intelligence source speculated that before September 11, a dirty bomb could have been smuggled out of Afghanistan in a truck all the way to Karachi and then shipped out in a cargo container.** That could be the weapon Taliban chief Mullah Mohammed Omar was referring to when he said, after the U.S. bombing started Oct. 7, that America would soon have to face extinction. Allowing for hyperbole, he may have known what bin Laden was planning next. Another ex-ISI chief, retired Gen. Hameed Gul, predicted after September 11 that one day there would be a single Islamic state that would stretch from Saudi Arabia to Pakistan and Afghanistan and that would have nuclear weapons, as well as control of the Gulf's oil resources. The general is an ISI legend, and still popular among the agency's present crop of leaders who were his junior officers in the late 1980s. Gen. Gul, a Muslim fundamentalist, is vehemently anti-American. He acts as "strategic adviser" to Pakistan's extremist religious parties, and spent two weeks in Afghanistan just prior to September 11. Gen. Gul is slowly emerging as the spokesman for the combined opposition of Islamic fundamentalists. In Urdu-language newspapers on Friday, he was quoted as saying: **"No one can tell us how to run our nuclear facilities and nuclear programs. This is being done in the interest of Pakistan, not the United States. Taliban will always**



remain in Afghanistan, and Pakistan will always support them. He was presumably referring to the Taliban in its guerrilla mode, following the fall of Kandahar. Gen. Gul's only daughter runs VARAN, the public transportation bus company that enjoys a monopoly in Islamabad and its twin military garrison city of Rawalpindi. Gen. Gul himself lives in "Pindi" in an army compound housing development earmarked for retired generals. **Officially, the Pakistani government has accepted the explanation of three nuclear scientists about their "innocuous" relationship to the Taliban. Privately, however, some Pakistani officials, working closely with U.S. colleagues, said their activities "cannot be described as innocuous by any stretch of the imagination."** On a brief visit to Islamabad early this month, George Tenet, director of CIA, conferred with President Pervez Musharraf on what was described as the need for "more and better intelligence" from ISI. **The CIA has reportedly submitted a list of six more nuclear scientists whom it wants to probe for suspected links to al Qaeda. Two of them, Dr. Suleiman Asad and Dr. Muhammad Ali Mukhtar, are now in Burma doing undisclosed research with local scientists.** Apparently anxious to avoid further U.S. probes into Pakistan's ultrasecret nuclear weapons program, these two scientists have been advised by the government to remain in Burma until further notice. Dr. Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmud, former director of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), and Chief Engineer Dr. Chaudry Abdul Majeed have been questioned by a joint FBI-ISI team. According to PAEC sources, the CIA wishes to conduct a separate interrogation based on documents seized in Kabul. Dr. Mahmud is a close associate of Gen. Gul. **They were colleagues when Gen. Gul ran ISI. Dr. Mahmud is one of three scientists who befriended Taliban leaders. He is an expert in enriched uranium and plutonium, having lectured all over Pakistan with odes to the Taliban as "the wave of the future for Pakistan."** Dr. Mahmud and two of his colleagues were detained in late October as a result of U.S. questions about Pakistani "relief" organizations active in Taliban-run Afghanistan, including an agricultural project near Kandahar. **They admitted to meeting with al Qaeda associates of bin Laden and were officially cleared of passing on nuclear secrets. Dr. Mahmud says publicly that plutonium production is not a state secret, and advocates increasing plutonium output to help other Islamic nations build nuclear weapons.** After the start of the U.S. bombing campaign, Gen. Musharraf ordered an immediate redeployment of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal to six new secret locations, including separate storage facilities for uranium and plutonium cores and their detonation mechanisms. **Army colleagues now say privately that Gen. Musharraf was fearful of assassination by extremists who were already accusing him of betraying Islam and selling out to the United States. There were also rumors of a coup by hard-liners in the military. The officer corps is 20 percent fundamentalist, according to a post-September 11 confidential survey by military intelligence separate from ISI. Pakistan's community of nuclear scientists is held to be "profoundly fundamentalist" and anti-American. They are particularly resentful of U.S. economic and military sanctions against Pakistan as punishment for their country's nuclear weapons program.** The community's guru is Abdul Qadir Khan, the scientist who devised Pakistan's first nuclear weapon. Pakistan now has an estimated 20 such weapons in its arsenal. ISI is still widely distrusted by Western intelligence agencies and by all levels of Pakistani society, from people in the street to top political leaders. **An ISI general who is regional director in one of the tribal areas told an important tribal leader known to this reporter that "after Afghanistan, Pakistan is next on America's list of countries to be conquered, and after Pakistan, Iran will be next. All that war talk about Iraq being next is just a smokescreen."** Gen. Gul has been touring FATA (Federally-Administered Tribal Areas) along the border of Afghanistan with much the same message about Washington's plans for conquest in the region. ISI is undergoing a traumatic shock in the wake of the Taliban's defeat, according to knowledgeable secular political party leaders. "They have lost thousands of operatives in Afghanistan," said one key politician who asked not to be named. ISI also facilitated the transfer to Afghanistan in the past two months of thousands of young religious school students who had been proselytized by their clerical teachers to volunteer to fight with the Taliban. **Gen. Musharraf had a dangerous precedent in mind: Six years ago, a group of Pakistani army officers was arrested for plotting to kill Army Chief of Staff Gen. Abdul Waheed. He had fired the ISI chief for secretly assisting Muslim rebels in several countries (De Borchgrave, 2001).**

**Date:** December 12, 2001

**Source:** URASIANET

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Nuke Scientists To Face Charges For Al Qaeda Contacts*

**Abstract:** Two detained Pakistani scientists will soon face charges for alleged cooperation with Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network, a source close to the investigation tells EurasiaNet. The scientists reportedly admitted to Pakistani authorities that they held discussions with bin Laden in August about nuclear and biological weapons. Sources tell EurasiaNet that the two scientists suspected of violating the Official Secret Acts are Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmood and Abdul Majid, both retired nuclear specialists. They have been in custody for almost two months, and subjected to extensive interrogation by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and the CIA. If convicted, the pair face up to a seven-year prison sentence. **Mahmood has reportedly suffered breakdowns on several occasions, a source told EurasiaNet. The source revealed that "initially the main suspected collaborator, Bashiruddin Mahmood denied any such cooperation and made his investigators believe that there was nothing wrong in his cooperation with Osama's men and Taliban officials."** Pakistani officials insist that no potentially sensitive information was compromised, as neither of the two Pakistani scientists had any direct role in the production or processing of nuclear weapons in Pakistan. **Some sources said "academic information" was exchanged among Mahmood and Majid and several al Qaeda leaders, including bin Laden, during several meetings in Kabul roughly one month before the September 11 terrorist attacks. American and Pakistani officials say there is little hard evidence to substantiate claims that Al Qaeda possesses nuclear or chemical weapons. However, American officials stress bin Laden's network was working to develop capacity to carry out attacks involving weapons of mass destruction, and that given more time, the terrorist group might have succeeded.** Even now, some International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) experts do not rule out the possibility that al Qaeda may possess a few crude biological weapons. **Mahmood was first questioned by Pakistani intelligence agencies for alleged links with Taliban militia and Osama bin Laden in the third week of October. He was released on October 26 after being "cleared" by security agencies, but was again picked again on October 28 and has remained in detention since then at an unknown location.** Mahmood initially gained notoriety in Pakistan after writing several newspaper articles that protested Islamabad's consideration of signing the nuclear Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in 1998. **US officials reportedly suspect that, in addition to Mahmood and Majid, other Pakistani nuclear experts and military officers had contacts with al Qaeda. Pakistani officials dispute claims of broader collaboration with bin Laden's terrorist organization, labeling such reports as disinformation. On December 12, Pakistani officials also rejected media**

reports that claimed the two Pakistani scientist had sought refuge in Myanmar to avoid the probe into their al Qaeda contacts. "This is absolutely false, fabricated news," Maj. Gen. Rashid Qureshi, a spokesman for Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, told a press briefing. Qureshi said no scientists other than Mahmood and Majid were currently in custody in connection with the investigation into possible al Qaeda links. The spokesman did not exclude the possibility that other scientists might face questioning in the future (URASIANET, 2001).

**Date:** December 29, 2003

**Source:** The Sunday Times, Humayun Gauhar

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Scientists Sold Nuclear Secrets To Iran*

**Abstract:** In the late 1980's, rogue scientists from Pakistan's nuclear weapons program used German go- betweens to sell their secrets to Iran, a high-level government source in Islamabad claimed last week. The scientists, motivated entirely by money, were also helped by two Sri Lankan businessmen based in Dubai when they passed on details of Pakistani nuclear technology. **The disclosure follows reports that four scientists have been questioned over suspected links with Iran and lends credence to claims in Washington that Pakistan poses some of the biggest international security problems of the year ahead.** Pakistan has long been suspected of responsibility for the proliferation of nuclear know-how, not only to Iran but also to North Korea. The illegal sale of nuclear secrets came to light when Musharraf visited Tehran after the Iranian government's decision to allow inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency to see its facilities. **"It is only Musharraf's personal credibility with the US and the world that has prevented a horrible backlash," said one source in the Pakistani government.** The embarrassment was compounded when a former army chief suggested that Pakistan sell its nuclear technology to Iran for a sum in the region of \$20 billion. The Pakistani scientists who were subsequently questioned included two men regarded as being close to Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, the so-called father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb. **A report from 2003 by the Brookings Institution, the independent policy analysts, warned that Pakistan had taken more risks than other nations in the war on terror, yet remained insecure about its relations with Washington.** "Insecurity can lead nations to monumental irrationality," the report said. "Pakistanis have been made to feel their nation is being bullied into working against its own interests" (Gauhar, 2003).

**Date:** August 21, 2004

**Source:** Howard Bloom

**Title/Headline:** *Dodging the Nuclear 9/11*

**Abstract:** Osama bin Laden may soon have his hands on three Agosta 90B next-generation stealth submarines capable of carrying sixteen sea-to-land cruise missiles each. Those missiles can deliver atomic warheads. And Osama, I suspect, will have access to the forty nuclear warheads constructed by Pakistan. Washington and New York, two primary targets for Al Qaeda, are near bodies of water from which these nuclear-tipped missiles can be launched. So are many other major American cities. In 1994, DCN, the government-owned company that builds France's naval vessels, agreed to help the Pakistanis build and learn to operate a rather amazing shipyard. It was a next-generation facility building next-tech, Agosta 90B stealth submarines. Each Agosta 90B is able to carry sixteen Harpoon Stand-Off Land Attack cruise missiles. According to the Pakistani Navy Captain Iftikhar Riaz Qureshi, who commanded both of these subs in their test phases, **Pakistan purchased its Agosta 90Bs to provide itself with "second strike nuclear capability."** Qureshi's words imply that from day one, Pakistan's intention has been to tip these missiles with atomic warheads. And guess what? Since Pakistan tested its first nuclear bomb in 1998, every nuclear device it's made has been a missile warhead. According to Defence Journal, Pakistan's subs have a range of close to twelve thousand miles and **they can travel to the Hudson River or the Chesapeake Bay, unleash their missiles on New York and Washington,** then still be able to take refuge in mid-ocean, lay low and threaten other world capitals with a similar fate. The United States operates a network of hydrophones scattered all over the Atlantic and Pacific seabed. We are listening for subs like these. But we may not be able to hear them. The Pakistani subs use a methanol-and-liquid-oxygen engine bedded on a suspension system that quiets its purr to a whisper. We may not be able to detect their silent running beneath the sounds of zebrafish fanning their tails. **Many a Pakistani would love to see the nuclear destruction of America's key cities. Pakistan has one of the most violently fundamentalist and anti-American populations of any of the world's 57 Islamic states.** And that's saying something. **From 1979 to 1995, Pakistan was the headquarters for a group of "Afghan freedom fighters" who were not Afghans at all. They were an international army paid for by the US, Saudi Arabia, and China, armed by the CIA, and trained, in part, by China's Peoples Liberation Army.** We trained an army of 50,000 men from 30 nations to bring down the Soviet Union's most advanced tanks, jets, and helicopters. Why? Our mutual goal was to embarrass a common enemy--the Russians. **Chief among the recruits to our proxy Jihad were Osama bin Laden and the founding members of Al Qaeda.** Pakistan is the nation whose citizens rioted in the streets in 1989 over the title of a novel they didn't like--The Satanic Verses. It was Pakistan's street activists who forced the Ayatollah Khomeini to issue a Fatwa offering five million dollars to the Moslem who killed Salman Rushdie. **The Pakistanis were more extreme than the most extremist Islamic leader of his day.** And that was fifteen years ago! Since then anti-Americanism and anti-Westernism has grown. Pakistan is also the nation that educated a generation of Afghan refugees who later went home to take over their country in the name of Islamic purity and justice. We know those refugees as the Taleban. **Today, Osama bin Laden is one of Pakistan's two biggest pop-culture heroes. The other is "The Father of the Islamic Bomb", Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan. Khan and Osama have reportedly met in Afghanistan. Khan is the weapons expert. Osama is the weapons user. Many a Pakistani militant fundamentalist cell identifies itself as an Osama ally. One of the strongest among these Osama-loyalists is arguably Pakistan's most popular leader, Fazlur Rahman Khalil, the man who told 60 Minutes that: "God has ordered us to build nuclear weapons."** On the other hand, the base of Pakistan's military dictator, Pervez Musharraf, is a slender reed. According to Syed Adeeb, head of Information Times, a militant Pakistani press outlet based in the National Press Building in Washington DC, "an Urdu-language letter written by Pakistan Army officers on a Pakistan Army letterhead and sent to many members of the Pakistan Parliament" calls, "'Pervez Musharraf and his clique...a band of thieves and looters...imposed on this nation'" by the United States. Adeeb himself calls Musharraf, "a self-appointed 'President,' military dictator, army tyrant, human rights abuser, traitor and highly paid mercenary of war criminal George W. Bush". Musharraf has been the target of at least five assassination

attempts. The latest took place the very day Saddam Hussein was captured in December 2003. **Yet only he stands between Osama and the Islamic submarines. Only Musharraf stands between Osama and the cruise missiles Pakistan's subs can carry. And only Musharraf stands between Osama and the 40 or more nuclear warheads** Pakistan has built since it exploded the first Islamic atomic bomb. Which means that only Pervez Musharraf stands between Osama and what bin Laden, in a January 2004 speech broadcast on Al Jazeera, called, "a surprising blow...one that...due to its magnitude...will change the international balances of powers..." **Here's what I strongly suspect is Osama's dream endgame: Nuke a few key cities in the United States. Blind and devastate the Great Satan. Then watch while France, Germany, Italy, and England capitulate. Capitulate to what? To Osama's dream, his passion, his vision of truth and freedom--to a global Islamic caliphate.** I want a world of peace. So do you. But until our understanding of ourselves goes a good deal farther, we have to face the fact that we live in a world of violence. If we pledge to remain non-violent, those who've declared themselves our enemies and who love "death more than you love life" will chuckle at our weakness...and use it to cheer their comrades on to new atrocities. They will fight the battle of the faithful and the good--the fight for what **Osama calls "justice, manners, and purity"--the battle for the truth of God's messenger. They will assert the truth expressed by an al-Qaeda-allied author, Seif Al-Din Al-Ansari, that we live on an expendable "speck of dust called Planet Earth."** They will use our reticence to make the mother of all wars. And it will not be environmentally friendly (Bloom, 2004).

**Date:** October, 2004

**Source:** The Atlantic, Graham Allison

**Title/Headline:** *Tick, Tick, Tick: Pakistan Is A Nuclear Time Bomb—Perhaps The Greatest Threat To American Security Today*

**Abstract:** Not since the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962 have I been as frightened by a single news story as I was by the revelation late last year that **Abdul Qadeer Khan, the founder of Pakistan's nuclear-weapons program, had been selling nuclear technology and services on the black market.** The story began to break last summer, after U.S. and British intelligence operatives intercepted a shipment of parts for centrifuges (which are used to enrich uranium for nuclear bombs as well as fuel) on its way from Dubai to Libya. **The centrifuges turned out to have been designed by Khan, and before long investigators had uncovered what the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency has called a "Wal-Mart of private-sector proliferation"—a decades-old illicit market in nuclear materials, designs, technologies, and consulting services, all run out of Pakistan.** The Pakistani government's response to the scandal was not reassuring. Khan made a four-minute televised speech on February 4 asserting that "there was never any kind of authorization for these activities by the government." He took full responsibility for his actions and asked for a pardon, which was immediately granted by President Pervez Musharraf, who essentially buried the affair. **Today Pakistan's official position remains that no member of Musharraf's government had any concrete knowledge of the illicit transfer—an assertion that U.S. intelligence officials in Pakistan and elsewhere dismiss as absurd. Meanwhile, Pakistani investigators have reportedly questioned a grand total of eleven people from among the country's 6,000 nuclear scientists and 45,000 nuclear workers, and have refused to allow either the United States or the IAEA access to Khan for questioning. Pakistan's nuclear complex poses two main threats.** The first—highlighted by Khan's black-market network—is that nuclear weapons, know-how, or materials will find their way into the hands of terrorists. **For instance, we have learned that in August of 2001, even as the final planning for 9/11 was under way, Osama bin Laden received two former officials of Pakistan's atomic-energy program—Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmood and Abdul Majid—at a secret compound near Kabul. Over the course of three days of intense conversation bin Laden and his second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahiri, grilled Mahmood and Majid about how to make weapons of mass destruction. After Mahmood and Majid were arrested, on October 23, 2001, Mahmood told Pakistani interrogation teams, working in concert with the CIA, that Osama bin Laden had expressed a keen interest in nuclear weapons and had sought the scientists' help in recruiting other Pakistani nuclear experts who could provide expertise in the mechanics of bomb-making. CIA Director George Tenet found the report of Mahmood and Majid's meeting with bin Laden so disturbing that he flew directly to Islamabad to confront President Musharraf. This was not the first time that Pakistani agents had rendered nuclear assistance to dangerous actors: In 1997 Pakistani nuclear scientists made secret trips to North Korea, providing technical support for that country's nuclear-weapons program in exchange for Pyongyang's help in developing long-range missiles. According to American intelligence, another Pakistani nuclear scientist negotiated with Libyan agents over the price of nuclear-bomb designs. Pakistan's nuclear program has long been a leaky vessel; the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has deemed the country "the world's No. 1 nuclear proliferator."** Clearly, there is a significant danger that the black market will put Pakistani nukes (or nuclear material and technical knowledge) in terrorist hands—if it hasn't already. **But there is a second, equally significant danger: that a coup might topple Musharraf and leave all or some of Pakistan's nuclear weapons under the control of al-Qaeda, the Taliban, or some other militant Islamic group (or, indeed, under the control of more than one).** Part of the problem is that in order to keep its focal enemy, India, from destroying its arsenal in a pre-emptive strike, Pakistan has hidden its nuclear weapons throughout the country; some of them may be in regions that are effectively under fundamentalist Muslim control. **Moreover, Pakistan's official alliance with the United States in the war on terror has only increased the danger posed by Al Qaeda sympathizers within its nuclear establishment. Although Musharraf has pledged his "unstinting cooperation in the fight against terrorism," not all the thousands of officers in Pakistan's military and intelligence agencies have signed on. After all, until 9/11 some of them were working closely with members of Al Qaeda and the Taliban. Nor, for that matter, does Pakistan's general population support Musharraf's alliance with the United States. A poll this past March asked Pakistani citizens which leaders in international affairs they viewed favorably. Only seven percent said George W. Bush—and 65 percent said Osama bin Laden.** The uneasy contradiction between Musharraf's pro-American foreign policy and the widespread anti-Americanism within Pakistan has forced Pakistani policymakers to walk a razor's edge. Musharraf faces the clear and present threat of assassination: twice in the past year he has narrowly escaped attempts on his life. When I spoke to him not long after the second of those attempts, he said he thought he had used up many of his nine lives. **It may not take a bullet to wrest control over Pakistan's nuclear arsenal from Musharraf. In local elections held in October of 2002 a coalition of fundamentalist parties won command of the government in the North West Frontier Province. The group, known as Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA), offered a simple platform: pro-Taliban, anti-American, and against all Pakistani involvement in the war on terror. MMA is now the third largest party in Pakistan's parliament; from its new position of strength it has spoken vigorously about the need to regain the honor Pakistan has lost through its subservience to the United**

States and its struggle with India, with which it has been engaged in a harrowing game of nuclear brinkmanship. **The region the MMA controls happens to be the very one where Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri are currently believed to be hiding. Under these conditions the emergence of a nuclear-equipped splinter group from within the Pakistani establishment looks disturbingly plausible. The actions required to neutralize the threat of Pakistani proliferation are ambitious; a measure of realism is necessary. But realism need not mean defeatism. The challenge now is to achieve similar success in blocking the seemingly inexorable path to a nuclear 9/11** (Allison, 2004).



**Date:** August 17, 2005

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *How Pakistan's Dr. X Sold Al-Qaida Islamic Bomb*

**Abstract:** Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan, the "father of the Islamic bomb" and the "godfather of nuclear proliferation," provided nuclear expertise, nuclear materials, and designs for atomic weapons to Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri to assist in the realization of the "American Hiroshima." The American Hiroshima plan represents al-Qaida's plan for the nuclear destruction of the United States. It calls for the detonation of seven tactical nuclear devices in seven U.S. cities at the same time. Each device, according to the plan, must be equipped to produce an explosive yield of 10 kilotons to equal the 1945 blast in Hiroshima that killed 242,437 Japanese civilians. News about Dr. Khan's involvement with al-Qaida and the American Hiroshima plan first emerged with the capture of several al-Qaida operatives in Afghanistan in October 2001, during the first phase of Operation Enduring Freedom, and, later, with the arrest of Khalid Sheikh Mohammad, bin Laden's military operations chief, in Karachi, Pakistan, March 2, 2003. From Khalid Mohammad's laptop, CIA officials uncovered details of al-Qaida's plan to create a series of "nuclear hell storms" throughout the United States. After days of interrogation coupled with severe sleep deprivation, Khalid Mohammad told U.S. intelligence officials that the chain of command for the "American Hiroshima" answered directly to bin Laden, al-Zawahiri, and a mysterious scientist whom he, at first, referred to as "Dr. X," but later identified as Dr. Khan. Tim Burger and Tim McGirk in the May 12, 2003, edition of Time managed to confirm that at least one meeting between Dr. Khan and bin Laden occurred within a safe house in Kabul.

**The Real Dr. Strangelove:** Dr. A.Q. Khan spearheaded Pakistan's effort to build nuclear weapons to stabilize the nuclear threat from India. Five atomic bombs, developed by Khan, were successfully detonated beneath the scorched hills of the Baluchistan desert in 1998. Khan, who went on to work on the successful firings of the nuclear-capable Ghaudi I and II missiles, remains a revered figure in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where his birthday is celebrated in mosques. After gaining a place for Pakistan within the elite nuclear club of nations along with the United States, Russia, China, Great Britain, France, India and Israel, **Khan proceeded to sell his centrifuge technology for the enrichment of uranium and his designs for atomic weapons to such countries as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, and Sudan, and such rogue nations as North Korea, Iran, and Libya. Abundant evidence exists that the list of Khan's customers should be expanded to include Brazil, Malaysia, Indonesia, Algeria, Kuwait, Myanmar, and Abu Dubai.** More information was squeezed out of Khalid Mohammad in subsequent months, including accounts of continuous visits by bin Laden and company to the **A.Q. Khan Research Laboratories in Pakistan, where they gained the assistance of such renowned nuclear physicists, including Dr. Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmood, chairman of Pakistan's Atomic Energy Commission.**

**Dr. Mahmood's Confession:** Mahmood was taken into custody by Pakistani Inter Service Intelligence and CIA agents Oct. 23, 2001. After months of questioning, Mahmood at last admitted that he had met with bin Laden, al-Zawahiri and other al-Qaida officials on several occasions, including the fateful morning of Sept. 11, 2001, to discuss the means of speeding up the process of manufacturing nukes from the highly enriched uranium that al-Qaida had obtained from the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan and other sources. Mahmood insisted that he had provided answers to technical questions concerning tactical nuclear weapons but declined to provide bin Laden actual hands-on help for the creation of such devices. Upon voicing this denial, Mahmood was subjected to six lie-detector tests. He failed them all.

**The Nuclear Nest:** Throughout 2002, CIA and ISI officials obtained more and more information concerning the involvement of scientists from the A.Q. Khan Research Laboratories in the plans for the American Hiroshima. **After being threatened with seven years in prison under Pakistan's Official Secrets Act, Dr. Chaudry Abdul Majid, PAEC's chief engineer, admitted that he met with bin Laden and other al-Qaida officials on a regular basis to provide technical assistance for the construction and care of its nuclear weapons.** Dr. Mirza Yusuf Baig, another PAEC engineer, made a similar confession. Yet a host of other leading scientists and technicians from Khan's facility have managed to elude arrest and interrogation by quietly slipping out of the country. **Dr. Mohammad Ali Mukhtar and Dr. Suleiman Assad, nuclear engineers and close colleagues of Khan and Mahmood, escaped to Myanmar, where they are currently engaged in building a 10-megawatt nuclear reactor for the Third World country.** Others have made off for unknown destinations. The list of such "absconders" includes the names of Muhammad Zubair, Murad Qasim, Tariq Mahmood, Saeed Akhther, Imtaz Baig, Waheed Nasir, Munawar Ismail, Shaheen Fareed, and Khalid Mahmood.

**The Missing Nukes:** Still, the interrogations of the Pakistani scientists, coupled with findings from Dr. Mahmood's office for "charitable affairs" in Kabul, verified for the CIA that al-Qaida had produced several nuclear weapons from highly enriched uranium and plutonium pellets the size of silver dollars at Khan's facilities. At least one of these weapons was transported to Karachi where it



**was shipped to the United States in a cargo container.** The story of the deployed nuke was reported by Arnaud de Borchgrave of the Washington Times Dec. 10, 2001. It was carried by United Press International but received little play in the national press and garnered scant attention from such major news outlets as ABC, NBC, CBS and CNN. The whereabouts of the weapon remains a mystery. There are more than 18 million potential delivery vehicles that could be used to bring the nuke into the U.S. This figure represents the number of cargo containers that arrive into the country every year. Of these containers, only 3 percent are inspected. Moreover, the bills of lading do not have to be produced until the containers reach their place of destination. News about other tactical nuclear weapons developed by Khan's facilities for bin Laden came with the arrest of Sharif al Masri in Pakistan in November 2004. Al Masri, an al-Qaida operative with close ties to Ayman al-Zawahiri, informed CIA interrogators that a number of nukes had been deployed to Mexico where arrangements had been made with a Latino street gang for their safe transport into the U.S. This story, which appeared in the Nov. 17 issue of the Nation, also failed to capture widespread press attention.

**Khan's 'Mea Culpa':** On Feb. 4, 2004, Khan, after being confronted with telltale evidence obtained by inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency, issued a public statement in which he confessed that he had sold blueprints for nuclear weapons to Libya, North Korea and Iran. He expressed "the deepest sense of sorrow and anguish" that he had placed Pakistan's national security in jeopardy. "I have much to answer for," he said. **Pakistan's federal cabinet and President Pervez Musharraf responded to Khan's confession by granting the esteemed scientist a full pardon for his acts of nuclear proliferation.** Musharraf said that Khan and the scientists who worked with him were motivated by "money." **The pardon, according to many observers, represented an attempt by the Musharraf government to appease Islamic extremists and senior Pakistani military officials who believe that Musharraf had become a traitor to the Muslim people by providing military support and assistance to the Bush administration.** Khan remains a free and honored citizen of Pakistan, where neither U.S. military officials nor CIA agents can obtain the right to approach or question him. This situation has prompted Robert Gallucci, former U.N. weapons inspector and dean of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, to observe: **"The most dangerous country for the U.S. now is Pakistan. ... We haven't been this vulnerable since the British burned Washington in 1814."**

**Coda:** The story of Dr. A.Q. Khan's relationship with al-Qaida comes with a coda. Acclaimed French journalist Bernard-Henri Levy amassed considerable evidence that **ISI officials executed Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl after Pearl obtained inside information on the close relationship between Khan and bin Laden, the trafficking of nuclear materials from Khan's facility near Islamabad to al-Qaida cells in Afghanistan and the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan, and the plans for the American Hiroshima** (WorldNetDaily, 2005).

**Date:** December 28, 2007

**Source:** MSNBC News

**Title/Headline:** *Bhutto's Assassination Rocks Pakistan: Attack Jeopardizes Elections, Path To Democracy In Nuclear-Armed Nation*

**Abstract:** The death of Bhutto, one of Pakistan's most famous and enduring politicians, sparked violence that killed at least nine people and plunged efforts to restore democracy to this nuclear-armed U.S. ally into turmoil (MSNBC, 2007).

**Date:** February 27, 2008

**Source:** Sky News, Haydon Wallace

**Title/Headline:** *White House Fears Of Nuclear Terrorist Threat*

**Abstract:** There are real fears in White House circles that Al Qaeda could get hold of a nuclear bomb from Pakistan. Former US Ambassador to the UN, John Bolton, a confidante of the Administration declared: "I think there is a very real threat that if Musharraf falls or is assassinated, that a radical Islamic government will take control. Then you would have a very grave threat of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal being used for international terrorist purposes." The report went on to state that Osama bin Laden has always said he hopes to detonate a nuclear device in Western cities. Pakistan has enough material for 70 nuclear weapons, an unstable military regime, strong Islamic fundamentalism in military and government circles and groups like Al Qaeda on its territory (Wallace, 2008).

**Date:** November 2, 2008

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Fareed Zakaria GPS: Interviews With Michael Bloomberg, Madeline Albright*

**Abstract:** Madeline Albright stated on GPS with Fareed Zakaria, that, "And then, there are other issues. Obviously, **Pakistan, which I think has everything that gives you an international migraine**" (CNN, 2008).

**Date:** December 3, 2008

**Source:** Thaindian News

**Title/Headline:** *Next Terrorist Attack Against US Will Originate From Pakistan*

**Abstract:** A top U.S. Congressional panel **described Pakistan as "the intersection of nuclear weapons and terrorism,"** the next terror attack on America is likely to originate in its ally's tribal areas. While observing that Pakistan is a U.S. ally, the commission on weapon of mass destruction (WMD) and terrorism said **"the next terrorist attack against the United States is likely to originate from within the Federally Administered Tribal Areas" in Pakistan.** The U.S. says the tribal areas in northwest Pakistan, where the government exerts little control, are a haven for militants from both Pakistan and neighboring Afghanistan. It warned that **there is a threat of nuclear**



**terrorism**, both because more countries are developing nuclear weapons and because some existing nuclear powers are expanding their arsenals. **"Terrorist organizations are intent on acquiring nuclear weapons,"** said the report. It cited testimony before the commission from former Senator Sam Nunn, who said that the **"risk of a nuclear weapon being used today is growing, not receding."** The commission was created in line with a recommendation from the 9/11 Commission on the September 11th, 2001, terrorist attacks on the US. But **terrorists are likely to use a weapon of mass destruction somewhere in the world in the next five years**, former Senator Bob Graham, chairman of the commission stated to CNN (Thaindian, 2008).



The  
New York  
Times

**Date:** January 11, 2009

**Source:** New York Times, David E. Sanger

**Headline:** *Obama's Worst Pakistan Nightmare*

**Abstract:** To get to the headquarters of the Strategic Plans Division, the branch of the Pakistani government charged with keeping the country's growing arsenal of nuclear weapons away from insurgents trying to overrun the country, you must drive down a rutted, debris-strewn road at the edge of the Islamabad airport, dodging stray dogs and piles of uncollected garbage. Just past a small traffic circle, a tan stone gateway is manned by a lone, bored-looking guard loosely holding a rusting rifle. He oversees a security structure intended to protect Pakistan's nuclear arsenal from outsiders — Islamic militants, Qaeda scientists, Indian saboteurs and those American commando teams that Pakistanis imagine, with good reason, are waiting just over the horizon in Afghanistan, ready to seize their nuclear treasure if a national meltdown seems imminent. **"When you map WMD and terrorism, all roads intersect in Pakistan,"** Graham Allison, a Harvard professor and a leading nuclear expert on the commission, told me. **"The nuclear security of the arsenal is now a lot better than it was. But the unknown variable here is the future of Pakistan itself, because it's not hard to envision a situation in which the state's authority falls apart and you're not sure who's in control of the weapons, the nuclear labs, the materials."** Nov. 6, which is when J. Michael McConnell, the director of national intelligence, showed up in Chicago to give the president-elect his first full presidential daily brief. For obvious reasons, neither Obama nor McConnell will talk about the contents of those highly classified briefings. But interviews over the past year with senior intelligence officials and with nuclear experts in Washington and South Asia and at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna provide strong indications of what Obama has probably heard. By now Obama has almost surely been briefed about an alarming stream of intelligence that began circulating early last year to the top tier of President George W. Bush's national-security leadership in Washington. **The highly restricted reports described how foreign-trained Pakistani scientists, including some suspected of harboring sympathy for radical Islamic causes, were returning to Pakistan to seek jobs within the country's nuclear infrastructure** — presumably trying to burrow in among the 2,000 or so people who have what Kidwai calls "critical knowledge" of the Pakistani nuclear infrastructure. **"I have two worries," one of the most senior officials in the Bush administration, who had read all of the intelligence with care, told me one day last spring. One is what happens "when they move the weapons," "And the second," the official said, choosing his words carefully, "is what I believe are steadfast efforts of different extremist groups to infiltrate the labs and put sleepers and so on in there."** As Obama's team of nuclear experts have discovered in their recent briefings, it is Pakistan's laboratories — one of which still bears A. Q. Khan's name — that still pose the greatest worries for American intelligence officials. It is relatively easy to teach Kidwai's security personnel how to lock down warheads and store them separately from trigger devices and missiles — training that the United States has conducted, largely in secret, at a cost of almost \$100 million. It is a lot harder for the Americans to keep track of nuclear material being produced inside laboratories, where **it is easier for the Pakistanis to underreport how much nuclear material has been produced, how much is in storage or how much might be "stuck in the pipes" during the laborious enrichment process. And it is nearly impossible to stop engineers from walking out the door with the knowledge of how to produce fuel, which Khan provided to Iran, and bomb designs.** An autodidact intellectual with grand aspirations, Mahmood was fascinated by the links between science and the Koran. He wrote a peculiar treatise arguing that when morals degrade, disaster cannot be far behind. Over time, his colleagues began to wonder if Mahmood was mentally sound. They were half amused and half horrified by his fascination with the role sunspots played in triggering the French and Russian Revolutions, World War II and assorted anticolonial uprisings. **"This guy was our ultimate nightmare," an American intelligence official told me in late 2001, when The New York Times first reported on Mahmood. "He had access to the entire Pakistani program. He knew what he was doing. And he was completely out of his mind."** While Khan appeared to be in the nuclear-proliferation business chiefly for the money, Mahmood made it clear to friends that his interest was religious: Pakistan's bomb, he told associates, was "the property of a whole Ummah," referring to the worldwide Muslim community. **He wanted to share it with those who might speed "the end of days" and lead the way for Islam to rise as the dominant religious force in the world.** There is little doubt that Mahmood talked to the two Qaeda leaders about nuclear weapons, or that Al Qaeda desperately wanted the bomb. George Tenet, the CIA chief, wrote later that intelligence reports of the meeting were "frustratingly vague." **They included an account that there was talk of how to design a simple firing mechanism, and that a senior Qaeda leader displayed a canister that may have contained some nuclear material (though almost certainly not bomb-grade).** Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, a longtime CIA nuclear expert, was given perhaps the most daunting job at the agency in the aftermath of 9/11: **to make sure that Al Qaeda did not have a weapon of mass destruction at its disposal.** "The worst nightmare we had at that time was that A. Q. Khan and Osama bin Laden were somehow working together," Mowatt-Larssen. In Pakistan, the problem is made worse by the fact that the universities — where the nuclear program draws its young talent — are now more radicalized than at any time in memory, and the nuclear program itself has greatly expanded. Kidwai estimated that there are roughly 70,000 people who work in the nuclear complex in Pakistan, including 7,000 to 8,000 scientists and the 2,000 or so with "critical knowledge." If even 1 percent of those employees are willing to spread Pakistan's nuclear knowledge to outsiders with a cause, Kidwai — and the United States — have a

problem. Just as Kidwai fears, every few months someone in Washington — either at the Pentagon, or the Energy Department, or on the campus of the National Defense University — runs a simulation of how the United States should respond if a terrorist group infiltrates the Pakistani nuclear program or manages to take over one or two of its weapons. **"Most of them don't end well." "Only one of those countries has a hundred nuclear weapons,"** a primary author of the report said to me. **For Al Qaeda and the other Islamists, he went on to say, "this is the home game."** He paused, before offering up the next thought: **For anyone trying to keep a nuclear weapon from going off in the United States, it's our home game, too** (Sanger, 2009).

**Date:** February 7, 2009

**Source:** The Washington Post, Joby Warrick

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Nuclear Scientist A.Q. Khan Is Freed From House Arrest*

**Abstract:** The Pakistani scientist at the center of one of history's worst nuclear scandals walked out of his Islamabad villa to declare his vindication after five years of house arrest. "The judgment, by the grace of God, is good," a smiling Abdul Qadeer Khan told a throng of reporters and TV crews. Moments earlier, a Pakistani court had ordered the release of the metallurgist who had famously admitted selling nuclear secrets to Iran, Libya and North Korea. Through years of legal limbo, Khan, 72, had never been charged, and now he never will be. "The so-called A.Q. Khan affair is a closed chapter," a Pakistani government spokesman said. **Worst of all, the recent discovery of nuclear weapons blueprints on computers found in Switzerland and Dubai has prompted questions about whether the damage inflicted by the network was truly contained -- or even understood.** It is possible, U.S. officials concede, that Khan and his allies shared nuclear secrets with still-unknown countries and, perhaps, terrorist groups, as well. Khan himself remains a hero in his homeland, immune from further prosecution and free now to travel abroad as he wishes. That discovery was the culmination of more than a decade of secret investigation by the CIA and other agencies of the business dealings of Khan, one of Pakistan's best-known scientists and the father of the country's nuclear weapons program. At the State Department, spokesman Gordon K. Duguid said yesterday that **Khan remains a "serious proliferation risk," and the White House asked for assurances from Pakistan that the scientist will never be allowed to resume his former work.** Jeffrey G. Lewis, director of the Nuclear Strategy and Nonproliferation Initiative at the New America Foundation, said Khan's ability to essentially walk away from nuclear-smuggling charges "makes a mockery of our efforts to stop the spread" of nuclear weapons. **While the investigation has yielded few arrests, it has provided disturbing insight into the sophistication of 21st-century smuggling networks and their ability to move the most sensitive weapons technology across international borders, weapons experts said.** David Albright, the former nuclear inspector, said it is likely that other smugglers will eventually seek to take Khan's place, and some may already have done so. If fact, he said, it would be unwise even to count Khan out. **"He likely still has or can access sensitive nuclear technology. He certainly knows how to organize nuclear smuggling internationally,"** Albright said. **"Khan remains a serious proliferation risk"** (Warrick, 2009).

**Date:** April 24, 2009

**Source:** Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

**Title/Headline:** *Rising Tide Of Militancy Feeds Fears About Pakistan's Nukes*

**Abstract:** Advisers to U.S. President Barack Obama's administration say their worst security nightmare is the possibility that Pakistan -- a nuclear-armed country -- might fall under the control of Al-Qaeda militants. Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani insists that no group will be allowed to challenge the authority of the government. Pakistani officials also insist that the country's nuclear arsenal is secure. But U.S. officials including Secretary of State Hillary Clinton this week highlighted concerns about the security situation in Pakistan. **Clinton described advances by Islamic militants in Pakistan as a "mortal threat" to the security and safety of the world.** George Perkovich, director of the Nonproliferation Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, says he has never been more concerned about the possibility of Pakistan's nuclear weapons falling into the hands of Islamist extremists. **"I would say that I thought [the threat] was exaggerated -- that there were 10 or 12 other [threats] in Pakistan that were more probable and were also very grave -- [but] it's gotten much worse in the last few years, and you have a sense of parts of Pakistan now becoming ungovernable by the Pakistani state,"** Perkovich says. **"Today I'm feeling like we really, really have to focus on the nuclear danger in a way that I wouldn't have said was the case until recently. It's not an exaggeration to say that there is a risk."**

**Locked Up Tight?:** Most experts say they have no doubt that Pakistan's nuclear arsenal is now under tight control by Pakistan's Strategic Plan Division -- the security structure headed by 58-year-old General Khalid Kidwai and intended to keep the weapons from falling into the hands of Islamic militants, Al-Qaeda scientists, or Indian saboteurs. Jeff Lightfoot, assistant director of the Atlantic Council's program on international security, says he is not so worried about militants obtaining Pakistan's nuclear weapons under the army's current system of safeguards. Lightfoot tells RFE/RL that he sees the recent extremist advances as a danger primarily to Pakistan itself -- and by extension, the wider region with Afghanistan and India. **He describes "the greatest threat" as a "gradual bleeding of Pakistani authority" that would leave large parts of the country outside central government control.** Lightfoot calls the military the "glue of the country" but questions its ability to demonstrate that it can control and defend Pakistan's borders and ensure sovereignty, something he labels "an ideology problem." **"In terms of the nuclear weapons and them falling into the hands of terrorists, the army may not necessarily be able to control all of Pakistan,"** Lightfoot adds, "but I don't think that necessarily translates into a breakdown of their nuclear-weapons command-and-control system."

**Key Figure:** Perkovich says current safeguards should ensure that any possible collapse of the civilian government in Islamabad would not affect the security of Pakistan's nuclear weapons -- at least, he says, as long as General Kidwai remains in control. **"The civil government is not relevant to the control of nuclear weapons in Pakistan; it is entirely an army issue,"** Perkovich says. "We do have a strong sense that [Pakistan's nuclear weapons] are controlled by elements in the army that have been selected and are reliable. As long as that control by this current military leadership remains strong, then I think one can have pretty good confidence that these weapons won't be used crazily."

But Perkovich says his concern centers around what could happen if pro-Islamist elements within Pakistan's military and security forces turned against Kidwai. **"The risk on the nuclear side is that the country falls apart or has a civil war that the bad guys win,"** Perkovich says. **"The fear comes if there is a coup within the military so that, somehow, the people now in charge within the military get dispossessed of their nuclear weapons by other people in the military who would be less responsible."** To that "first fear," however, Perkovich adds another alarming scenario: "The second fear is [if] there is basically just a takeover by the Taliban and somehow the military crumbles and flees."

**Guessing Game:** The size of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal is classified information in Islamabad. Pakistan has not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and has been careful not to disclose the exact number or locations of its nuclear weapons. Estimates by experts and researchers range from around 50 nuclear weapons to as many as 150. Former President General Pervez Musharraf declared in 2007 that the weapons were in a "disassembled state" -- most likely meaning that the warheads were kept separately from the ballistic missiles capable of delivering them to targets as far away as New Delhi, India. General Kidwai has said that the nuclear warheads could be assembled very quickly with land- and air-delivery systems. **Seth Jones, a political scientist who is currently in Pakistan doing research for the RAND Corporation, tells RFE/RL that Pakistan has "dozens" of nuclear weapons dispersed in or near major cities throughout the country.** He says that his recent visits to nuclear facilities in Pakistan suggest the country's weapons are still in a disassembled state. "I've visited a number of the nuclear facilities [in Pakistan] and I'm fairly confident that security procedures are actually pretty good," Jones says. "The ones I've visited have included sites that hold fissile material and also that hold ballistic-missile technology - where one could put nuclear weapons on and [that] would give Pakistan a range to target countries like India if there was an exchange." **He likens those facilities to "what one might see in China or, frankly, in the United States."**

**Dangerous Precedent:** With his firsthand views of security for Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, Jones says he is most concerned about how a destabilized government in Pakistan might promote the spread of nuclear-weapons technology out of the country or to Al-Qaeda militants. **"In most of these scenarios, still, the likelihood that nuclear weapons are going to be used or come in the hands of militants or terrorists is highly unlikely,"** Jones says. But he is quick to add that "where one might get concerned...is elements of the A.Q. Khan network that were involved in building Pakistan's atomic capability -- a range of scientists that have proliferated nuclear material to North Korea, Iran, and several other places." In that respect, he cites a lesson that was learned under previous leadership in Islamabad, before the international community was fretting publicly about any "existential threat" to the Pakistani state posed by extremists. **"We know in the past that there have been talks between members of the A.Q. Khan network and militants, including Al-Qaeda several years ago,"** Jones says. **"So is it possible that some technology at some point falls into the hands of terrorists? I think that's a more likely scenario than actual nuclear weapons coming out of [the Pakistan army's] control"** (Synovitz, 2009).

**Date:** May 12, 2009

**Source:** The Moderate Voice, Swaraaj Chauhan

**Title/Headline:** *Why USA Overlooks Pakistan's Nuclear Plans?*

**Abstract:** In the annals of diplomacy, and now the war-on-terror, the USA's continued overlooking of Pakistan's dangerous role in proliferating nuclear arms within the country, and among rogue states, would remain a great mystery. A recent MSNBC report details more alarming news. "Without any public U.S. reproach, Pakistan is building two of the developing world's largest plutonium production reactors, which experts say could lead to improvements in the quantity and quality of the country's nuclear arsenal, now estimated at 60 to 80 weapons. **"On the dusty plain 110 miles southwest of Islamabad, not far from an area controlled by the Taliban, two large new structures are rising, structures that in light of Pakistan's internal troubles must be considered ominous for the stability of South Asia and, for that matter, the world."** 'Pakistan is really the only country rapidly building up its nuclear forces,' says a U.S. intelligence official. Moreover, he and other U.S. officials say, there long have been concerns about those who run the facility where the reactors are being built near the town of Khushab. "They note that a month before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Khushab's former director met with Osama bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and offered a nuclear weapons tutorial around an Afghanistan campfire. **"Then there are the billions in U.S. economic and military aid that have permitted Pakistan's military to divert resources to nuclear and other weapons projects."** Now some important questions? **Why did USA kept silent for years when Abdul Qadeer Khan, described as Father of Pakistan Nuclear bomb, pedalled nuclear technology to rogue states (with open support from Pakistan government).** In 2004 Qadeer Khan admitted to hawking nuclear secrets to Iran, Libya and North Korea. Is the USA silent because taking on Pakistan on this issue would endanger its delicate relationship with China, which has supplied the nuclear technology to Pakistan? **Are there business interests within the USA that gain from proliferation of nuclear arms?** What are the implications of all this with the Taliban gaining ground? Latest reports suggest that there is a looming refugee crisis in Pakistan. Thousands of families have begun fleeing from an army offensive against Taliban militants in the Shamuzai area of Pakistan's Swat Valley yesterday. More than half a million refugees have been registered, reports *The Independent*. "Hundreds of thousands of people are pouring out of Swat and the surrounding neighbourhoods as the military and the government of President Asif Ali Zardari -- under intense pressure from Washington -- move to drive the Taliban out from what, until two years ago, was a largely peaceful region. **"Aid officials say that at this point, the overwhelming majority of the displaced -- 428,789 of the 510,496 registered by the authorities since 2 May -- are staying with relatives or friends or else in rented rooms."** Meanwhile in Afghanistan there are no indications that Obama administration would leave the suicidal path which the Bush administration had been following. Obama administration seems to be opting for cosmetic changes (Chauhan, 2009).

**Date:** May 30, 2009

**Source:** The Times Of India

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaeda Plans For Nuke Takeover In Pak*

**Abstract:** Even as Pakistan plans for its second nuke strike, reports suggested that Jihads backed by the al-Qaeda are preparing to take over the Pak's nuclear arsenal. Senior al-Qaeda leader Abu Yahya al-Libi has released a book called 'Sharpening blades against Pakistan', in which al-Libi has said that it's only a matter of time before the Taliban takes full control of Pakistan. **Libi adds that the Mujahideen should prepare countermeasures against US' plans to prevent the fall of Pakistan's 24-48 nuclear warheads to the US by seizing, dismantling and smuggling Pakistan's nuclear arsenal. Libi is confident the Mujahideen would not only control Pakistan's weapons of mass destruction, but would also gain control of copies of all the secret Pakistan-India agreements designed to prevent the targeting of nuclear facilities in any confrontation between the two countries.** According to Libi preplanning for nuclear arsenal control is a lot better than planning for 30 years of Jihad (The Times Of India, 2009).



**Date:** June 22, 2009

**Source:** The Moderate Voice, Swaraaj Chauhan

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda & Pakistan's Nukes: Apocalypse Soon?*

**Abstract:** It sounds like a routine alarm, but the things are getting serious. The question being asked in this part of the world is: **Who would grab Pakistan's nuclear weapons first...the Al Qaeda or the USA? To this speculation one may add an Aesop's fable: Would it be the "monkey" India/Israel combo snatching the nukes away from the Al Qaeda/USA "cat" ?** Here is a categorical statement from Mustafa Abu al-Yazid (photo above), the leader of al Qaeda's in Afghanistan, in an interview with *Al Jazeera* television: **"Al Qaeda would use Pakistan's nuclear weapons in its fight against the United States."** Considering the increasing overt and covert support that the extremist fringe enjoys within the Pakistan polity, including the Army, this Al Qaeda threat assumes menacing proportions. **All the generous aid that the US administration is pouring out to Pakistan in the hope of winning over this radicalized section is unlikely to work.** Expressing concern over Pakistan's rapidly expanding nuclear arsenal, General Deepak Kapoor, India's chief of army staff, recently called on the international community to prevail on Pakistan to cap its warheads at present levels. India's *DNA* newspaper comments: **"Pakistan's nuclear command and control passed into army hands when General Zia-ul-Haq overthrew Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in a military coup d'etat on July 5, 1977 and has remained with the army ever since. "With Taliban and jihadi terrorism having taken hold of large parts of Pakistan's polity, there are serious doubts whether Pakistan's nuclear warheads are safe from falling into jihadi hands. "As long as the warheads are under the custody of the Pakistan army, such reservations are misplaced. However, in case there is ever a successful coup led by radical extremists with the support of disgruntled elements in the Pakistan army, or a colonels' coup, it will be necessary to either capture the nuclear warheads or bomb the suspected nuclear storage sites to render the warheads ineffective."** Pakistan's *Dawn* newspaper writes: "The correct position convincingly stated by scientist Pervez Hoodbhoy and human rights activists (call them pacifists if you like) is that nuclear weapons, in our situation, are not an asset as is generally said but a liability. "Hillary Clinton's declaration that a nuclear Pakistan is a 'mortal threat to international security' leaves one wondering whether one day, if the Taliban are not exterminated, America will intervene militarily to save the weapons from falling into their hands. "After all the Americans keep firing missiles at the Taliban's suspected hideouts in Pakistan but our army cannot, or does not want to, stop them. And our political leaders keep protesting only for the record." Meanwhile an American think tank says: "Pakistan's military establishment remains focused on conventional conflict with its neighbor India, and cooperation between civilian and military leaders on counterterrorism action remains mixed, despite increasing domestic anxiety about the actions of militants in the country's northwest." (Chauhan, 2009).

**Date:** June 22, 2009

**Source:** Reuters, Inal Ersan

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda Says Would Use Pakistani Nuclear Weapons*

**Abstract:** If it were in a position to do so, Al Qaeda would use Pakistan's nuclear weapons in its fight against the United States, a top leader of the group said in remarks aired Sunday. Pakistan has been battling al Qaeda's Taliban allies in the Swat Valley since April after their thrust into a district 100 km (60 miles) northwest of the capital raised fears the nuclear-armed country could slowly slip into militant hands. **"God willing, the nuclear weapons will not fall into the hands of the Americans and the mujahideen would take them and use them against the Americans,"** Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, the leader of al Qaeda's in Afghanistan, said in an interview with *Al Jazeera* television. Abu al-Yazid was responding to a question about U.S. safeguards to seize control over Pakistan's nuclear weapons in case Islamist fighters came close to doing so. **"We expect that the Pakistani army would be defeated (in Swat) ... and that would be its end everywhere, God willing."** Asked about the group's plans, the Egyptian militant leader said: **"The strategy of the (al Qaeda) organization in the coming period is the same as in the previous period: to hit the head of the snake, the head of tyranny -- the United States. "That can be achieved through continued work on the open fronts and also by opening new fronts in a manner that achieves the interests of Islam and Muslims and by increasing military operations that drain the enemy financially."** The militant leader suggested that naming a new leader for the group's unit in the Arabian Peninsula, Abu Basir al-Wahayshi, could revive its campaign in Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter. "Our goals have been the Americans ... and the oil targets which they are stealing to gain



power to strike the mujahideen and Muslims." "There was a setback in work there for reasons that there is no room to state now, but as of late, efforts have been united and there is unity around a single leader." **Abu al-Yazid, also known as Abu Saeed al-Masri, said al Qaeda will continue "with large scale operations against the enemy" -- by which he meant the United States. "We have demanded and we demand that all branches of al Qaeda carry out such operations," he said, referring to attacks against U.S.-led forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.** The militant leader said al Qaeda would be willing to accept a truce of about 10 years' duration with the United States if Washington agreed to withdraw its troops from Muslim countries and stopped backing Israel and the pro-Western governments of Muslim nations. Asked about the whereabouts of al Qaeda's top leaders, he said: "Praise God, sheikh Osama (bin Laden) and sheikh Ayman al-Zawahri are safe from the reach of the enemies, but we would not say where they are; moreover, we do not know where they are, but we're in continuous contact with them" (Ersan, 2009).

**Date:** July 3, 2009

**Source:** Thaindian News, Arun Kumar

**Title/Headline:** *Loose Nukes Greatest Danger In Pakistan'*

**Abstract:** The threat of insiders in the nuclear establishment working with outsiders seeking a bomb is nowhere greater than in Pakistan, according to a former officer of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). **"Pakistani authorities have a dismal track record in thwarting insider threats,"** writes Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, who served as a CIA officer for 23 years, in the July/August issue of Arms Control Today, published by the Arms Control Association. For example, the network run by the father of the Pakistani bomb, Abdul Qadeer Khan, channeled sensitive nuclear technologies to Iran, Libya, and North Korea for years under the noses of the establishment before it was taken down in 2003, to the best of our knowledge, he noted. **"The Umma-Tameer-e-Nau (UTN), founded by Pakistani nuclear scientists with close ties to Al Qaeda and the Taliban, was headed by Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmood, who had been in charge of Pakistan's Khushab reactor."** Mahmood discussed Al Qaeda's nuclear aspirations with Osama bin Laden, Mowatt-Larssen wrote. **He also cites Mahmood as saying, bin Laden asked him how he could construct a bomb if the group already had the material.** "It is stunning to consider that two of the founding fathers of Pakistan's weapons programme embarked independently on clandestine efforts to organize networks to sell their country's most precious secrets for profit," he says. "There are troubling indications that these insider threats are not anomalies," writes Mowatt-Larssen, a senior fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Centre for Science and International Affairs, who until January 2009 headed the US Department of Energy's intelligence and counterintelligence office. **"In the Khan and UTN cases, the rogue senior officers and their cohorts in the nuclear establishment were not caught by Pakistan's security establishment. It would be foolhardy to assume that such lapses could not happen again,"** he says. The Pakistani military, intelligence, and nuclear establishments are not immune to rising levels of extremism in the country, Mowatt-Larssen says suggesting, **"there is a lethal proximity between terrorists, extremists, and nuclear weapons insiders."** Thus **"The greatest threat of a loose nuke scenario stems from insiders in the nuclear establishment working with outsiders, people seeking a bomb or material to make a bomb. Nowhere in the world is this threat greater than in Pakistan. As Pakistan moves forward to face an uncertain future, the government faces an ongoing challenge to its authority and myriad threats against which it must defend, the US expert says. "With the passage of time, the odds steadily increase that Pakistan will face a serious test of its nuclear security,"** he says suggesting, **"for its part, the United States must be fully prepared to respond to this eventuality."** "Increasing the level of transparency and predictability between India and Pakistan is (also) absolutely vital," Mowatt-Larssen says. "Neither party can afford to make a miscalculation in the heat of the moment that might escalate into a nuclear confrontation" (Kumar, 2009).

**Date:** August 11, 2009

**Source:** The Sunday Times, Rhys Blakely

**Title/Headline:** *Terrorists 'Have Attacked Pakistan Nuclear Sites Three Times'*

**Abstract:** Terrorists have attacked three of Pakistan's military nuclear facilities in the past two years and there is a serious danger that they will gain access to the country's atomic arsenal, according to a journal published by the US Military Academy at West Point. The report, written by Professor Shaun Gregory, a security specialist at Bradford University, comes amid **mounting fears that the Taleban and al-Qaeda will breach Pakistan's military nuclear sites – most of which are in or near insurgent strongholds in the north and west of the country. The most serious attack was a strike by two suicide bombers on the Wah Cantonment Ordnance Complex, thought to be one of Pakistan's main nuclear weapons assembly plants, about 18 miles northwest of Islamabad, in August 2008. The incident, which claimed 70 lives, was widely reported but little mention was made of the nuclear risk. Other attacks included the suicide bombing of a nuclear missile storage facility at Sargodha, in central Punjab, in November 2007 and a suicide attack on Pakistan's nuclear airbase at Kamra, near Wah, on December 10, 2007. In the Counter Terrorism Center Sentinel,** Professor Gregory writes that the attacks illustrate "a clear set of weaknesses and vulnerabilities" in Pakistan's nuclear security regime. **The strikes occurred as Pakistan sought to ramp up its nuclear capability — and as US special forces formulated contingency plans in the event of the country falling to insurgents. In June of 2009, Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, an al-Qaeda commander in Afghanistan, suggested that the group would show no hesitation in using nuclear weapons. "God willing... the mujahideen would take them and use them against the Americans,"** he told al-Jazeera television. **Pakistan's security regime is modeled on the American system and includes the separation of warheads from detonators, which are stored in underground bunkers staffed by highly vetted personnel. Many details of the country's nuclear program — including the location of many warheads and their exact number — remain unknown. However, most of the country's nuclear weapons sites were built in the north and west of the country in the 1970s and 1980s, mainly to distance them from India — a ploy which now means many are located in insurgent areas. There are also concerns that vetting programs may not identify Islamist sympathizers, whose influence extends far up Pakistan's military hierarchy. Professor Gregory writes: "There is already the well-known case of two senior Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission scientists, Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmood and Chaudhry Abdul Majeed, who travelled to Afghanistan in 2000 and again shortly before 9/11 for meetings with Osama bin Laden himself, the content of which has never been disclosed"** (Blakely, 2009).



**Date:** September 16, 2009

**Source:** Indian Express

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaeda Seeking Nuclear Secrets From Pakistan: Holbrooke*

**Abstract:** Al-Qaeda is trying to seek nuclear secrets from Pakistan and it remains as dangerous as ever, Special US Representative for Pakistan and Afghanistan Richard Holbrooke said on Wednesday. "Al-Qaeda is still there in the region, ever dangerous and publicly asking people to attack the US and publicly asking nuclear engineers to give them nuclear secrets from Pakistan," Holbrooke said at a reception hosted by the Congressional Caucus on Afghanistan at the Capitol Hill. Holbrooke ? The point man of the Obama Administration for Afghanistan and Pakistan - said the US is not in Afghanistan to support the elections, but it is there for its own national interest and security. "We are not in Afghanistan for the election" (Indian Express, 2009).

**Date:** November 13, 2009

**Source:** The Washington Post, R. Jeffrey Smith, Joby Warrick

**Title/Headline:** *A Nuclear Power's Act Of Proliferation*

**Abstract:** A.Q. Kahn asserted that China gave Pakistan enough enriched uranium in '82 to make nuclear 2 bombs. Worst of all, the recent discovery of nuclear weapons blueprints on computers found in Switzerland and Dubai has prompted questions about whether the damage inflicted by the network was truly contained -- or even understood. It is possible, U.S. officials concede, that **Khan and his allies shared nuclear secrets with still-unknown countries and, perhaps, terrorist groups, as well.** In 1982, a Pakistani military C-130 left the western Chinese city of Urumqi with a highly unusual cargo: enough weapons-grade uranium for two atomic bombs, **according to accounts written by the father of Pakistan's nuclear weapons program, Abdul Qadeer Khan, and provided to The Washington Post.** The uranium transfer in five stainless-steel boxes was part of a broad-ranging, secret nuclear deal approved years earlier by Mao Zedong and Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto **that culminated in an exceptional, deliberate act of proliferation by a nuclear power, according to the accounts by Khan. According to Khan, the uranium cargo came with a blueprint for a simple weapon that China had already tested, supplying a virtual do-it-yourself kit that significantly speeded Pakistan's bomb effort. The transfer also started a chain of proliferation: U.S. officials worry that Khan later shared related Chinese design information with Iran; in 2003, Libya confirmed obtaining it from Khan's clandestine network. U.S. officials say they have known about the transfer for decades and once privately confronted the Chinese -- who denied it -- but have never raised the issue in public or sought to impose direct sanctions on China for it.** "Upon my personal request, the Chinese Minister had gifted us 50 kg [kilograms] of weapon-grade enriched uranium, enough for two weapons," Khan wrote in a previously undisclosed 11-page narrative of the Pakistani bomb program that he prepared after his January 2004 detention for unauthorized nuclear commerce. "The Chinese gave us drawings of the nuclear weapon, gave us kg50 enriched uranium," he said in a separate account sent to his wife several months earlier. Pakistan has never allowed the U.S. government to question Khan or other top Pakistani officials directly, **prompting Congress to demand in legislation approved in September that future aid be withheld until Obama certifies that Pakistan has provided "relevant information from or direct access to Pakistani nationals" involved in past nuclear commerce.** "The speed of our work and our achievements surprised our worst enemies and adversaries and the West stood helplessly by to see a Third World nation, unable even to produce bicycle chains or sewing needles, mastering the most advanced nuclear technology in the shortest possible span of time," Khan boasts in the 11-page narrative he wrote for Pakistani intelligence officials about his dealings with foreigners while head of a key nuclear research laboratory. **According to one of the documents, a five-page summary by Khan of his government's dealmaking with China, the terms of the nuclear exchange were set in a mid-1976 conversation between Mao and Bhutto. Two years earlier, neighboring India had tested its first nuclear bomb, provoking Khan -- a metallurgist working at a Dutch centrifuge manufacturer -- to offer his services to Bhutto. Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, the nation's military ruler, "was worried," Khan said, and so he and a Pakistani general who helped oversee the nation's nuclear laboratories were dispatched to Beijing with a request in mid-1982 to borrow enough bomb-grade uranium for a few weapons. After winning Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping's approval, Khan, the general and two others flew aboard a Pakistani C-130 to Urumqi.** Khan says they enjoyed barbecued lamb while waiting for the Chinese military to pack the small uranium bricks into lead-lined boxes, 10 single-kilogram ingots to a box, for the flight to Islamabad, Pakistan's capital (Smith & Warrick, 2009).



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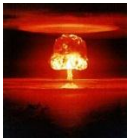
**Date:** January 17, 2010

**Source:** The Sunday Times, Christina Lamb

**Title/Headline:** *Elite US Troops Ready To Combat Pakistani Nuclear Hijacks*

**Abstract:** The US army is training a crack unit to seal off and snatch back Pakistani nuclear weapons in the event that militants, possibly from inside the country's security apparatus, get their hands on a nuclear device or materials that could make one. The specialized unit would be charged with recovering the nuclear materials and securing them. The move follows growing anti-Americanism in Pakistan's military, a series of attacks on sensitive installations over the past two years, several of which housed nuclear facilities, and rising tension that has seen a series of official complaints by US authorities to Islamabad in the past fortnight. "What you have in Pakistan is nuclear weapons mixed with the highest density of extremists in the world, so we have a right to be concerned," said Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, a former CIA officer who used to run the US energy department's intelligence unit. "There have been attacks on army bases which stored nuclear weapons and there have been breaches and infiltrations by terrorists into military facilities."

Professor Shaun Gregory, director of the Pakistan security research unit at Bradford University, has tracked a number of attempted security breaches since 2007. “The terrorists are at the gates,” he warned. The Al-Qaeda leadership has made no secret of its desire to get its hands on weapons for a “nuclear 9/11”. “I have no doubt they are hell-bent on acquiring this,” said Mowatt-Larssen. “These guys are thinking of nuclear at the highest level and are approaching it in increasingly professional ways.” Nuclear experts and US officials say the biggest fear is of an inside job amid growing anti-American feeling in Pakistan. Last year 3,021 Pakistanis were killed in terrorist attacks, more than in Afghanistan, yet polls suggest Pakistanis consider the United States to be a greater threat than the Taliban. “You have 8,000-12,000 [people] in Pakistan with some type of role in nuclear missiles — whether as part of an assembly team or security,” said Gregory. “It’s a very large number and there is a real possibility that among those people are sympathisers of terrorist or jihadist groups who may facilitate some kind of attack.” Pakistan is thought to possess about 80 nuclear warheads. Although the weapons are well guarded, the fear is that materials or processes to enrich uranium could fall into the wrong hands. “All it needs is someone in Pakistan within the nuclear establishment and in a position of key access to become radicalized,” said Mowatt-Larssen. “This is not just theoretical. It did happen — Pakistan has had inside problems before” (Lamb, 2010).



**Date:** January 18, 2010

**Source:** World Net Daily

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida Seeking Tools For Nuclear 9/11: Intel Agents 'Certain' Terrorists Will Try For Pakistan's Bombs*

**Abstract:** Agents for Britain's MI6 Secret Intelligence Service say they are "certain" al-Qaida is poised to try and grab some of the 80 nuclear weapons that Pakistan possesses, according to a report from Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin. The al-Qaida leadership — Osama bin Laden and Ayman a-Zawahri — are believed to have spent the winter months in Pakistan's Tribal Areas finalizing their plans for an attack. It will spearhead al-Qaida's global network and its capability to carry out a wide range of terrorist onslaughts. **The MI6 analysis is based on what the agency calls "al-Qaida's zone of terrorism." It includes the Afghan Taliban, the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan in East Turkistan and al-Shabaab in Somalia. In the Sahara region al-Qaida has reformed Islamic Magreb (AQIM) which has grown out of Algerian resistance movement. But nothing poses more of a threat than al-Qaida's plan to steal Pakistan's nuclear weapons.** MI6 agents in Pakistan say there is mounting evidence "the leadership is thinking of a nuclear 9/11 and are approaching it in increasingly professional ways." Nuclear experts have told the Secret Intelligence Service that the biggest fear is of "an inside job." One analyst said, "There are up to 12,000 people in Pakistan with some kind of role which brings them into nuclear facilities, whether as part of a team of scientists or working in security." Professor Shaun Gregory, director of the Pakistan security research center at Bradford University in England, has tracked a number of attempted security breaches in the past four years at Pakistan's nuclear facilities. Past attacks have included a suicide bomber striking Kamra where Pakistan Air Force F-16 jet aircraft are stationed with nuclear bombs. Another attack was against a nuclear weapons complex in Punjab where a nuclear warhead assembly plant is based (World Net Daily, 2010).

**Date:** January 20, 2010

**Source:** Dow Jones

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda Seeking To Provoke New India-Pakistan War – Gates*

**Abstract:** Defense Secretary Robert Gates stated that Al Qaeda is seeking to destabilize the entire South Asia region and could trigger a new war between Pakistan and India, and that under Al Qaeda's "syndicate" in Afghanistan and Pakistan are trying "to destabilize not just Afghanistan, not just Pakistan, but potentially the whole region by provoking a conflict perhaps between India and Pakistan through some provocative act" (Dow Jones, 2010).

**Date:** January 21, 2010

**Source:** Bloomberg, Viola Gienger

**Title/Headline:** *Gates In Pakistan To Discuss New Strikes On Taliban*

**Abstract:** Secretary Gates stated that that Islamists working under “the umbrella of Al Qaeda” want to destabilize the entire South Asian region by provoking a conflict between India and Pakistan. That law requires a cutoff of aid if Pakistan fails to provide civilian control of its military, cooperate with the U.S. on counter-terrorism, protect its nuclear arsenal and enforce international nuclear non-proliferation rules. Those conditions triggered accusations from opposition politicians and Pakistan’s military of interference in the country’s internal affairs. Such conditions on U.S. aid evoke bitter memories in Pakistan of the 1990s, when the so-called Pressler amendment forced a halt to most U.S. aid because of evidence that Pakistan was developing nuclear weapons. The cutoff in U.S. military aid hampered American efforts to influence Pakistan’s powerful armed forces, and led many Pakistani leaders to call the U.S. an unreliable ally. Al Qaeda leaders are believed to have holed up in ungoverned tribal areas along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border since the U.S. toppled the group’s Taliban protectors in the wake of the September 11th attacks. Obama last year ordered 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan to battle the Taliban insurgency. The U.S. is trying to balance its rapidly expanding ties with India, the world’s largest democracy and the fastest-growing economy after China, even as the Obama administration strengthens links with Pakistan (Gienger, 2010).

**Date:** January 22, 2010

**Source:** Reuters, Stephanie Nebehay

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Rules Out Nuclear Fissile Talks*

**Abstract:** Pakistan informed world powers that it cannot accept the start of global negotiations to halt production of nuclear bomb-making fissile material in the near future, diplomats told *Reuters*. The move represents a potential setback for efforts by both the Obama administration and United Nations to forge ahead with what is widely seen as the next step in multilateral nuclear disarmament. Zamir Akram, Pakistan's ambassador to the U.N. in Geneva, disclosed Islamabad's position during a diplomatic lunch hosted by Chinese ambassador Wang Qun. "We are not in a position to accept the beginning of negotiations on a cut-off treaty in the foreseeable future," Akram was quoted as saying. The U.N.-sponsored Conference on Disarmament (CD) is trying to launch negotiations to halt production of fissile material (highly-enriched uranium and plutonium) and clinch what is known in the jargon as a fissile material "cut-off" treaty or FMCT. Pakistan is resisting U.S. pressure to dismantle militant groups, including Afghan Taliban based on its soil, because it sees them as potential allies in its rivalry with India. "Clearly they have very strong concerns," a diplomat said, referring to the fissile issue. "This is a very fundamental and sensitive issue back in Pakistan." Pakistan blocked adoption of the conference's agenda for 2010, calling for the inclusion of additional items, after holding up negotiations last year because of national security concerns about the focus of the talks. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates sought to build bridges with the next generation of military leaders in Islamabad on Friday and end a "trust deficit" he said has hampered cooperation against Islamist militancy (Nebehay, 2010).

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**Source:** The Diplomat, Luv Puri

**Title/Headline:** *India And Pakistan Are Nuclear States – Time To Accept It*

**Abstract:** In May 1998, surprise nuclear tests by India and Pakistan transformed regional strategic calculations and added a dangerous new dimension to tensions between the two. According to Taylor Branch, writing in *The Clinton Tapes: Wrestling History with the President*, Indian officials who spoke with Bill Clinton were fully aware of the potential devastation a clash between the two nations could lead to, calculating that a doomsday nuclear volley would kill 300 to 500 million Indians while annihilating all 120 million Pakistanis (although the Pakistani side insisted its rugged mountain terrain would shield more survivors than the exposed plains of India). But regardless of the accuracy of these numbers, and although the two countries' military strategies differ, (India's is based on conventional superiority, while Pakistan tends to emphasize nuclear deterrence to cancel out this advantage) **one thing is clear—the threat of nuclear terrorism looms large over both.** In December 1998, Osama Bin Laden told *Time* magazine that acquiring weapons for the defence of Muslims is a religious duty. 'If I have indeed acquired these weapons, then I thank God for enabling me to do so. And if I seek to acquire these weapons, I am carrying out a duty,' he is reported as saying. Even if the statement was merely rhetoric, it demonstrates intent. However, a number of reports suggest that Bin Laden's statement was more than just talk. **In August 2001, two Pakistani scientists, Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmood and Chaudary Abdul Majeed, met Bin Laden and Mullah Omar in Afghanistan. The two scientists were detained on October 23, 2001, 'for questioning.'** Majid was a retired nuclear fuel expert from the Pakistan Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology, while Mahmood worked on the secret Pakistani gas centrifuge program that ultimately produced the highly enriched uranium used in Pakistan's nuclear weapons. But even without acquiring access to weapons, there are other means of groups such as al-Qaeda engaging in nuclear terrorism. Radioactive dispersal devices, for example, are particularly suited to non-state actors as they are portable and can be used to meet one of the common aims of terrorism, which is to cause significant economic damage. Combined with an explosive device, RDDs can be used to create dirty bombs, which can cause both immediate casualties from their explosions and long-term health and psychological damages from radiation. **Many analysts see Pakistan, and specifically Punjab province, as the most likely source of materials for extremists to undertake such attacks, and the precision of the recent terrorist attacks in Punjab on several Pakistani military facilities suggest there has been some inside help for militants. On October 10, for example, terrorists dressed as Pakistani soldiers entered the Pakistani Army's headquarters at Rawalpindi and killed six soldiers, including a brigadier.** Subsequent investigations pointed to Ilyas Kashmiri, who once served in the Army, as a potential suspect. Back in 2003, meanwhile, there was a suicide assassination attempt on then-Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's convoy, from which he narrowly escaped. **The investigation, as recorded in a book authored by Musharraf, led to the arrest of low-level army officers who had conspired with Islamists, and who were angry over his co-operation with the United States in cracking down on extremists in the tribal areas.** In India, though, the threats have been more recent, and point to the bigger danger of the link between nuclear facilities and militants. **Earlier this month, it was reported that the Lashkar-e-Taiba, an extremist group, is planning to target nuclear scientists (security has reportedly been tightened around several of the alleged targets) while there have also been reports of plans to strike the country's nuclear infrastructure.** This all comes as India works to expand its nuclear capacity after receiving a waiver from the Nuclear Suppliers Group's rules that allow its civilian nuclear deal with the United States to proceed, following strong US lobbying. India has signed treaties with several countries that will help it expand its nuclear infrastructure, but such an expansion needs to be matched by upgrades in security. Meanwhile, Bangladesh is also working to establish a civilian nuclear power plant after signing a memorandum of understanding on peaceful use of nuclear energy with Russia. **Like India and Pakistan, it also faces the challenge of dealing with radicalized groups. Bringing India into the non-proliferation regime will be crucial if Pakistan is also to be drawn in, moves that would both help reduce the risk of nuclear conflict as well as the risk of nuclear materials falling into the wrong hands.** India and Pakistan made a good start in the field of nuclear cooperation when they signed an agreement in 1989 not to attack each other's nuclear facilities. And in a more recent positive sign, in November 2008, Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari stated Pakistan was willing to commit to a no first-use policy for its nuclear weapons—a policy he said he could secure backing from parliament for. However, only 4 days after the suggestion terrorists struck Mumbai, killing 176 people and stirring up tensions between the two. **Pakistan's refusal to join the nuclear proliferation regime is also linked to India's rejection of the same system. Both countries are not bound by the conditions reached after the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was agreed, such as the 1997 Additional Protocol, to strengthen the non-proliferation regime.** As a consequence, the continued exclusion of Pakistan and India

from the non-proliferation regime is actually intensifying the nuclear arms race in South Asia. Bringing India into the regime will mean addressing its objections to becoming part of the arrangement-it believes that the non-proliferation regime is discriminatory as it is rooted in the NPT, which only gives nuclear weapons status to five countries. The United States has already taken a significant step toward accepting India through the Indo-US civilian nuclear agreement, the framework for which was agreed in 2005. Here, the US defended the exception for India because of its impeccable record in non-proliferation. But the move in turn upset Pakistan, which argued the exceptional treatment for India risked triggering an arms race. **It seems clear then that granting both countries de-facto nuclear weapons state status through suitable amendments to the NPT would be the best way of curbing the on-going arms race and reducing the threat of nuclear terrorism by making it easier for the International Atomic Energy Agency to hold the nuclear infrastructures of both countries to the highest scrutiny.** Many nations may balk at such a move. But the stakes are too high to not let pragmatism be the guiding basis for policy (Puri, 2010).

**Date:** January 23, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title:** *Pakistan Govt. Urged To Explain Blackwater Presence*

**Abstract:** US Secretary of Defense Robert Gates admitted that Xe Services and DynCorp have been operating in Pakistan. (Press TV, 2010).

**It is widely rumored that a majority of the “terrorist” attacks in Pakistan are being committed by CIA and Blackwater/Xe Services. Should a Pakistani nuclear weapon disappear, the CIA and Xe Services should be the top suspects.**

**Date:** February 11, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Biden: Pakistan Is My Greatest Concern*

**Abstract:** U.S. Vice President Joe Biden expressed serious concerns over the growing militancy in Pakistan and the fate of that country's nuclear weapons. Biden stated that, "I think it's a big country. **It has nuclear weapons that are able to be deployed. It has a real significant minority of radicalized population.**" Biden added that Pakistan is not a completely functional democracy. "It is not a completely functional democracy in the sense we think about it, and so that's my greatest concern." His remarks came as the US Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair reassured that the Pakistani military is aware of the consequences of its nuclear arsenal falling into the wrong hands. **Senior officials in Washington have long accused elements in the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) of supporting extremists.** President Barack Obama's administration has accused Pakistan of not doing enough to stem the flow of arms and support to the Taliban and Al-Qaeda across its borders (Press TV, 2010).



**Date:** February 23, 2010

**Source:** CRS Report for Congress, Paul K. Kerr, Mary Beth Nikitin

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan's Nuclear Weapons: Proliferation And Security Issues*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's nuclear arsenal consists of approximately 60 nuclear warheads, although it could be larger. Islamabad is producing fissile material, adding to related production facilities, and deploying additional delivery vehicles. These steps will enable Pakistan to undertake both quantitative and qualitative improvements to its nuclear arsenal. **Whether and to what extent Pakistan's current expansion of its nuclear weapons-related facilities is a response to the 2008 U.S.-India nuclear cooperation agreement is unclear.** Islamabad does not have a public, detailed nuclear doctrine, but its "minimum credible deterrent" is widely regarded as primarily a deterrent to Indian military action. **Pakistan has in recent years taken a number of steps to increase international confidence in the security of its nuclear arsenal. In addition to dramatically overhauling nuclear command and control structures since September 11, 2001, Islamabad has implemented new personnel security programs.** Moreover, Pakistani and some U.S. officials argue that, since the 2004 revelations about a procurement network run by former Pakistani nuclear official A.Q. Khan, Islamabad has taken a number of steps to improve its nuclear security and to prevent further proliferation of nuclear-related technologies and materials. A number of important initiatives, such as strengthened export control laws, improved personnel security, and international nuclear security cooperation programs have improved Pakistan's security situation in recent years. Instability in Pakistan has called the extent and durability of these reforms into question. **Some observers fear radical takeover of a government that possesses a nuclear bomb, or proliferation by radical sympathizers within Pakistan's nuclear complex in case of a breakdown of controls.** While U.S. and Pakistani officials continue to express confidence in controls over Pakistan's nuclear weapons, continued instability in the country could impact these safeguards.

**Background:** Chronic political instability in Pakistan and the current offensive against the Taliban in the northwest of the country have called attention to the issue of the security of the country's nuclear weapons. Some observers fear that Pakistan's strategic nuclear assets could be obtained by terrorists, or used by elements in the Pakistani government. Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen described U.S. concern about the matter during a September 22, 2008, speech: To the best of my ability to



understand it—and that is with some ability—the weapons there are secure. And that even in the change of government, the controls of those weapons haven't changed. That said, they are their weapons. They're not my weapons. And there are limits to what I know. **Certainly at a worst-case scenario with respect to Pakistan, I worry a great deal about those weapons falling into the hands of terrorists and either being proliferated or potentially used. And so, control of those, stability, stable control of those weapons is a key concern.** And I think certainly the Pakistani leadership that I've spoken with on both the military and civilian side understand that. U.S. officials continue to be concerned about the existential threat posed by nuclear weapons in a destabilized Pakistan. General David H. Petraeus, Commander, U.S. Central Command, testified March 31, 2009, that **"Pakistani state failure would provide transnational terrorist groups and other extremist organizations an opportunity to acquire nuclear weapons and a safe haven from which to plan and launch attacks."** Nevertheless, U.S. officials have generally expressed confidence in the security of Pakistan's nuclear weapons. President Obama addressed this issue in an April 29, 2009, press conference, stating, **"I'm confident that we can make sure that Pakistan's nuclear arsenal is secure, primarily, initially, because the Pakistani army, I think, recognizes the hazards of those weapons falling into the wrong hands. We've got strong military-to-military consultation and cooperation."** He also recognized the sensitivity of the issue for Pakistan, saying, **"We want to respect their sovereignty, but we also recognize that we have huge strategic interests, huge national security interests in making sure that Pakistan is stable and that you don't end up having a nuclear-armed militant state."** Declining to engage in "hypotheticals" when asked if the United States is ready to secure the nuclear arsenal if the Pakistani government could not do so, President Obama said he felt **"confident that that nuclear arsenal will remain out of militant hands."** General Petraeus reaffirmed this confidence on May 10, 2009: **"With respect to the—the nuclear weapons and—and sites that are controlled by Pakistan ... we have confidence in their security procedures and elements and believe that the security of those sites is adequate."** Admiral Mullen echoed this assessment during a May 14, 2009, hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee. More recently, Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair told the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence February 3, 2010, that **"from what we see of measures that they take," Pakistan is keeping its nuclear weapons secure. Former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf told a journalist that Islamabad has "given State Department nonproliferation experts insight into the command and control of the Pakistani arsenal and its onsite safety and security procedures," but U.S. knowledge of Pakistan's arsenal remains limited, according to U.S. officials. Mullen stated that "we're limited in what we actually know" about Islamabad's nuclear arsenal. Leon Panetta, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, similarly acknowledged in a May 18 speech that the United States does not possess the intelligence to locate all of Pakistan's nuclear weapons-related sites. Pakistani efforts to improve the security of its nuclear weapons have been on-going and include some cooperation with the United States. Since the 1998 Pakistani and Indian nuclear tests, the international community has increased attention to reducing the risk of nuclear war in South Asia. The two countries most recently came to the brink of full-scale war in 1999 and 2002, and, realizing the dangers, have developed some risk reduction measures to prevent accidental nuclear war. Islamabad has also developed its command and control systems and improved security of military and civilian nuclear facilities. Since the 2004 revelations of an extensive international nuclear proliferation network run by Pakistani nuclear official Abdul Qadeer Khan, as well as possible connections between Pakistani nuclear scientists and Al Qaeda, Islamabad has made additional efforts to improve export controls and monitor nuclear personnel. The main security challenges for Pakistan's nuclear arsenal are keeping the integrity of the command structure, ensuring physical security, and preventing illicit proliferation from insiders. Pakistan continues to produce fissile material for weapons and appears to be augmenting its weapons production facilities, as well as deploying additional delivery vehicles—steps that will enable both quantitative and qualitative improvements in Islamabad's nuclear arsenal.**

**Nuclear Weapons:** Pakistan's nuclear energy program dates back to the 1950s, but it was the loss of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) in a bloody war with India that probably triggered a political decision in January 1972 (just one month later) to begin a secret nuclear weapons program.<sup>4</sup> Deterring India's nuclear weapons and augmenting Pakistan's inferior conventional forces are widely believed to be the primary missions for Islamabad's nuclear arsenal. Observers point to India's 1974 "peaceful" nuclear explosion as the pivotal moment that gave additional urgency to the program. **Pakistan produced fissile material for its nuclear weapons using gas-centrifuge-based uranium enrichment technology, which it mastered by the mid-1980s. Highly-enriched uranium (HEU) is one of two types of fissile material used in nuclear weapons; the other is plutonium.** The country's main enrichment facility is a centrifuge plant located at Kahuta; Pakistan may have other enrichment sites. Islamabad gained technology from many sources. This extensive assistance is reported to have included uranium enrichment technology from Europe, blueprints for a small nuclear weapon from China, and missile technology from China. **The United States had information during the 1970s and early 1980s that Pakistan was pursuing nuclear weapons designs, but exactly when Pakistan produced a workable nuclear explosive device is unclear. A 1985 National Intelligence Council report stated that Pakistan "probably has a workable design for a nuclear explosive device" and was "probably ... a year or two away from a capacity to produce enough" highly enriched uranium for such a device. A 1987 National Security Council (NSC) memorandum described Pakistan's "continued pursuit ... of its nuclear weapons option."** A 1993 NSC report to Congress stated that Islamabad's nuclear weapons efforts "culminated with the capability to rapidly assemble a nuclear device if necessary by the end of the 1980s." A.Q. Khan stated in an interview published in May 1998 that Islamabad "attained" the capability to detonate such a device "at the end of 1984." Similarly, **Khan reportedly stated during a January 2010 speech that Pakistan "had become a nuclear power" in 1984 or 1985. U.S. and Pakistani officials who were in government in 1990 indicated during a 1994 meeting that Islamabad decided sometime after October 1989 to resume producing HEU<sup>11</sup> (Pakistan had previously told the United States that it would produce only LEU<sup>12</sup>). However, another Pakistani official suggested during the same meeting that the decision may have happened sooner. In any case, President Bush's failure to certify in 1990 that Pakistan did not "possess a nuclear explosive device" led to a cut-off in military and financial aid under the Pressler Amendment. When India conducted nuclear weapon tests on May 12, 1998, Pakistan's government responded two weeks later on May 28 and May 30 with six tests in western Pakistan. Test yields were about 10 kilotons and 5 kilotons, according to seismic analysis.<sup>15</sup> The United States imposed additional sanctions after the tests, but these were lifted after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. According to most public estimates, **Pakistan has about 60 nuclear weapons, though it could have more;<sup>16</sup> a recent public estimate from two prominent experts on the subject stated that the country has between 70 and 90 nuclear weapons.<sup>17</sup> Pakistan's nuclear warheads use an implosion design with a solid core of approximately 15-20 kilograms of HEU. Islamabad reportedly continues to produce HEU for weapons at a rate of at least 100 kilograms per year. Pakistan has also pursued plutonium-based****



warheads and continues to produce plutonium for weapons. Islamabad has received Chinese and European assistance for at least some of its plutonium program. The 40-50 megawatt heavy-water Khushab plutonium production reactor has been operating since 1998.<sup>20</sup> It appears that Islamabad is constructing two additional heavy-water reactors, which will expand considerably Pakistan's plutonium production capacity, at the same site. Additionally, Pakistan has a reprocessing facility<sup>22</sup> at the Pakistan Institute of Science and Technology (PINSTECH) and is apparently constructing other such facilities. *Nuclear Fuel* reported in 2000 that, according to "senior U.S. government officials," Islamabad had begun operating a "pilot-scale" reprocessing facility at the New Laboratories facility at PINSTECH. Pakistan also appears to be constructing a second reprocessing facility at the site and may be completing a reprocessing facility located at Chasma. Islamabad's construction of additional nuclear reactors and expansion of its reprocessing capabilities could indicate plans to increase and improve Pakistan's nuclear weapons arsenal in the near future. Indeed, Defense Intelligence Agency Director Michael Maples told the Senate Armed Services Committee on March 10, 2009, that "Pakistan continues to develop its nuclear infrastructure, expand nuclear weapon stockpiles and seek more advanced warheads and delivery systems." Similarly, Admiral Mullen confirmed during the May 14 hearing that the United States has "evidence" that Pakistan is expanding its nuclear arsenal.

**Responding To India?:** Pakistani officials have indicated that they have already determined the arsenal size needed for a minimum nuclear deterrent and that they will not engage in an arms race with India. The government's National Command Authority (NCA) "expressed satisfaction" regarding "the effectiveness of Pakistan's strategic deterrence," according to a January 13, 2010, statement. Nevertheless, Pakistan appears to be increasing its fissile production capability and improving its delivery vehicles in order to hedge against possible increases in India's nuclear arsenal. Islamabad may also accelerate its current nuclear weapons efforts. India has stated that it needs only a "credible minimum deterrent," but New Delhi has never defined what it means by such a deterrent and has refused to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Furthermore, both the agreement and associated 2008 decision by the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) to exempt India from some of its export guidelines will renew New Delhi's access to the international uranium market. This access will result in more indigenous Indian uranium available for weapons because it will not be consumed by India's newly safeguarded reactors. Pakistani officials have stated that the government may need to increase significantly its nuclear arsenal in response to possible Indian plans to do the same. According to an April 2006 television broadcast, Pakistani officials from the government's NCA expressed "concern" that the 2008 U.S.-India nuclear cooperation agreement could tilt the strategic balance between India and Pakistan in favor of the former. The officials suggested that Islamabad may need to increase or improve its nuclear arsenal in order to "to meet all requirements of minimum credible defence deterrence." Similarly, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) wrote in July 2008 that the agreement could cause a nuclear arms race between Pakistan and India. Moreover, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson indicated during a May 21, 2009, press briefing that, despite the government's continued opposition to a "nuclear or conventional arms race in South Asia," Pakistan may need to increase its nuclear arsenal in response to Indian conventional and nuclear arms expansion. Illustrating this point, a Pakistani Foreign Office spokesperson reacted to India's July 26, 2009, launch of its first indigenously built nuclear-powered submarine by asserting that "continued induction of new lethal weapon systems by India is detrimental to regional peace and stability," adding that "[w]ithout entering into an arms race with India, Pakistan will take all appropriate steps to safeguard its security and maintain strategic balance in South Asia." The submarine, which has not yet been deployed, will reportedly be capable of carrying nuclear-armed ballistic missiles. Similarly, according to the January 2010 statement, the NCA identified "developments detrimental to the objectives of strategic stability in the region," including India's acquisition of "advanced weapons systems" and missile defense systems. The NCA also noted that the 2008 NSG decision described above, as well as subsequent nuclear fuel supply agreements that New Delhi has concluded with several governments, "would enable India to produce substantial quantities of fissile material for nuclear weapons by freeing up its domestic resources." The statement suggests that Pakistan could increase or improve its nuclear weapons in response to these developments, but does not explicitly say so. Whether and to what extent Pakistan's current expansion of its nuclear weapons-related facilities is a response to the U.S.-India agreement is unclear, partly because descriptions of the government's decisions regarding those facilities are not publicly available. In addition to making qualitative and quantitative improvements to its nuclear arsenal, Pakistan could increase the number of circumstances under which it would be willing to use nuclear weapons. For example, Peter Lavoy has argued that India's efforts to improve its conventional military capabilities could enable New Delhi to achieve "technical superiority" in intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, as well as precision targeting, providing India with "the capability to effectively locate and efficiently destroy strategically important targets in Pakistan." Islamabad could respond by lowering the threshold for using nuclear weapons, according to Lavoy. Indeed, a Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesperson warned in May 2009 that Islamabad could take this step. Nevertheless, Islamabad's nuclear weapons program apparently faces some budget constraints. Maples testified that "the economic decline will likely slow" the government's progress in improving its nuclear and conventional military forces. Furthermore, Pakistan's nuclear weapons program is reportedly facing "severe financial cuts."

**Delivery Vehicles:** Pakistan has two types of delivery vehicles for nuclear weapons: aircraft controlled by the Pakistan Air Force and surface-to-surface missiles controlled by the Pakistan Army. Pakistan could deliver its nuclear weapons using F-16s purchased from the United States, provided that modifications are made. It is widely believed that Islamabad has made modifications to the F-16s previously sold to them.<sup>33</sup> Although concerns have been raised about the impact of these sales on the strategic balance in South Asia,<sup>34</sup> the U.S. government maintains that the sale of additional F-16s to Pakistan will not alter the regional balance of power. The contract for provision of an additional 36 aircraft was signed on September 30, 2006, as was the contract for the weapons for those aircraft and a contract to perform the mid-life upgrade on Pakistan's F-16A/B model aircraft. Pakistan's F-16 fleet will therefore be expanded, but it is unclear what portion of the fleet will be capable of a nuclear mission. Mirage III and V aircraft could also be used, although would have limited range. A-5's may have been modified to carry a nuclear payload. After India's first test of its *Prithvi* ballistic missile in 1988, Pakistan jump-started its own missile program and has three types of ballistic missiles thought to be nuclear-capable: the solid-fuel *Hatf-III* (*Ghaznavi*), with a range of about 400 kilometers; the solid-fuel *Hatf-IV* (*Shaheen*), with a range of over 450 kilometers; and the liquid-fuel *Hatf-V* (*Ghauri*), with an approximate range of almost 1,300 kilometers. The solid-fuel *Hatf-VI* (*Shaheen-2*) missile, when deployed, will be "capable of reaching targets out to 2,000 kilometers," Maples stated March 10, adding that Islamabad has made "significant progress" on the missile. A 2009 National Air and Space Intelligence Center report appears to

support this conclusion, stating that the missile “probably will soon be deployed.” Islamabad continues to carry out ballistic missile tests, but notifies India in advance in accordance with an October 2005 bilateral missile pre-notification pact.<sup>41</sup> Maples also indicated that Pakistan is developing nuclear-capable cruise missiles; the *Babur* (groundlaunched) and the *Ra’ad* (air-launched), both of which will have estimated ranges of 320 kilometers.

**Nuclear Doctrine:** Pakistan’s strategic doctrine is undeclared, and will probably remain so, but prominent officials and analysts have offered insights concerning its basic tenets. Describing the guiding principle as minimum credible nuclear deterrence, high-level officials’ statements point to four policy objectives for Islamabad’s nuclear weapons: deter all forms of external aggression; deter through a combination of conventional and strategic forces; deter counterforce strategies by securing strategic assets and threatening nuclear retaliation; and stabilize strategic deterrence in South Asia. Pakistani officials have also indicated that this nuclear posture is designed to preserve territorial integrity against Indian attack, prevent military escalation, and counter its main rival’s conventional superiority. **Pakistan has pledged no-first-use against non-nuclear-weapon states, but has not ruled out firstuse against a nuclear-armed aggressor, such as India.** Some analysts say this ambiguity serves to maintain deterrence against India’s conventional superiority; the Foreign Ministry spokesperson stated May 21 that “there are acquisitions of sophisticated weaponry by our neighbour which will disturb the conventional balance between our two countries and hence, lower the nuclear threshold.” Other analysts argue that keeping the first-use option against New Delhi allows Islamabad to conduct sub-conventional operations, such as support for low intensity conflict or proxy war in Kashmir, while effectively deterring India at the strategic level. **Pakistan has reportedly addressed issues of survivability through pursuing a second strike capability, possibly building hard and deeply buried storage and launch facilities, deploying road-mobile missiles, deploying air defenses around strategic sites, and utilizing concealment measures.**

**Command & Control:** Pakistan’s command and control over its nuclear weapons is compartmentalized and includes strict operational security. The government’s command and control system is based on “C4I2SR” (command, control, communication, computers, intelligence, information, surveillance and reconnaissance). Islamabad’s Strategic Command Organization has a three-tiered structure, consisting of the National Command Authority (NCA), the Strategic Plans Division (SPD), and the Strategic Forces Commands. **The NCA, established in 2000, supervises the functions and administration of all of Pakistan’s organizations involved in nuclear weapons research, development, and employment, as well as the military services that operate the strategic forces.** The Prime Minister, as Head of Government, is Chairperson of the NCA. The NCA also includes the chair of the joint chiefs of staff, the Ministers of Defense, Interior, and Finance, the Director General of the SPD, and the Commanders of the Army, Air Force, and Navy. **The final authority to launch a nuclear strike requires consensus within the NCA; the Chairperson must cast the final vote. The NCA is comprised of two committees, the Employment Control Committee (ECC) and the Development Control Committee (DCC), each of which includes a mix of civilian and military officials.** The ECC’s functions include establishing a command and control system over the use of nuclear weapons. **The DCC “exercises technical, financial and administrative control over all strategic organisations, including national laboratories and research and development organisations associated with the development and modernisation of nuclear weapons.”** The SPD is headed by a Director General from the Army and acts as the secretariat for the NCA. The SPD’s functions include formulating Islamabad’s nuclear policy, strategy, and doctrine; developing the nuclear chain of command; and formulating operational plans at the service level for the movement, deployment, and use of nuclear weapons. The Army, Air Force, and Navy each have their own strategic force command, but operational planning and control remains with the NCA. The SPD coordinates operational plans with the strategic forces commands. **According to current and former Pakistani officials, Islamabad employs a system which requires that at least two, and perhaps three, people authenticate launch codes for nuclear weapons. On December 13, 2007, then-President Musharraf formalized these authorities and structure in the “National Command Authority Ordinance, 2007.” The NCA was established by administrative order, but now has a legal basis.** Analysts point out that the timing of this ordinance was meant to help the command and control system weather political transitions and potentially preserve the military’s strong control over the system. The ordinance also addresses the problems of the proliferation of nuclear expertise and personnel reliability. It outlines punishable offenses related to breach of confidentiality or leakage of “secured information,” gives the SPD authority to investigate suspicious conduct, states that punishment for these offenses can be up to 25 years imprisonment, and applies to both serving and retired personnel, including military personnel, notwithstanding any other laws. As a result, **Pakistani authorities say that the ordinance should strengthen their control over strategic organizations and their personnel.**

**Security Concerns:** According to a 2001 Department of Defense report, Islamabad’s nuclear weapons “are probably stored in component form,” which suggests that the nuclear warheads are stored separately from delivery vehicles. According to some reports, the fissile cores of the weapons are separated from the non-nuclear explosives. But whether this is actually the case is unclear; **one report states that the warheads and delivery vehicles are probably stored separately in facilities close to one another, but says nothing about the fissile cores.** And, according to an account of a 2008 experts’ group visit to Pakistan, Lt. Gen. Khalid Kidwai, the head of the SPD, suggested that the nuclear warheads (containing the fissile cores) may be mated with their delivery vehicles. According to Kidwai, the report says, the SPD’s official position is **that the weapons “will be ready when required, at the shortest notice; [but] the Pakistani doctrine is not endorsing a US-USSR model with weapons on hair trigger alert.”** The 2001 Defense Department report says that Pakistan can probably assemble its weapons fairly quickly. It warrants mention that, although separate storage may provide a layer of protection against accidental launch or prevent theft of an assembled weapon, it may be easier for unauthorized people to remove a weapon’s fissile material core if it is not assembled. Dispersal of the assets may also create more potential access points for acquisition and may increase the risk of diversion. **As the United States prepared to launch an attack on the Afghan Taliban after September 11, 2001, President Musharraf reportedly ordered that Pakistan’s nuclear arsenal be redeployed to “at least six secret new locations.”** This action came at a time of uncertainty about the future of the region, including the direction of U.S.-Pakistan relations. Islamabad’s leadership was uncertain whether the United States would decide to conduct military strikes against Pakistan’s nuclear assets if the government did not assist the United States against the Taliban. Indeed, President Musharraf cited protection of Pakistan’s nuclear and missile assets as one of the reasons for Islamabad’s dramatic policy shift. These events, in combination with the 1999 Kargil crisis, the 2002 conflict with India at the Line of Control, and revelations about the A.Q. Khan proliferation network, inspired a variety of reforms to

secure the nuclear complex. **Risk of nuclear war in South Asia ran high in the 1999 Kargil crisis, when the Pakistani military is believed to have begun preparing nuclear-tipped missiles. It should be noted that, even at the high alert levels of 2001 and 2002, there were no reports of Pakistan mating the warheads with delivery systems.** In the fall of 2007 and early 2008, some observers expressed concern about the security of the country's arsenal if political instability were to persist. Former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said in a November 5, 2007, interview that, although then-President Musharraf claimed to be in firm control of the nuclear arsenal, she feared this control could weaken due to instability in the country. Similarly, Michael Krepon of the Henry L. Stimson Center has argued that "a prolonged period of turbulence and infighting among the country's President, Prime Minister, and Army Chief" could jeopardize the army's unity of command, which "is essential for nuclear security." During that time, U.S. military officials also expressed concern about the security of Pakistan's nuclear weapons. **Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Mohamed ElBaradei, also has expressed fears that a radical regime could take power in Pakistan, and thereby acquire nuclear weapons.** Experts also worry that while nuclear weapons are currently under firm control, with warheads disassembled, technology could be sold off by insiders during a worsened crisis. However, U.S. intelligence officials have expressed greater confidence regarding the security of Islamabad's nuclear weapons. Deputy Secretary of State John D. Negroponte in testimony to Congress on November 7, 2007 said he believed that there is "plenty of succession planning that's going on in the Pakistani military" and that Pakistan's nuclear weapons are under "effective technical control." **Similarly, Donald Kerr, Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, told a Washington audience May 29, 2008, that the Pakistani military's control of the nuclear weapons is "a good thing because that's an institution in Pakistan that has, in fact, withstood many of the political changes over the years."** A Department of Defense spokesperson told reporters December 9, 2008, that Washington has "no reason at this point to have any concern with regards to the security" of Islamabad's nuclear arsenal. More recently, Maples stated March 10, 2009, that Islamabad "has taken important steps to safeguard its nuclear weapons," although he pointed out that "vulnerabilities exist." **Secretary of Defense Robert Gates stated in a January 21, 2010, interview that the United States is "very comfortable with the security of Pakistan's nuclear weapons."** Other governments have also voiced opinions regarding the security of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal. For example, Indian National Security Adviser M. K. Narayanan said that the arsenal is safe and has adequate checks and balances. Similarly, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs David Miliband told the *Charlie Rose Show* December 15, 2008, that Islamabad's nuclear weapons "are under pretty close lock and key." Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov, however, sounded somewhat less optimistic in a March 24, 2009, television interview, stating that Moscow is "very much concerned" about the security of Pakistan's arsenal. **Pakistani officials have consistently expressed confidence in the security of the country's nuclear arsenal.** Then-President Musharraf stated in November 2007 that Pakistan's nuclear weapons are under "total custodial controls." More recently, **President Asif Ali Zardari told CNN December 2, 2008, that the country's nuclear command and control system "is working well."** Additionally, a Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesperson stated May 21, 2009, that "there is simply no question of our strategic assets falling into the wrong hands. We have full confidence in our procedures, mechanisms and command and control systems." In addition to the above scenarios, the security of Pakistan's nuclear weapons could also be jeopardized by another conflict between India and Pakistan, **Michael Krepon argued, explaining that an "escalating war with nuclear forces in the field would increase the probability of accidents, miscalculations, and the use of nuclear weapons."** This is because [w]hen tensions rise precipitously with India, the readiness level of Pakistan's nuclear deterrent also rises. Because the geographical coordinates of Pakistan's main nuclear weapon storage sites, missile, and air bases can be readily identified from satellites—and therefore targeted by opposing forces—the dictates of deterrence mandate some movement of launchers and weapons from fixed locations during crises. Nuclear weapons on the move are inherently less secure than nuclear weapons at heavily-guarded storage sites. **Weapons and launchers in motion are also more susceptible to "insider" threats and accidents.** Such a war, Krepon added, would also place stress on the army's unity of command. Krepon has also pointed out that Islamabad faces a dilemma, because less-dispersed nuclear weapons may be more vulnerable to a disarming military strike from India.

**U.S. Assistance & Pakistani Nuclear Security:** U.S. plans to secure Pakistani nuclear weapons in case of a loss of control by the Pakistani government were famously addressed during Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's confirmation hearing in January 2005. In response to a question from Senator John Kerry asking what would happen to Pakistan's nuclear weapons in the event of a radical Islamic coup in Islamabad, Secretary Rice answered, **"We have noted this problem, and we are prepared to try to deal with it."** On November 12, 2007, responding to press reports about this contingency, a Pakistan Foreign Office spokesperson said, **"Pakistan possesses adequate retaliatory capacity to defend its strategic assets and sovereignty,"** emphasizing that Islamabad's nuclear weapons have been under **"strong multi-layered, institutionalized decision-making, organizational, administrative and command and control structures since 1998."** The issue of U.S. contingency plans to take over Pakistani strategic assets was raised again in the press following Benazir Bhutto's assassination, and was met with similar assurances by Pakistan's government. More recently, a Pakistan Foreign Office spokesperson, responding to a report detailing alleged U.S.-Pakistani discussions regarding contingency plans for U.S. forces to help secure Islamabad's nuclear weapons, stated November 8, 2009, that **Pakistan "does not require any foreign assistance in this regard."** Pakistan will never **"allow any country to have direct or indirect access to its nuclear and strategic facilities,"** the spokesperson said, adding that **"no talks have ever taken place on the issue of the security of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal with US officials."** U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Anne Patterson stated the same day that the United States **"has no intention to seize Pakistani nuclear weapons or material."** **Gates stated during the January 2010 television interview that the United States has "no intention or desire to take over any of Pakistan's nuclear weapons."** The United States reportedly offered Pakistan nuclear security assistance soon after September 11, 2001. U.S. assistance to Islamabad, which must comply with nonproliferation guidelines, has reportedly included the sharing of best practices and technical measures to prevent unauthorized or accidental use of nuclear weapons, as well as contribute to physical security of storage facilities and personnel reliability. **Some press reports say that the United States provided Pakistan with Permissive Action Links (PALs) in 2003, although former Pakistani military officials have said Pakistan has developed PALs for its warheads without assistance.** PALs require a code to be entered before a weapon can be detonated. As noted above, Islamabad employs a system requiring that at least two, and perhaps three, people authenticate launch codes for nuclear weapons. Security at nuclear sites in Islamabad is the responsibility of a 10,000-member security force, commanded by a two-star general. Former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage confirmed in a November 2007 interview that there has been U.S. assistance in this area, explaining that the United States was unlikely to intervene militarily in a crisis in Pakistan because **"we have spent**

considerable time with the Pakistani military, talking with them and working with them on the security of their nuclear weapons. I think most observers would say that they are fairly secure. They have pretty sophisticated mechanisms to guard the security of those.” Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, former Director of the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence at the U.S. Department of Energy, pointed out in May 2009 that “there’s not a lot of transparency into” how Islamabad spends the U.S. funds, but he nevertheless characterized them as “money well spent.” A Pakistani official said in November 2009 that Pakistan reserves the right to “pick and choose” the nuclear security measures it will undertake, adding that Islamabad will only accept such measures that are “nonintrusive.” **The extent to which Pakistan has shared information about its nuclear arsenal with the United States is unclear. Although, as noted, former President Musharraf has acknowledged Islamabad’s sharing of some information, General Tariq Majid, Chair of Pakistan’s Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, stated November 9, 2009, that “there is absolutely no question of sharing or allowing any foreign individual, entity or a state, any access to sensitive information about our nuclear assets.”** The U.S. government has also reportedly offered assistance to secure or destroy radioactive materials that could be used to make a radioactive dispersal device, and to ship highly enriched uranium used in the Pakistani civilian nuclear sector out of the country. **Pakistan’s response to these proposals is unclear. It is worth noting that, according to some observers, spent fuel from Pakistan’s Karachi and Chasma nuclear power plants could be vulnerable to theft or attack. Pakistani officials have expressed confidence in the security of its facilities, however.**

**Proliferation Threat:** Many observers are concerned that other states or terrorist organizations could obtain material or expertise related to nuclear weapons from Pakistan. Beginning in the 1970s, Pakistan used clandestine procurement networks to develop its nuclear weapons program. Former Pakistani nuclear official A.Q. Khan subsequently used a similar network to supply Libya, North Korea, and Iran with materials related to uranium enrichment. **Al-Qaeda has also sought assistance from the Khan network. According to former Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet, the United States “received fragmentary information from an intelligence service” that in 1998 Osama bin Laden had “sent emissaries to establish contact” with the network. Other Pakistani sources could also provide nuclear material to terrorist organizations.** According to a 2005 report by the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction, **al-Qaeda “had established contact with Pakistani scientists who discussed development of nuclear devices that would require hard-to-obtain materials like uranium to create a nuclear explosion.”** Tenet explains that these scientists were affiliated with a different organization than the Khan network. **The current status of Pakistan’s nuclear export network is unclear, although most official U.S. reports indicate that, at the least, it has been damaged considerably.** Director of National Intelligence John D. Negroponte implied that the network had been dismantled when he asserted in a January 11, 2007, statement to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that “Pakistan had been a major source of nuclear proliferation until the disruption of the A.Q. Khan network.” More recently, a January 12, 2009, State Department press release said that the network “is no longer operating.” For its part, Pakistan’s Foreign Office stated February 7, 2009, that **Pakistan “has dismantled the nuclear black market network.”** Asked during a July 20, 2009, interview whether North Korea was transferring “nuclear weapons” or related advice to North Korea, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton replied that there is “no evidence” that Pakistan is doing so. However, when asked about the network’s current status during a July 25, 2007, Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing, Undersecretary for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns replied that: **I cannot assert that no part of that network exists, but it’s my understanding based on our conversations with the Pakistanis that the network has been fundamentally dismantled. But to say that there are no elements in Pakistan, I’m not sure I could say that.** Similarly, the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies found in a May 2007 report that “at least some of Khan’s associates appear to have escaped law enforcement attention and could ... resume their black-market business.” Asked about Pakistan’s cooperation in investigating the network, Burns acknowledged **that the United States has not had “personal, consistent access” to Khan, but added that he did not “have all the details of everything we’ve done.”** Similarly, the IAEA has not yet been able to interview Khan directly, according to an agency official. However, Islamabad has responded to written questions from the IAEA and has been cooperative with the agency’s investigation of Iran’s nuclear program. Khan himself told *Dawn News TV* May 29, 2008, that he would not cooperate with U.S. or IAEA investigators. A Pakistani Foreign Office spokesperson told reporters in May 2006 that the government considered the Khan investigation “closed”—a position an Office spokesperson reiterated February 6, 2009. The State Department announced January 12, 2009, that it was imposing sanctions on 13 individuals and three companies for their involvement in the Khan network. The sanctions were imposed under the Export-Import Bank Act, the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act, and Executive Orders 12938 and 13382.

**Pakistan’s Response To The Proliferation Threat:** Undersecretary Burns testified in July 2007 that the Bush administration has “told the Pakistani government that it is its responsibility ... to make sure” that neither the Khan network nor a “similar organization” resurfaces in the country. Since the revelations about the Khan network, Pakistan appears to have increased its efforts to prevent nuclear proliferation. But whether and to what extent these efforts have been successful is not yet clear. It is worth noting that, because Khan conducted his proliferation activities as a government official, they do not necessarily indicate a failure of Islamabad’s export controls. Pakistani officials argue that Islamabad has taken a number of steps to prevent further proliferation of nuclear-related technologies and materials. For example, **Islamabad adopted in September 2004 new national export controls legislation which includes a requirement that the government issue control lists for “goods, technologies, material, and equipment which may contribute to designing, development, stockpiling, [and] use” of nuclear weapons and related delivery systems.** According to a February 2008 presentation by Zafar Ali, Director of Pakistan’s Strategic Export Controls Division (SECDIV), the lists, which were issued in October 2005 and are to be periodically updated, include items controlled by multilateral export control regimes, such as the Nuclear Suppliers Group, the Australia Group, and the Missile Technology Control Regime. **The export controls legislation also includes a catch-all clause, which requires exporters to notify the government if they are aware or suspect that goods or technology are intended by the end-user for use in nuclear or biological weapons, or missiles capable of delivering such weapons. The legislation includes several other important elements, such as end-use and end-user certification requirements and new penalties for violators.** Since its adoption, Pakistan has established the SECDIV and an associated Oversight Board. The SECDIV is responsible for formulating rules and regulations for implementing the legislation. The board is comprised of officials from multiple agencies and is headed by Pakistan’s Foreign Secretary. Islamabad says that it has also taken several other steps to improve its nuclear security. For example, the government announced in June 2007 that it is “implementing a National Security Action Plan with the [IAEA’s] assistance.” That same month, Pakistan also joined the

U.S.- and Russian-led Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism. As noted above, the December 2007 National Command Authority Ordinance also includes measures to prevent the spread of nuclear-related materials and expertise. **Pakistani officials participating in an April 2007 Partnership for Global Security workshop argued that Islamabad has improved the reliability of its nuclear personnel by, for example, making security clearance procedures more stringent.**

**Issues For Congress:** Members of Congress have also expressed concerns regarding the security of Pakistan's nuclear weapons and related material. Senator Richard Lugar has spoken out in favor of using the cooperative threat reduction tools in Pakistan to help with the security of nuclear, biological, and chemical materials and weapons in the country. Additionally, a number of pieces of legislation appear designed to influence Islamabad's policies regarding the Khan network. Section 2 of H.R. 1463, which was introduced March 12, 2009, and referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee the same day, states that U.S. military assistance may be provided to Pakistan only if the President certifies that Islamabad is both making A.Q. Khan available to the United States for questioning and "providing adequate assurances to the United States Government that it will monitor Khan's movements and activities in such a manner as to prevent his participation in any efforts to disseminate nuclear technology or know-how." This section allows the President to waive restrictions on U.S. assistance imposed pursuant to the proposed legislation if the President "certifies to Congress that it is in the national interests of the United States to do so." H.R. 2481, the United States-Pakistan Security and Stability Act, which was introduced May 19, 2009, and referred the same day to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the House Armed Services Committee, and the House Intelligence Committee, would require the President to "develop and transmit to the appropriate congressional committees a comprehensive interagency strategy and implementation plan for long-term security and stability in Pakistan." **The strategy is to include a "description of how United States assistance" authorized by the bill "will be used to achieve the objectives of United States policy toward Pakistan," one of which is "to empower and enable" Islamabad to "maintain robust command and control over its nuclear weapons technology."** The bill would authorize foreign assistance for Pakistan, including funds for improving the government's counter-insurgency capability. H.R. 1886, the Pakistan Enduring Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement Act of 2009, would authorize U.S. assistance to Pakistan for a variety of purposes. These include strengthening democratic institutions and law enforcement, as well as supporting economic development, education, human rights, and health care. The bill would also authorize additional U.S. security assistance for Islamabad. **However, Section 206 of the bill places conditions on some of this assistance; it states that no U.S. military assistance shall be provided to Pakistan if the President has not made a series of determinations, one of which is that the government "is continuing to cooperate with the United States in efforts to dismantle supplier networks relating to the acquisition of nuclear weapons related materials, including, as necessary, providing access to Pakistani nationals associated with such networks."** The section includes a national security waiver. The bill also requires a report to Congress that includes a "description of Pakistan's efforts to prevent proliferation of nuclear-related material and expertise" and an "assessment of whether assistance provided to Pakistan pursuant to this Act has directly or indirectly aided the expansion of Pakistan's nuclear weapons program." The committee report underlines continuing concerns about getting full information about the activities of the Khan network and development of Pakistan's own nuclear arsenal: **Pakistan's history of nuclear development and Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan's establishment of a nuclear proliferation network remain a source for concern to many in the United States, particularly since the Committee understands that representatives of the United States have not interviewed certain individuals involved in the network.** The Committee believes the United States should continue to engage the Government of Pakistan on the network, and should, as necessary, obtain direct access to the individuals covered by this subsection, including Dr. Khan. **The Committee also maintains strong concerns regarding recent reports of Pakistan expansion of its nuclear arsenal. Given the expanding threat of Pakistan's domestic insurgency, the Government of Pakistan's further development of nuclear materials appears inconsistent with its immediate security threats and is unhelpful in the context of efforts to strengthen U.S.-Pakistani relations.** H.R. 1886 was introduced April 2, 2009, and referred the same day to both the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Rules Committee. The Foreign Affairs Committee reported the bill May 22, and the Rules Committee discharged it the same day. The bill was referred to the House Armed Services Committee May 22 and discharged June 2. On June 11, the House passed H.R. 1886, which was appended to H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011. H.R. 2410 has been received by the Senate and referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. **The Senate passed the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009 (S. 962) unanimously on June 24, 2009. This bill would provide aid to Pakistan but does not include conditions regarding the nuclear nonproliferation or nuclear weapons activities.** The Senate report (S.Rept. 111-33) says that "Any use of funds contained in this legislation for the purpose of augmenting Pakistan's nuclear weapons program would be directly contrary to Congressional intent." S. 1707, the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009 represents a compromise between H.R. 1886 and S. 962. It passed the Senate by unanimous consent on September 24, 2009. The House passed the bill on September 30. It became public law (P.L. 111-73, 123 Stat. 2060) on October 15, 2009. Section 203 (c) of S. 1707 requires that the President certifies that Pakistan is "continuing to cooperate with the United States in efforts to dismantle supplier networks relating to the acquisition of nuclear weapons-related materials, such as providing relevant information from or direct access to Pakistani nationals associated with such networks." It also requires a Semi-Annual Monitoring Report that would include a detailed description of Pakistan's nuclear nonproliferation efforts and an assessment of whether assistance has "directly or indirectly aided the expansion of Pakistan's nuclear weapons program, whether by the diversion of United States assistance or the reallocation of Pakistan's financial resources that would otherwise be spent for programs and activities unrelated to its nuclear weapons program." In response to concerns expressed in Pakistan over the intent of the bill, a "Joint Explanatory Statement" was submitted for the *Congressional Record* by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John Kerry and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Howard Berman. **The Pakistan's Nuclear Weapons: Proliferation and Security Issues Congressional Research Service 20 statement emphasizes that "the legislation does not seek in any way to compromise Pakistan's sovereignty, impinge on Pakistan's national security interests, or micromanage any aspect of Pakistani military or civilian operations."** Regarding reporting requirements on nuclear nonproliferation cooperation, the statement says: **The many requirements of this report are intended as a way for Congress to assess how effectively U.S. funds are being spent, shortfalls in U.S. resources that hinder the use of such funds, and steps the Government of Pakistan has taken to advance our mutual interests in countering extremism and nuclear proliferation and strengthening democratic institutions.** There is no intent to, and nothing in this Act in any way suggests that there should be, any U.S. role in micromanaging internal Pakistani affairs, including the promotion of Pakistani military officers or the internal operations of the Pakistani military.





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**Title/Headline:** *Taliban Claim Unverified Responsibility: Times Square Car Bomb, Prelude To Nuclear Attack?*

**Abstract:** Saturday evening a car was found by police to contain gunpowder, propane and a crude timer according to the NYPD. A mounted police officer now identified as Wade Rattagan, observed smoke coming from a sport utility vehicle with hazard lights flashing at 6:30 pm, in addition to a statement that an official made from Department of Homeland Security who wasn't authorized to release the information and spoke on condition of anonymity to reporters. **Police evacuated a number of residential and commercial buildings and cleared the streets of thousands people with militarized police deployed around the area with what is described as heavy automatic weapons according to bystanders.** One male tourist said it looked like something you would see in a hollywood movie. Federal agents responded with the NYPD and Paul Bresson, head of public affairs office at FBI headquarters in Washington said, "the matter is being taken seriously". Tourists reported hearing a small explosion hours after the car was first located. The area that was closed is home to several major Broadway shows, with seven theaters. The SUV itself is unidentified and the license plate was stolen from another vehicle. Police made contact with the person that had taken the original car with the plate to a junk yard. The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) was removed and the fact that the hazard lights were left on raise questions about the premeditation of this event. **Earlier this week a story broke with U.S. Military sources leaking a document detailing an exercise simulating a military response to Tea Party activists and tax protestors at Fort Knox. The document demonstrated that detention centers would be readied for mass arrests as well as other Military LEO's being on standby.** The document though an exercise, simulated activists as an enemy as military would have access to ammunition draws for engagement. It is now public that the attempted bombing of a Detroit bound airliner in December 2009 had been orchestrated by rogue elements inside the U.S. Federal Government with ties to Israel, to further the expansion of domestic police state measures. **It is also notable that about a week ago a man was arrested for possessing sodium cyanide on the NY Subway raising questions regarding whether both events are linked and if there is federal involvement.** Military sources tell us there is little practical use for a terrorist to target civilians as it would only garner public support for the U.S. Government suggesting that this could likely be staged or the work of a disgruntled amateur. Claims that Pakistani Taliban admit responsibility for the New York attack in revenge for the two leaders al-Baghdadi and al-Mahajer and Muslim martyrs is unverified and purportedly said a statement on a website commonly used by Islamists as reported by Reuters Sunday. Conflicting reports indicate that Pakistani Taliban deny responsibility for the attack. **Fears that Pakistani Taliban may obtain nuclear weapons from Pakistan's Government have been expressed by the Obama Administration. It is highly likely that a nuclear or biological device will be detonated in a major U.S. city by 2013 according to a bipartisan panel on Tuesday, December 02, 2008. The report of the Commission on the Prevention of WMD Proliferation and Terrorism, led by former Sens. Bob Graham of Florida and Jim Talent of Missouri, acknowledged that terrorists still lack the needed scientific and technical ability to make weapons out of pathogens or nuclear bombs (Infowars, 2010).**

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**Source:** Veterans Today, Gordon Duff

**Title/Headline:** *Crash Of Airbus 320 Outside Islamabad Now Believed Hijacked, Heading For Nuke Facility*

**Abstract:** Informed sources in the Government of Pakistan have told Veterans Today that they are developing "hard evidence" indicating the Air Blue Airbus 320 that crashed July 28th outside Islamabad was a terrorist hijacking tied to rogue American security forces operating inside that country. Sources indicate that the plane crash was an unsuccessful hijacking attempt intended to crash into the nuclear weapons facility at Kahuta, outside Islamabad. Such an attack may have been blamed on India and would likely have led to retaliation which could easily have escalated to a nuclear exchange between these two nations that have spent decades at each other's throats. **Suspicious were raised inside Pakistan's military and intelligence organizations when American military contractors employed by Blackwater/Xe showed up on the scene immediately after the crash, seizing the black box and "other materials."** There is no confirmation that parachutes or electronic equipment had been removed when Blackwater/Xe security relinquished control of the crash scene to Pakistani investigators. Royal Television in Islamabad, owned by the brother of the head of Pakistan's powerful JI (Jamate Islami), the Islamic political party, has reported that investigations are underway tying American based contractors to the planning of the attack. **Pakistan's ISRP (Inter-Services Public Relations) has failed to confirm this but private sources indicate that an active investigation of these allegations is, not only underway but has established ties between an American group and the hijackers.** Military and intelligence officials inside Pakistan, in concert with the American embassy, are withholding all official details of the investigation and are likely to continue doing so. **This same facility had been the subject of an armed penetration by American contractors, believed to be employed by the State Department, in 2009. Four Blackwater employees, armed and possessing explosives were arrested outside the Kahuta nuclear facility in 2009. The four, driving a Jeep 4x4 and possessing advanced surveillance and jamming equipment of Israeli manufacture, were intercepted 1.5 miles from the Kahuta nuclear facility.** The four spoke fluent Pushtu and were dressed in a manner as to resemble Taliban fighters. The order for their release, given by Minister of the Interior Rehman Malik, is an issue of considerable controversy between the civilian government in Pakistan and the powerful military. **The passenger jet with 152 on board slammed into a hillside in what was believed to be Pakistan's most serious air crash. At least 2 Americans were believed to be on board but, a month later, the US Embassy in Islamabad has left this unconfirmed. Reports received today, however, confirm that at least 5 Americans, military contractors said to be employed by Xe, may also have been on the craft but could not be identified as they had been traveling in local garb and had boarded with false identification. Xe**

is an American based military and intelligence contracting firm formerly known as Blackwater and has been the subject of considerable controversy for activities inside Pakistan. Sources indicate that the attackers stormed the cockpit in a hijacking attempt. The pilot is said to have jammed the flight controls, careening the Airbus 320 and all aboard into a hillside rather than allowing the plane to be used in a "9/11" type attack inside Pakistan or flown into Indian air space for a repeat of the 2008 Mumbai attack. Pakistan has, at times in error, referred to American contractors employed by the Departments of Defense, State or the Central Intelligence Agency as Blackwater. However, it is believed the majority of such employees are, in fact, members of that organization or is derivative, Xe. The same group, often criticized for irregularities in Iraq, has been contracted by the Central Intelligence Agency to operate Predator drones inside Pakistan, operations that have resulted in a significant number of civilian deaths and said by political leaders of several factions to do little but recruit terrorists (Duff, 2010).

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**Source:** Telegraph, Praveen Swami

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan's Nuclear Arms Push Angers America*

**Abstract:** The Institute for Science and International Security, a Washington-based nuclear watchdog, has obtained satellite images showing that a row of cooling towers at Pakistan's secret Khushab-III reactor has been completed. This suggests the plant could begin operation within months, allowing Pakistan substantially to increase its stockpiles of weapons-grade plutonium. Last year, Barack Obama, US president, called for "a new treaty that verifiably ends the production of fissile materials". In response, the Conference on Disarmament, a 64-nation coalition that negotiated the 1992 Chemical Weapons convention and the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, agreed to negotiate a Fissile Materials Cut-off Treaty, intended to cap production of weapons-grade enriched uranium and most forms of plutonium. **But Pakistan, which is deepening its nuclear ties to China, has blocked the Conference on Disarmament from starting discussions, saying a cut-off would hurt its national security interests.** Ashley Tellis, a scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said: "Pakistan thinks it's going to be forced to cap its fissile material stocks and wants to make sure it has as much as it can get before then." The country's position has frustrated many states. Rose Gottmeier, the US Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, recently warned that her country's "patience is running out". Khushab-III is the latest in a series of reactors built to feed Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme. Khushab-II, located next to its new sister plant, became operational in February. The plutonium produced at the complex allows for the construction of small but lethal weapons: a single kilogram can produce an explosion equal to 20,000 tons of conventional explosives. **Work at Khushab III has forged ahead even as Pakistan struggles to cope with floods that have inflicted damage estimated at £27 billion—and amid mounting concerns over the long-term security of the strife-devastated country's nuclear arsenal.** Pakistan argues that its nuclear weapons programme is necessary to counter the superior conventional forces of India, its historic adversary. In a recent report published by the prestigious Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, Hans Kristensen and Robert Norris estimated it had assembled 70-90 nuclear warheads to India's 60-80, and had produced enough fissile material to manufacture another 90 more. **The Obama administration is also disturbed by Chinese plans to build two new nuclear reactors in Pakistan, bypassing Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) rules that bar sales of nuclear equipment to states that have not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).** India, which along with Israel and Pakistan has refused to sign the NPT, recently obtained a waiver from the NSG allowing sales under international safeguards. China, however, says it does not need NSG permission to sell reactors to Pakistan, arguing it had committed to the deal before it joined the NSG in 2004—a claim the United States disputes (Swami, 2010).

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**Source:** The New York Times, Jane Perlez, David E. Sanger, Eric Schmitt.

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Fuel Memos Expose Wary Dance With Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Less than a month after President Obama testily assured reporters in 2009 that Pakistan's nuclear materials "will remain out of militant hands," his ambassador here sent a secret message to Washington suggesting that she remained deeply worried. The ambassador's concern was a stockpile of highly enriched uranium, sitting for years near an aging research nuclear reactor in Pakistan. **There was enough to build several "dirty bombs" or, in skilled hands, possibly enough for an actual nuclear bomb. In the cable, dated May 27, 2009, the ambassador, Anne W. Patterson, reported that the Pakistani government was yet again dragging its feet on an agreement reached two years earlier to have the United States remove the material.** She wrote to senior American officials that the Pakistani government had concluded that "the 'sensational' international and local media coverage of Pakistan's nuclear weapons made it impossible to proceed at this time." A senior Pakistani official, she said, warned that if word leaked out that Americans were helping remove the fuel, the local press would certainly "portray it as the United States taking Pakistan's nuclear weapons."

**The Fuel Is Still There:** It may be the most unnerving evidence of the complex relationship — sometimes cooperative, often confrontational, always wary — between America and Pakistan nearly 10 years into the American-led war in Afghanistan. The cables, obtained by WikiLeaks and made available to a number of news organizations, make it clear that underneath public reassurances lie deep clashes over strategic goals on issues like **Pakistan's support for the Afghan Taliban and tolerance of Al Qaeda, and Washington's warmer relations with India, Pakistan's archenemy.** Written from the American Embassy in Islamabad, the cables reveal American maneuvering as diplomats try to support an unpopular elected government that is more sympathetic to American aims than is the real power in Pakistan, the army and intelligence agency so crucial to the fight against militants. **The cables show just how weak the civilian government is: President Asif Ali Zardari told Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. that he worried that the military might "take me out."** Frustration at American inability to persuade the Pakistani Army and intelligence agency to stop supporting the Afghan Taliban and other militants runs through the reports of meetings between American and Pakistani officials. **That frustration preoccupied the Bush administration and became an issue for the incoming Obama administration, the cables document, during a trip in January 2009 that Mr. Biden made to Pakistan 11 days before he was sworn in.** In a meeting with Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, the

army chief of staff, Mr. Biden asked several times whether Pakistan and the United States “had the same enemy as we move forward.” **“The United States needs to be able to make an objective assessment of Pakistan’s part of the bargain,” Mr. Biden said,** according to a Feb. 6, 2009, cable. General Kayani tried to reassure him, saying, “We are on the same page in Afghanistan, but there might be different tactics.” Mr. Biden replied that “results” would test that. The cables reveal at least one example of increased cooperation, previously undisclosed, under the Obama administration. **Last fall, the Pakistani Army secretly allowed 12 American Special Operations soldiers to deploy with Pakistani troops in the violent tribal areas near the Afghan border. The Americans were forbidden to conduct combat missions. Even though their numbers were small, their presence at army headquarters in Bajaur, South Waziristan and North Waziristan was a “sea change in thinking,”** the embassy reported. The embassy added its usual caution: The deployments must be kept secret or the “Pakistani military will likely stop making requests for such assistance.” Within the past year, however, Pakistan and the United States have gingerly started to publicly acknowledge the role of American field advisers. Lt. Col. Michael Shavers, an American military spokesman in Islamabad, said in a statement that “at the request of the Pakistanis,” small teams of Special Operations forces “move to various locations with their Pakistani military counterparts throughout Pakistan.” Moreover, last week in a report to Congress on operations in Afghanistan, **the Pentagon said that the Pakistani Army had also accepted American and coalition advisers in Quetta.** The cables do not deal with the sharp increase under Mr. Obama in drone attacks against Al Qaeda and the Taliban in the tribal areas with Pakistan’s tacit approval. That is because the cables are not classified at the highest levels.

**A Deep Skepticism: Over all, though, the cables portray deep skepticism that Pakistan will ever cooperate fully in fighting the full panoply of extremist groups.** This is partly because Pakistan sees some of the strongest militant groups as insurance for the inevitable day that the United States military withdraws from Afghanistan — and Pakistan wants to exert maximum influence inside Afghanistan and against Indian intervention. Indeed, the consul general in Peshawar wrote in 2008 that she believed that some members of the Haqqani network — one of the most lethal groups attacking American and Afghan soldiers — had left North Waziristan to escape drone strikes. Some family members, she wrote, relocated south of Peshawar; others lived in Rawalpindi, where senior Pakistani military officials also live. In one cable, Ms. Patterson, a veteran diplomat who left Islamabad in October after a three-year stint as ambassador, said more money and military assistance would not be persuasive. **“There is no chance that Pakistan will view enhanced assistance levels in any field as sufficient compensation for abandoning support for these groups,** which it sees as an important part of its national security apparatus against India.” In a rare tone of dissent with Washington, she said **Pakistan would only dig in deeper if America continued to improve ties with India, which she said “feeds Pakistani establishment paranoia and pushes them closer to both Afghan and Kashmir focused terrorist groups.”** The groups Ms. Patterson referred to were almost certainly the Haqqani network of the Afghan Taliban and Lashkar-e-Taiba, a group financed by Pakistan in the 1990s to fight India in Kashmir that is accused of the 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India. **The highly enriched uranium that Ms. Patterson wanted removed from the research reactor came from the United States in the mid-1960s.** In those days, under the Atoms for Peace program, little thought was given to proliferation, and Pakistan seemed too poor and backward to join the nuclear race. But by May 2009, all that had changed, and her terse cable to the State and Defense Departments, among others, touched every nerve in the fraught relationship: mutual mistrust, the safety of the world’s fastest-growing nuclear arsenal, broken promises and a pervasive fear that any talk about Pakistan’s vulnerability would end whatever cooperation existed. The reactor had been converted to use low-enriched uranium, well below bomb grade, in 1990, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency, or I.A.E.A. But the bomb-grade uranium had never been returned to the United States and remains in storage nearby. **Ms. Patterson’s cable noted that Pakistan had “agreed in principle to the fuel removal in 2007.” But time and again the Pakistanis balked, and she reported that an interagency group within the Pakistani government had decided to cancel a visit by American technical experts to get the fuel out of the country.** She concluded that “it is clear that the negative media attention has begun to hamper U.S. efforts to improve Pakistan’s nuclear security and nonproliferation practices.” Any progress, she suggested, would have to await a “more conducive” political climate. On Monday, Pakistan’s Foreign Affairs Ministry issued a statement confirming that “the US suggestion to have the fuel transferred was plainly refused by Pakistan.” **It said that the United States had provided the fuel but did not mention that, under the terms of such transfers, the United States retained the right to have the spent fuel returned.** The ambassador’s comments help explain why Mr. Obama and his aides have expressed confidence in Pakistan’s nuclear security when asked in public. But at the beginning of the administration’s review of its Afghanistan and Pakistan strategy, a highly classified intelligence report delivered to Mr. Obama said that while Pakistan’s weapons were well secured, there was deep, continuing concern about “insider access,” meaning elements in the military or intelligence services. **In fact, Ms. Patterson, in a Feb. 4, 2009, cable, wrote that “our major concern is not having an Islamic militant steal an entire weapon but rather the chance someone working in GOP [government of Pakistan] facilities could gradually smuggle enough material out to eventually make a weapon.”** Mr. Obama’s review concluded by determining that there were two “vital” American interests in the region. One was defeating Al Qaeda. The second, not previously reported, was making sure terrorists could never gain access to Pakistan’s nuclear program. That goal was classified, to keep from angering Islamabad. Asked about the status of the fuel at the research reactor, Damien LaVera, a spokesman for the National Nuclear Security Administration of the Energy Department, said, **“The United States supplied Pakistan with fuel for a research reactor decades ago for the purpose of producing medical isotopes and scientific research.”** Implicitly acknowledging that the material remains there, Mr. LaVera said **“the fuel is under I.A.E.A. safeguards and has not been part of Pakistan’s nuclear weapons program.”** One secret cable offers another glimpse into another element of the nuclear gamesmanship between the United States and its Pakistani allies: **Even while American officials were trying to persuade Pakistani officials to give up nuclear material, they were quietly seeking to block Pakistan from trying to buy material that would help it produce tritium, the crucial ingredient needed to increase the power of nuclear weapons.** After providing specific details of the proposed sale, a Dec. 12, 2008, secret cable to the American Embassy in Singapore, seeking help to stop a transaction that was about to take place, concluded, **“We would have great concern over Pakistan’s potential use of tritium to advance its nuclear weapons program.”**

**Reports Of Army Abuses:** The cables also reveal that the American Embassy had received credible reports of extrajudicial killings of prisoners by the Pakistani Army more than a year before the Obama administration publicly acknowledged the problem and before a video that is said to show such killings surfaced on the Internet. The killings are another source of tension, complicated by

American pressure on Pakistan to be more aggressive in confronting militants on its own soil. In a Sept. 10, 2009, cable labeled “secret/noforn,” meaning that it was too delicate to be shared with foreign governments, the embassy confronted allegations of human rights abuses in the Swat Valley and the tribal areas since the Pakistani Army had begun fighting the Taliban a few months earlier. While carefully worded, the cable left little doubt about what was going on. **It spoke of a “growing body of evidence” that gave credence to the allegations. “The crux of the problem appears to center on the treatment of terrorists detained in battlefield operations and have focused on the extrajudicial killing of some detainees,” the cable said.** “The detainees involved were in the custody of Frontier Corps or Pakistan army units.” The Frontier Corps is a paramilitary force partly financed by the United States to fight the insurgents. The Pakistani Army was holding as many as 5,000 “terrorist detainees,” the cable said, about twice as many as the army had acknowledged. Concerned that the United States should not offend the Pakistani Army, the cable stressed that any talk of the killings must be kept out of the press. **“Post advises that we avoid comment on these incidents to the extent possible and that efforts remain focused on dialogue and the assistance strategy,” the ambassador wrote. This September, however, the issue exploded into public view when a video emerged showing Pakistani soldiers executing six unarmed young men in civilian clothes.** In October, the Obama administration suspended financing to half a dozen Pakistani Army units believed to have killed civilians or unarmed prisoners. The cables verge on gossip, as diplomats strained to understand the personalities behind the fractious Pakistani government, and particularly two men: General Kayani and President Zardari. **Often, the United States finds that Mr. Zardari, the accidental leader after the assassination of his wife, Benazir Bhutto, is sympathetic to American goals — stiff sanctions on terrorist financing, the closing down of terrorist training camps — but lacks the power to fulfill his promises against resistance from the military and intelligence agencies.** Mr. Zardari’s chief antagonist, General Kayani, emerges as a stubborn guarantor of what he sees as Pakistan’s national interest, an army chief who meddles in civilian politics but stops short of overturning the elected order. Early in the Obama administration, General Kayani made clear a condition for improved relations. As the director general of the Directorate for Inter-Services Intelligence, or ISI, from 2004 to 2007, he did not want a “reckoning with the past,” said a cable in 2009 introducing him to the new administration. “Kayani will want to hear that the United States has turned the page on past ISI operations,” it said. General Kayani was probably referring to the peace accords with the Taliban from 2004 to 2007 that resulted in the strengthening of the militants. If the general seems confidently in charge, the cables portray Mr. Zardari as a man not fully aware of his weakness. At one point he said he would not object if Abdul Qadeer Khan, revered in Pakistan as the father of its nuclear weapons program, were interviewed by the International Atomic Energy Agency but tacitly acknowledged that he was powerless to make that happen. **Mr. Zardari, who spent 11 years in prison on ultimately unproved corruption charges, feared for his position and possibly — the wording is ambiguous — his life: the cables reveal that Vice President Biden told Prime Minister Gordon Brown of Britain in March 2009 that Mr. Zardari had told him that the “ISI director and Kayani will take me out.”** His suspicions were not groundless. In March 2009, a period of political turmoil, General Kayani told the ambassador that he “might, however reluctantly,” pressure Mr. Zardari to resign and, the cable added, presumably leave Pakistan. He mentioned the leader of a third political party, Asfandiyar Wali Khan, as a possible replacement. “Kayani made it clear regardless how much he disliked Zardari he distrusted Nawaz even more,” the ambassador wrote, a reference to Nawaz Sharif, a former prime minister. By 2010, after many sessions with Mr. Zardari, Ms. Patterson had revised the guarded optimism that characterized her early cables about Mr. Zardari. **“Pakistan’s civilian government remains weak, ineffectual and corrupt,” she wrote on Feb. 22, 2010, the eve of a visit by the F.B.I. director, Robert S. Mueller III. “Domestic politics is dominated by uncertainty about the fate of President Zardari.”** That assessment holds more than eight months later, even as Mr. Obama in October extended an invitation to Mr. Zardari to visit the White House next year, as the leader of a nation that holds a key to peace in Afghanistan but appears too divided and mistrustful to turn it for the Americans (Perlez, Sanger, & Schmitt, 2010).

**Date:** December 21, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Test Fires Nuclear-Capable Missile*

**Abstract:** Pakistani Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani said the successful missile test proved that the country's defence capability is invincible and "should never be challenged". The Pakistan military released a statement which said that the Ghauri Hatf 5 missile has a range of 800 miles, and has the capability to carry nuclear and conventional warheads. Mr Gilani made it clear that nuclear deterrence would form the basis of Pakistan's security policy, assuring that the programme would be developed and its nuclear capabilities enhanced. He stated that Pakistan had no intention of using the missiles aggressively. **Pakistan and their neighbours, India, have routinely carried out missile tests since both displayed nuclear capabilities in 1998. The Prime Minister congratulated the engineers and scientists who built the bomb for making the nation "proud", stating that they had help ensure the future safety of Pakistan** (Telegraph, 2010).

**Conclusion:** Pakistan is clearly the Nuclear Terror Scapegoat, and will be definitely be retaliated against with nuclear weapons by the Obama administration if a nuke goes off in America. Millions of people will die in this scenario, and America will then be scapegoated as the aggressor who attacked with no sustentative evidence. In this scenario, Pakistan and the American people lose. The sole winners in this particular scenario are individuals laid out in Chapter 43: *The Unusual Suspects*.

## The Nuclear Bible: Pakistan & Terrorism



**Intro:** Pakistan, whether they know it or not, has been linked to almost every single major terror attack against the West over the last 20 years. The Pakistani Government, its ISI, Osama bin Laden, and alleged terrorists groups within Pakistan have plotted, financed, executed, numerous attacks. Unfortunately, given the trajectory of alleged terror attacks from Pakistan involving WMD's, a nuclear climax may be just around corner. A brief analysis of the following terror attacks show that Pakistan is set up to take the fall for a nuclear terrorist act, despite the fact that the majority of the terror attacks they are accused of were funded and directed by Western intelligence agencies such as Mossad, the CIA, the FBI, MI5, and MI6.

### Pakistan Is The # 1 Scapegoat For Nuclear Terror

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#### **Terror Incidents Involving Pakistan**

First World Trade Center Bombing in New York, USA  
12/11 Bombing of Philippine Airlines Flight 434  
Bojinka Plot Discovered  
1998 United States Embassy Bombings in Africa  
U.S.S. Cole Bombing in Yemen  
9/11 Terror Attacks in NYC & Washington D. C., USA  
Shoe Bombing of Flight 63  
3/11 Terror Bombings in Madrid, Spain  
7/7 Terror Attacks on London, England  
7/11/26 Mumbai train Bombings  
Assassination of Pakistani President Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan  
26/11 Terror Attacks in Mumbai (Bombay), India  
Sri Lankan Cricket Team Terror Attack in Pakistan  
Christmas Day Bomber  
CIA Terror Attack at Camo Chapman in Afghanistan  
New York City Times Square Bombing, USA  
7/11 World Cup Bombing in Uganda, Africa  
**26/11 Super Bowl Attack, Arlington, Texas, USA?**

**Complete list of the terror attacks in Pakistan since 9/11:**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_terrorist\\_incidents\\_in\\_Pakistan\\_since\\_2001](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_terrorist_incidents_in_Pakistan_since_2001)

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan And State Terrorism*

**Abstract:** Many consider that Pakistan has been playing both sides in the US "War on Terror". Ahmed Rashid, a noted Pakistani journalist, has accused Pakistan's ISI of providing help to the Taliban. Author Ted Galen Carpenter echoed that statement, stating that **Pakistan "...assisted rebel forces in Kashmir even though those groups have committed terrorist acts against civilians"** Author Gordon Thomas stated that whilst aiding in the capture of al-Qaeda members, **Pakistan "still sponsored terrorist groups in the disputed state of Kashmir, funding, training and arming them in their war on attrition against India."** Journalist Stephen Schwartz notes that several militant and criminal groups are "backed by senior officers in the Pakistani army, the country's ISI intelligence establishment and other armed bodies of the state." According to one author, Daniel Byman, **"Pakistan is probably today's most active sponsor of terrorism."** The Inter-Services Intelligence has often been accused of playing a role in major terrorist attacks across the world including the September 11, 2001 attacks **in the United States**, terrorism in Kashmir, Mumbai Train Bombings, London Bombings, Indian Parliament Attack, Varnasi bombings, Hyderabad bombings **and** Mumbai terror attacks. The ISI is also accused of supporting Taliban forces and recruiting and training mujahideen to fight in Afghanistan and Kashmir. Based on communication intercepts US intelligence agencies concluded **Pakistan's ISI was behind the attack on the Indian embassy in Kabul on July 7, 2008, a charge that the governments of India and Afghanistan had laid previously.** Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who has constantly reiterated **allegations that militants operating training camps in Pakistan have used it as a launch platform to attack targets in Afghanistan, urged western military allies to target extremist hideouts in neighbouring Pakistan.** When the United States, during the Clinton administration, targeted al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan with cruise missiles, Slate reported that two officers of the ISI were killed.



Pakistan is accused of sheltering and training the Taliban in operations "which include soliciting funding for the Taliban, bankrolling Taliban operations, providing diplomatic support as the Taliban's virtual emissaries abroad, arranging training for Taliban fighters, recruiting skilled and unskilled manpower to serve in Taliban armies, planning and directing offensives, providing and facilitating shipments of ammunition and fuel, and on several occasions apparently directly providing combat support," as reported by Human Rights Watch (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** December 11, 1994

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Philippine Airlines Flight 434*

**Abstract:** On December 11, 1994, Philippine Airlines Flight 434 (PAL434, PR434) was the route designator of a flight from Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Metro Manila, Philippines, to New Tokyo International Airport (now Narita International Airport), Narita near Tokyo, Japan, with one stop at Mactan-Cebu International Airport, Cebu. The Boeing 747-283B was on the route from Cebu to Tokyo, when **a bomb, planted by Pakistani terrorist Ramzi Yousef, exploded, killing one passenger**. Luckily, the captain of the flight, an experienced veteran pilot, landed the aircraft, saving the plane and all the passengers and crew (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** January 1995

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Bojinka Plot*

**Abstract:** The Bojinka plot was a planned large-scale terrorist attack by Ramzi Yousef and Khalid Shaikh Mohammed to blow up twelve airliners and their approximately 4,000 passengers as they flew from Asia to the United States. The term can also refer to a combination of plots by Yousef and Mohammed to take place in January 1995, including a plot to assassinate Pope John Paul II and crash a plane into the CIA headquarters in Fairfax County, Virginia, as well as the airline bombing plot. Despite careful planning and the skill of Ramzi Yousef, the Bojinka plot was disrupted after a chemical fire drew Filipino police (PNP) attention on January 6 and January 7, 1995. One person was killed in the course of the plot — a passenger seated near a nitroglycerin bomb on Philippine Airlines Flight 434. Some lessons learned by the organisers of this plot were apparently used by the planners of the September 11 attacks. The money handed down to the plotters originated from Al-Qaeda, the international Islamic jihadi organization then based in Sudan. He left Manila for several days, but was met by Islamist emissaries upon his return to Metro Manila. **They asked him to attack United States President Bill Clinton, who was due to arrive in the Philippines on November 12, 1994 as part of a five-day tour of Asia. Yousef thought of several ways to kill the president, including placing nuclear bombs on Clinton's motorcade route, firing a Stinger missile at Air Force One or the presidential limousine, launching theater ballistic missiles at Manila and or killing him with phosgene, a chemical weapon, which all of the plots are unlikely to happen to say the least wishful thinking.** He abandoned the idea, as it would be too difficult to kill the President. However, he incorporated his plan to kill the Pope into the Bojinka plot. Yousef's project was discovered on four floppy disks and an off-white Toshiba laptop inside his apartment, two weeks before the plot would have been implemented. Several encrypted files on the hard drive contained flight schedules, calculations of detonation times, and other items. The first string of text in one of the files states, "All people who support the U.S. government are our targets in our future plans and that is because all those people are responsible for their government's actions and they support the U.S. foreign policy and are satisfied with it. We will hit all U.S. nuclear targets. If the U.S. government keeps supporting Israel, then we will continue to carry out operations inside and outside the United States to include..." and the text ends (Wikipedia, 2010).



U.S. Embassy in Tanzania

**Date:** August 7, 1998

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *1998 United States Embassy Bombings*

**Abstract:** The 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings occurred on August 7, 1998. Hundreds of people were killed in simultaneous truck bomb explosions at the United States embassies in the major East African cities of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Nairobi, Kenya. The attacks, linked to local members of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad brought Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri to the attention of the US public for the first time, and resulted in the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation placing bin Laden on its Ten Most Wanted list. According to Wikipedia, 8 of the 21 1998 Embassy Bombing suspects have intimate relations to Pakistan

- Osama Bin Laden: Allegedly hiding in Pakistan
- Ayman al Zawahiri: Thought to be in Pakistan
- Ahmed Mohammed Hamed Ali: In Pakistan prior to 1998 bombings
- Sheikh Ahmed Salim Swedan: Killed in Pakistan in 2009
- Muhsin Musa Matwalli Atwah, Killed in Pakistan in 2006

- Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah: Generally thought to be in Afghanistan or Pakistan
- Fahid Mohammed Ally Msalam: Killed in Pakistan in 2009
- Mustafa Mohamed Fadhil: Allegedly captured in Pakistan in 2004 (Wikipedia, 2010).



The  
Washington  
Post

Mohamed Atta

**Date:** September 30, 2001

**Source:** Washington Post, ABC News

**Title/Headline:** *Text: Joint Chiefs Chairman On ABC's 'This Week'*

**Abstract:** Federal authorities have told ABC News they've now tracked more than **\$100,000 from banks in Pakistan to two banks in Florida to accounts held by suspected 9/11 hijack ringleader Mohamed Atta**. *Time* magazine is reporting that some of that money came in the days just before the attack and **can be traced directly to people connected to Osama bin Laden** (Washington Post, 2001).

**Date:** October 6, 2001

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Suspected Hijack Bankroller Freed By India In '99*

**Abstract:** A senior level U.S. government source told CNN in October 2001 that U.S. investigators believed Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh (Ahmed Umar Syed Sheikh), a long time [Pakistani] ISI asset, using the alias Mustafa Muhammad Ahmad, **sent more than \$100,000 from Pakistan to Mohammed Atta, the suspected hijack ringleader of the September 11, 2001 attacks** (CNN, 2001).



**Date:** December 22, 2001

**Source:** BBC

**Title/Headline:** *Richard Reid (Shoe Bomber)*

**Abstract:** Richard Colvin Reid (born August 12, 1973) commonly known as the shoe bomber, is a self-admitted member of al-Qaeda who pled guilty in 2002 in U.S. federal court to eight criminal counts of terrorism stemming from his attempt to destroy a commercial aircraft in-flight by detonating explosives hidden in his shoes. He is currently serving a life sentence without parole in a super maximum security prison in the United States. His crime led to the new requirement of American airline passengers having to remove their shoes for inspection before boarding a flight or entering an airline terminal. **He spent 1999 and 2000 in Pakistan and trained at a terrorist camp in Afghanistan, according to several informants. He may also have attended an anti-American religious training center in Lahore, Pakistan as a follower of Mubarak Ali Gilani. During this time he met Saajid Badat. After his return Reid set about obtaining duplicate passports from British government consulates abroad. Reid next resided at numerous places in Europe, communicating via an address in Peshawar, Pakistan, a city known for its Al Qaeda connections. In July 2001, Reid flew to Israel, passing through the El Al Airline's very tight security network, in what was possibly a test of his ability to pass through airport security screening anywhere.** He then moved to Amsterdam, living there from August 2001 through November 2001, working as a dishwasher. Reid and Badat returned to Pakistan in November 2001, and reportedly traveled overland to Afghanistan. They were given "shoe bombs", casual footwear adapted to be covertly smuggled onto aircraft before being used to destroy them. **Later forensic analysis of both bombs showed that they contained the same plastic explosive and that the respective lengths of detonator cord had come from the same batch: indeed, the cut mark on Badat's cord matches exactly that on Reid's. The pair returned separately to Great Britain in early December 2001.** Reid went to Belgium for 10 days before catching a train to Paris on December 16. On December 21, 2001, Reid attempted to board a flight from Paris, France to Miami, Florida, but his boarding was delayed because his disheveled physical appearance aroused the suspicions of the airline passenger screeners. Reid also did not answer all of their questions, and had not checked any luggage for the transatlantic flight. Additional screening by the French National Police resulted in Reid's being re-issued a ticket for a flight on the following day. **He returned to the Paris airport on December 22, 2001, and he boarded American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to Miami, wearing his special shoes packed with plastic explosives in their hollowed-out bottoms** (BBC, 2001).

**Date:** March 4, 2003

**Source:** BBC

**Title/Headline:** *US Says 9/11 Financier Caught*

**Abstract:** On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the deadliest acts of terrorism on U.S. soil destroyed the World Trade Center, heavily damaged the

Pentagon and left thousands of Americans dead. A man captured with an alleged **Al Qaeda mastermind in Pakistan helped to fund the 9/11 hijackers**, US officials said. **A man captured with an alleged al-Qaeda mastermind in Pakistan helped to fund the 11 September hijackers**, US officials say. US media reports name the man as Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawsawi and say he could be another important catch. **Mr Hawsawi was arrested in the same pre-dawn raid by US and Pakistani forces which netted Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and Abdul Qadus. Sheikh Mohammed - said to be a senior al-Qaeda leader - has been flown out of Pakistan, probably to be interrogated at a US detention facility at Bagram air base in Afghanistan.** US President George W Bush broke a public silence on the Rawalpindi arrests on Tuesday, saying the action "struck a serious blow" against Osama Bin Laden's network. While Sheikh Mohammed and Mr Qadus were named soon after they were captured, the third man was not identified beyond the fact that he was of Middle Eastern origin. But US media have now quoted US intelligence officials as saying he is Mr Hawsawi. The Saudi-born Mr Hawsawi, 34, has been listed as a "supporting conspirator" for Zacarias Moussaoui, the alleged "20th hijacker" who was set to take part in the attacks on New York and Washington.

**In the charges against Mr Moussaoui, US officials allege that Mr Hawsawi:**

- Opened bank account for Fayez Ahmed, who was one of the hijackers who flew the second plane into the World Trade Center
- Deposited money for the hijackers' use
- Received refunds from hijackers including alleged ringleader Mohammad Atta in the days before the attacks
- Fled the United Arab Emirates for Pakistan on 11 September, 2001, the day of the attacks

**Officials hope that the capture of Mr Hawsawi and Sheikh Mohammed, accused of planning the 11 September attacks, will help them in their investigation as well as provide information on the whereabouts of Bin Laden and any sleeper cells in the US (BBC, 2003).**



U.S.S. Cole



Waleed bin Attash/Tawfiq Attash



**Date: April 30, 2003**

**Source: Fox News**

**Title/Headline: Pakistan Nabs USS Cole Suspects, Five Others**

**Abstract:** U.S. officials hailed as a "big catch" Wednesday the arrest of a man accused of masterminding the bombing of the USS Cole and playing a leading role in the Sept. 11 terror attacks. Pakistani authorities captured Waleed bin Attash, also known as Tawfiq Attash or just Khallad, who coordinated the activities of at least two of the hijackers who crashed into the Pentagon during the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. counterterrorism officials said. He is also one of two figures described as plotting the bombing of the U.S. Navy destroyer on Oct. 12, 2000 in Yemen. Khallad was arrested along with five other Al Qaeda suspects Tuesday during raids in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi. Pakistani and U.S. officials announced his capture Wednesday. President Bush described Khallad as "one of the top Al Qaeda operatives" -- saying he ranked just below Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the captured No. 3 figure in the terror network. Khallad is often described as one-legged but actually is missing his right foot. **"He's a killer,"** Bush said of Khallad. **"He is one less person that people who love freedom have to worry about. ... It was a major, significant find."** U.S. counterterrorism officials described Khallad as among the top 10 Al Qaeda figures who remained at-large. **"This is a big catch,"** said Brig. Javed Iqbal Cheema, the head of Pakistan's counterterrorism unit. **"I think he is very important."** American and Pakistani officials said Khallad, a Yemeni who also held Saudi citizenship, was active in plotting new terrorism. He will be interrogated by officials from both countries. **"With these arrests a major terrorist attack has been averted in Pakistan,"** said the country's interior minister, Saleh Faisal Hayyat. **In the Cole attack, two homicide bombers rammed an explosives-laden boat into the Cole in the Yemeni port of Aden, ripping a gaping hole in the ship's hull and killing 17 sailors.** The other alleged Cole mastermind, Al Qaeda's Persian Gulf operations chief Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, was captured in November in the United Arab Emirates. Two other alleged lower-ranking organizers of the attack recently escaped from a Yemeni prison. They were not believed to be among the six captured this week. **Khallad had also planned an attack on another Navy destroyer in Aden in early January 2000. That attack failed when the bomb boat sank under the weight of the explosives.** U.S. counterterrorism officials further described Khallad as the intermediary between alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and hijackers Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi. Mohammed was captured in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, in March. In January 2000, Khallad met with the two eventual Sept. 11 hijackers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Fox News, 2010).

**Date: February 6, 2004**

**Source: FBI**

**Title/Headline: The Long Arm Of The Law**

**Abstract:** Ramzi Yousef, mastermind of the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center and other plots, was located and arrested in Islamabad, Pakistan. According to the FBI, Yousef, who was born in Kuwait of Pakistani decent, was immediately flown back to New York City, escorted by an FBI arrest team, and arraigned on charges relating to the World Trade Center bombing. Several months later,

**Yousef was charged in the "Manila Air" bombing case.** In January 1998, he was sentenced to serve 240 years, plus another life sentence, in an American jail for his crimes. Ultimately, **a sighting on a street in Pakistan** was linked to bits of evidence in dozens of other cities and countries. **Pakistani police identified and arrested Yousef, then arranged for FBI Agents to take custody and leave the country with the prisoner** (FBI, 2004).



**Date:** March 11, 2004

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** 3/11 Madrid Terror Attacks

**Abstract:** The Madrid train bombings consisted of a series of coordinated bombings against the Cercanías (commuter train) system of Madrid, Spain on the morning of 11 March 2004 (three days before Spain's general elections), killing 191 people and wounding 1,800. The official investigation by the Spanish Judiciary determined the attacks were directed by an al-Qaeda-inspired terrorist cell although no direct al-Qaeda participation has been established. Spanish miners who did not carry out the attacks but who sold the explosives to the terrorists were also arrested. **On Saturday, 13 March [2004], when three Moroccans and two Pakistani muslims were arrested for the attacks,** it was confirmed that the attacks came from an Islamic group. Only one of the five persons (the Moroccan Jamal Zougam) detained that day was finally prosecuted (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** July 7, 2005

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** 7 July 2005 London Bombings

**Abstract:** The 7 July 2005 London bombings (often referred to as 7/7) were a series of coordinated suicide attacks upon London's public transport system during the morning rush hour. **On that morning, four al-Qaeda associated militants detonated four bombs, three on London Underground trains in quick succession, a fourth bomb exploding an hour later on a double-decker bus in Tavistock Square. Fifty-two people in addition to the four bombers were killed in the attacks and around 700 were injured.** The explosions were caused by homemade, organic peroxide-based devices packed into rucksacks. The bombers were motivated by the teachings of Osama bin Laden, opposition to British support of Saudi Arabia, and anger over Britain's involvement in the Iraq War. In October 2010, an independent Coroner's Inquest into the bombings began. The Right Honourable Lady Justice Hallett D.B.E. has been appointed to hear the Inquest which will report in 2011.

**Mohammad Sidique Khan:** Khan of Pakistani descent, detonated his bomb just after leaving Edgware Road and was heading for Paddington, at 8:50 a.m. He lived in Beeston, Leeds with his wife and young child, where he worked as a learning mentor at a Primary School. **His blast killed 7 people, including himself.**

**Shehzad Tanweer:** Tanweer of Pakistani descent, detonated his bomb travelling between Liverpool Street and Aldgate, at 8:50 a.m. He lived in Leeds with his mother and father working in a fish-and-chip shop. His blast killed 8 people, including himself.

**Germaine Lindsay:** Jamaican-born Lindsay, detonated his bomb travelling between King's Cross St. Pancras and Russell Square, at 8:50 a.m. He lived in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire with his pregnant wife and young son. His blast killed 27 people, including himself.

**Hasib Hussain:** Hussain of Pakistani descent, detonated his bomb at Tavistock Square, at 9:47 a.m. He lived in Leeds with his brother and sister-in-law. His blast killed 14 people, including himself (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Please Google the free video *Ripple Effect* for a comprehensive look at 7/7...**



**Date:** July 11, 2006

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *11 July 2006 Mumbai Train Bombings*

**Abstract:** The 11 July 2006 Mumbai train bombings were a series of seven bomb blasts that took place over a period of 11 minutes on the Suburban Railway in Mumbai, capital city of the Indian state of Maharashtra and the nation's financial capital. The bombs were set off in pressure cookers on trains plying on the western line of the Suburban Railway network. 209 people lost their lives and over 700 were injured. According to Mumbai Police, the bombings were carried out by Lashkar-e-Toiba and Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** December 28, 2007

**Source:** Prison Planet

**Title/Headline:** *Benazir Bhutto Said Osama Bin Laden Was Dead*

**Abstract:** President of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto asserted to David Frost that Osama bin Laden had been murdered by Omar Sheikh, whom was once described as "no ordinary terrorist but a man who has connections that reach high into Pakistan's military and intelligence elite and into the innermost circles" (Prison Planet, 2007).

Only days after the bin Laden is dead comment, the assassination and murder of Bhutto rocked Pakistan. It is widely suspected that the CIA or Blackwater was responsible for the hit.



BROOKINGS

**Date:** May 2008

**Source:** Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, Daniel L. Byman

**Title/Headline:** *The Changing Nature Of State Sponsorship Of Terrorism*

**Abstract:** The U.S. approach toward state sponsorship of terrorism rests on a flawed understanding of the problem and an even more flawed policy response. The U.S. Department of State's current formal list of state sponsors includes Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. But Cuba and North Korea have done almost nothing in this area in recent years, and Sudan has changed its ways enough that elsewhere the Bush administration credits Sudan as a "strong partner in the War on Terror." Of those on the list, only Syria and Iran remain problems, and in both cases their involvement in traditional international terrorism is down considerably from their peaks in the 1980s. What seems like a brilliant policy success, however, is really an artifact of bad list management, because much of the problem of state sponsorship today involves countries that are not on the list at all. Pakistan has long aided a range of terrorist groups fighting against India in Kashmir and is a major sponsor of Taliban forces fighting the U.S.-backed government in Afghanistan. Hugo Chavez's government in Venezuela is a major supporter of the FARC. And several other governments, such as those in Iraq, Yemen and the Palestinian territories, create problems by deliberately looking the other way when their citizens back terrorist groups. These new state sponsors are actually more dangerous to the United States and its interests than the remaining traditional state sponsors, because some of them are tied to Sunni jihadist groups such as al-Qa'ida—currently the greatest terrorist threat facing the United States. The nightmare of a terrorist group acquiring nuclear weapons is far more likely to involve Pakistan than it is Iran or North Korea. The new state sponsors can also be harder to deal with than the old ones, not least because they often have a more complicated relationship with terrorists. In many cases, the government in question does not actively train or arm the terrorist group, but rather lets it act with relative impunity—an approach that, in practice, allows the government to claim ignorance or incapacity. Thus it can be hard to distinguish between Yemen's willful inaction and cases like Jordan, where terrorist cells also operate but do so despite a fierce regime counterterrorism campaign. Many of the new sponsors are also U.S. allies. And some cooperate, albeit fitfully, with the U.S. war on terrorism even as they surreptitiously allow terrorists to operate from their soil. Because of this complexity, the answer to the problem does not lie only in updating the State Department's state sponsorship list to reflect current relationships—swapping out Cuba for Venezuela, say, or replacing North Korea with Pakistan. The very concept of a binary list, with countries either on it or off, is flawed and often does more harm to U.S. interests than good. Once a country is listed it is hard to remove even if it does not support terrorism (as Sudan has found out), and the list provides little incentive for partial or incomplete counterterrorism cooperation (which is all several countries are realistically likely to give). So what Washington should really do is adopt a new approach that recognizes the complex nature of state sponsorship today.



**The first step should be to forge an international consensus on a broad definition of what constitutes state sponsorship—a definition that encompasses not only errors of commission, such as arming and training groups, but also errors of omission, such as unwillingness to stop terrorist fundraising and recruitment.**

**Introduction:** State support remains one of the deadliest and most important aspects of terrorism. However, the identity and nature of state sponsors of terrorism has changed considerably in recent years. As a result, the United States must modify its efforts to fight this deadly scourge. **The U.S. Department of State identifies the following countries as state sponsors of terrorism:** Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. Notably, Libya was removed from the state sponsors list after having been on the list since its inception. This list, however, misstates and understates the problem. **The most important omission is Pakistan, which has long supported a range of terrorist groups fighting against India in Kashmir and is a major sponsor of Taliban forces fighting the U.S.-backed government in Afghanistan.** Further complicating this picture are the issues of passive sponsors and quasi-independent parts of governments that may act without authorization from senior leaders. In Saudi Arabia, for example, parts of the clerical establishment raise money for anti-Shi'i and anti-U.S. Sunni radicals in Iraq even as the Saudi Arabian government fights against similar groups within the kingdom. In Iraq, areas of the country are a haven for terrorist groups due to a lack of government capacity, while in Iraqi Kurdistan, the Partiya Karkerên Kurdistan (Kurdistan Workers' Party), the terrorist group which fights Turkey, operates with at least the toleration, if not the approval, of the Kurdish authorities.<sup>4</sup> Yemen has cracked down on terrorists opposing its government there but is more tolerant when these groups operate abroad. Some observers contend that in some countries key state agencies often operate without the full approval of their governments. **Such passive and quasi-independent sponsors are arguably more dangerous to the United States than are traditional sponsors because some of them are tied to jihadist groups such as al-Qa'ida, which are currently the greatest terrorist threat to the United States.** In addition, the U.S. toolkit for such sponsors is less robust than it is for traditional sponsors like Iran and Syria. Coercing such rogue regimes is difficult, but analysts and policymakers have considered these issues for years, while the intellectual arsenal for confronting passive sponsors has not been well developed. **Given the direct al-Qa'ida danger, it is not surprising that the United States has embarked on a major campaign against state sponsored terrorism as part of the overall "global war on terrorism."**

**Pakistan:** Pakistan is perhaps the world's most active sponsor of terrorist groups—sponsorship that includes aiding groups that pose a direct threat to the United States. In its support, Pakistan spans the range of categories listed in the preceding section: actively backing some groups, maintaining contacts with others, turning a blind eye to yet more groups, and in some cases lacking the capacity to shut down radicalism it opposes. In addition, support for terrorism in Pakistan is a broadbased activity, involving an array of government and non-state actors. Islamabad has long worked with many different groups linked to jihadists in its fight to wrest Kashmir from India. In this fight, Pakistan worked with groups such as Lashkar-e Tayyaba (LeT), Jaish-e Muhammad and Harakat ul-Mujahedin to train jihadists to fight in Kashmir. Many of these groups were temporarily banned or forced to change their names in response to U.S. pressure after 9/11. Nonetheless, they or their successors remain active with Pakistani government support. Pakistan played an instrumental role in the creation and advancement of the Taliban in the 1990s, with the Pakistani Army and the ISI working closely with the Taliban at all levels. In addition, support for fighters in Afghanistan was one of the main reasons for the creation of LeT, and this was done with the assistance of Osama bin Laden himself. **In response to extremely heavy U.S. pressure, Pakistani President Pervez Musharaff supposedly cut ties to the Taliban after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The Karzai government of Afghanistan claims that the Pakistani Army and ISI still back the Taliban: a charge that the Taliban and Pakistan deny. Yet this denial rings false.**

Several observations support the view that Pakistan is a major backer of the Taliban and other groups fighting the Karzai government:

- Before 9/11, Pakistan's ties to the Taliban were extensive and well-documented;
- The Taliban's leadership today is based in Pashtun areas of Pakistan. Similarly the forces of Hizb-e Islami led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who in 2006 declared that he would fight under al-Qa'ida's banner, have a significant presence in several areas in Pakistan;
- NATO commanders report that Pakistan's efforts to police its border with Afghanistan are at best half-hearted;
- Pakistan's official bans on radical groups linked to the Taliban such as LeT were not followed up with serious enforcement. LeT, for example, still runs a massive charity, hundreds of schools, and has hundreds of offices in the country;
- Pakistani recruits are often found in the ranks of the Taliban and other groups; and
- Attacks are often planned from and organized in Pakistan.

**One hub for radical and terrorist activity is the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), which became a major haven for the Taliban after they fell from power in 2001. In addition to the Taliban, other militant groups like Hizb-e Islami and foreign jihadists with ties to al-Qa'ida operate out of FATA. Pakistan's support for groups like the Taliban is done in part by non-state actors affiliated with the government.** For example, the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islami of Fazlur Rehman (JUI-F), a political and religious group that calls for religious government and endorses many militant Islamist positions, has a locus of power in both Baluchistan and the Northwest Frontier Province using its official position to advance and openly back the Taliban. **JUI-F and the Taliban both share an ideology that draws upon the traditions of Deobandism. In addition to non-state actors like JUI-F, al-Qa'ida also has ties to other religious leaders, smuggling organizations, and individuals in the security services. The Pakistani government directly and indirectly supports these associations. It works with JUI-F against its secular Baluchi and Pashtun opponents (many of whom are tribal leaders or nationalist figures), and JUI-F's activities in support of the jihadist movement in general are both tolerated and at times exploited.** Allowing the JUI-F to do the "dirty work" of supporting the Taliban and other groups helps the government ensure strong relations with a key political ally and gives the government a degree of deniability. **One cost of this "outsourcing" of terrorism to nonstate actors is that these actors have their own agendas that differ considerably from those of the Pakistani government. Groups like the JUI-F, for example, also have extensive ties to an array of jihadists who in addition to fighting in Afghanistan and**

Kashmir, are also engaged in various struggles throughout the Muslim world. Individuals linked to the JUI-F provide training, networking, financing, and other services for various jihadists writ large, even though many of these jihadists also violently oppose the government of Pakistan. Indeed, Musharraf has suffered at least seven assassination attempts, several of which nearly succeeded. Moreover, many jihadist activities in Pakistan, particularly jihadist sectarian killings and attacks of army forces, go directly against the Musharraf government's strategic interest and domestic power base. **An even trickier question is the degree to which the ISI and parts of the military are backing the Taliban and various jihadist groups in defiance of their own government's wishes. The ISI is reported to channel resources to various Islamist groups, tip them off about government counterterrorism actions, and look the other way as they recruit and raise money. Indian officials also claim that the ISI has played a major role in attacks such as the July 2006 bombing in Mumbai.** Such support is particularly complex, as support for the Taliban and groups fighting in Kashmir appears to be official Pakistani policy, while support for the core group of jihadists around bin Laden that comprise the heart of al-Qa'ida does not. **Is the ISI acting on behalf of the Pakistani government or in defiance of it? Former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan William Milam claims that the ISI is firmly under Musharraf's control. Other officials echo this point, noting that painting the ISI as a "rogue" agency helps the Musharraf government maintain Western goodwill even as it backs anti-Western causes.** In addition, Musharraf replaced several leaders of the ISI in the years after 9/11, putting loyalists into the most senior ranks. **The reality becomes murkier at lower levels, as some officials are undoubtedly sympathetic to the jihadists. A less immediate but potentially greater long-term concern, is the various schools, both religious and state in particular, that breed anti-U.S. extremism. Despite repeated Pakistani promises to control madrassahs and turn them away from jihadist groups, their number has grown since 9/11, and many schools have not registered with the government.** Some of the schools openly encourage recruits to join jihadist organizations, but the greater problem is that they breed sectarianism. **Many have curricula that harshly criticize Shi'i, Sufi, and other, more moderate Sunni (including non-violent salafi) interpretations of Islam. In addition to teaching their students messages of hate, they also have newspapers, websites, and other forms of dissemination that seek to indoctrinate a broader audience. Unfortunately, the vast majority of U.S. attention has focused on religious schools, while much of the public education system is free to preach hostility to the United States.** Indeed, one recent study finds that only one percent of fulltime student enrollments are in religious schools. **The motivations for Pakistan's support are mixed; strategic ambition, domestic politics, and incapacity all play a role. Traditionally Pakistan backed groups in Afghanistan for strategic reasons (many of them rather far-fetched). These range from concern about Afghan irredentism to a desire for strategic depth in the event of a conventional military conflict against India.** For many years, support for terrorist and insurgent movements proved effective in stoking militancy in Kashmir, preventing the region from being incorporated into India and tying down large numbers of Indian forces. Today in Afghanistan, backing the Taliban also gives Islamabad tremendous leverage over a neighbor whose politics are often tied to that of Pakistan. **A further motivation for Musharraf and successor governments is political survival. The Musharraf administration, bereft of support from the traditional secular political parties, has reached out to Islamist parties. These parties back terrorists and other radical forces in Kashmir and the Taliban in Afghanistan. The Taliban and many jihadist-oriented parties are supported by significant large segments of the Pakistani population, as are many groups fighting in Kashmir. Moreover, anything that smacks of cooperation with Washington is unpopular.** Thus even the ascendant secular parties will be hesitant to engage in a crackdown. Incapacity is also a genuine concern. FATA, for example, has always had loose administration. In FATA, militants have killed hundreds of military and security service personnel as well as civilian government officials. **Militants have also inflicted heavy losses on the army in other parts of Pakistan. As a result, parts of the army suffer poor morale, and discipline is breaking down. The Pakistani government's outsourcing of support for terrorism has over time enabled various domestic Islamist groups to become stronger politically.** For example, the Musharraf's government's support for a major JUI-F role in the Baluchistan government has enabled JUI-F to channel provincial government resources to radical madrassahs that the group runs. Increasingly, JUI-F is a major player in Baluchistan with the result being that the Pakistani central government treats it more as partner than proxy. **On a societal level, Pakistan's support for various radical groups has increased the "Talibanization" of Pakistan. The dozens of small foreign jihadist groups, as well as the large cadre of Taliban, have cross-fertilized with various Islamist groups in Pakistan producing a dangerous mix of organization, political ambition, and violence. Militants in Pakistan openly raise money and issue propaganda in support of jihadist causes.** In parts of FATA and North and South Waziristan, Taliban-style social policies such as banning music and closing barbershops are common. Sectarianism in Pakistan has also grown, with Sunni militants targeting an array of Shi'i elites as well as Sunnis who do not fully embrace their cause. U.S. pressure in the immediate aftermath of 9/11 led the Pakistani government to focus on uprooting al-Qa'ida-linked individuals, but little cooperation occurred on the Taliban. **At times the Musharraf government will arrest Taliban members, but only under great pressure and only lower-level members. In recent years, arrests of senior al-Qa'ida figures have dried up even as most observers believe the organization has reconstituted its core in parts of Pakistan.**

**Conclusion:** As the above review suggests, a large and growing problem for the United States is passive sponsorship of terrorism. **Only recently have U.S. officials begun to focus on this problem. The lack of attention is far more profound overseas.** Even in many Western countries, efforts focus almost entirely on issues of overt support, even though passive sponsorship can often be far more important to a group's success. **This is particularly so for the jihadist movement, which today does not enjoy any direct overt sponsorship but relies heavily on toleration or even complicity from several governments.** Preventive action is vital. Setting standards early can stop groups from getting a foothold into different societies, reducing their influence and making governments both more capable—and more willing—to halt their activities. **Effective policy can limit the scope and frequency of state sponsorship—but it will not stop the problem completely. States have many reasons to back terrorists, and the United States can affect their calculations, but some will disregard U.S. pressure while others will develop even more devious ways of avoiding it (Byman, 2008).**

**Date:** November 13, 2008

**Source:** The Atlantic Council, James Joyner

**Title/Headline:** *Every Major Terrorist Threat Has Ties To Pakistan*

**Abstract:** CIA Director Michael Hayden told the Atlantic Council this afternoon that al Qaeda's safe haven in Pakistan's ungoverned tribal areas have provided a "sanctuary" that has "allowed it to recover some capacity lost when expelled from Afghanistan" nearly seven years ago. It has developed a "close, co-dependent relationship with Pashtun extremist and separatist groups" through very careful exploitation of cultural norms, respect for tribal leaders and, increasingly, intermarriage. "Let me be very clear," Hayden said, "Today, virtually every major terrorist threat that my agency is aware of has threads back to the tribal areas." He stressed, however, that this is a complex situation. While the problem looks easy from thousands of miles away, it's extremely difficult up close because of the tribal issues. Hayden believes the Pakistani government has been extraordinarily helpful in responding to this challenge. Their plan, which they started to implement in 2006, to slowly expand their reach over the FATA would have been wise and far-reaching were it not for the extreme urgency of the threat. Further, we've killed and captured more top al Qaeda operatives with the support of the Pakistani security forces than anywhere else in the world. What remains unclear, however, is what the end game is. Al Qaeda was chased out of Yemen in the 1990s only to reconstitute in Afghanistan. It was run out of Afghanistan in 2001, only to disperse, setting up a rump headquarters in Pakistan and declare Iraq the "central front" of its effort. Hayden today declared that al Qaeda in Iraq was "on the verge of strategic defeat" but that we're now facing the inevitable "bleed out problem," with its forces deploying elsewhere. Where, then, does it stop? Or is this simply a case, to use an analogy that Hayden employed in a different part of his talk, a case of "perpetual penalty kicks?" Hayden closed his appearance by noting, quite simply, that the intelligence business is very hard. Questions to which the answers are known with a high degree of confidence don't even get to his level. Instead, he has to deal with things "somewhere between a mystery and an enigma." Graded on a curve, the intelligence community is doing quite well. Unfortunately, graded on an absolute scale, it "always fails." Perhaps the answer to the question comes from another observation that Hayden made later in his remarks. After outlining progress that has been made against al Qaeda and its allies on various regional fronts, including Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, and the Philippines, he observed that the key battle was on the "ideological front," which he termed "the deep fight." He believes that the last year has provided "clear and mounting evidence" that we're winning here because "authentic voices" -- respected Muslim leaders -- are speaking out against the "un-Islamic" barbarity of al Qaeda. The upshot of this is that it "can only subsist beyond the reach of civilization and the rule of law." Presumably, then, we will win this battle by gradually eliminating such places. Needless to say, we have a long way to go (Joyner, 2008).



The  
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**Date:** November 26, 2008

**Source:** The New York Times

**Title/Headline:** *2008 Mumbai Attacks*

**Abstract:** The 2008 Mumbai attacks (often referred to as November 26th or 26/11) were more than 10 coordinated shooting and bombing attacks across Mumbai, India's largest city, by Islamic terrorists from Pakistan. The attacks, which drew widespread global condemnation, began on 26 November 2008 and lasted until 29 November, killing at least 175 people and wounding at least 308. Eight of the attacks occurred in South Mumbai: at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, the Oberoi Trident, the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower, Leopold Cafe, Cama Hospital (a women and children's hospital), Nariman House, the Metro Cinema, and a lane behind the Times of India building and St. Xavier's College. There was also an explosion at Mazagaon, in Mumbai's port area, and in a taxi at Vile Parle. By the early morning of 28 November, all sites except for the Taj hotel had been secured by Mumbai Police and security forces. An action by India's National Security Guards (NSG) on 29 November (the action is officially named Operation Black Tornado) resulted in the death of the last remaining attackers at the Taj hotel, ending all fighting in the attacks. Ajmal Kasab, the only attacker who was captured alive, disclosed that the attackers were members of Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Pakistan-based militant organisation, considered a terrorist organisation by India, Pakistan, the United States, the United Kingdom, and the United Nations, among others. The Indian government said that the attackers came from Pakistan, and their controllers were in Pakistan. On 7 January 2009, after more than a month of denying the nationality of the attackers, Pakistan's Information Minister Sherry Rehman officially accepted Ajmal Kasab's nationality as Pakistani. On 12 February 2009, Pakistan's Interior Minister Rehman Malik, in a televised news briefing, confirmed that parts of the attack had been planned in Pakistan and said that six people, including the alleged mastermind, were being held in connection with the attacks. A trial court on 6 May 2010 sentenced Ajmal Kasab to death on five counts (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** December 3, 2008

**Source:** Thaindian News

**Title/Headline:** *Next Terrorist Attack Against US Will Originate From Pakistan*

**Abstract:** A top U.S. Congressional panel described Pakistan as "the intersection of nuclear weapons and terrorism," the next terror attack on America is likely to originate in its ally's tribal areas. While observing that Pakistan is a U.S. ally, the commission on weapon of mass destruction (WMD) and terrorism said "the next terrorist attack against the United States is likely to originate from within the Federally Administered Tribal Areas" in Pakistan. The U.S. says the tribal areas in northwest Pakistan, where the government exerts little control, are a haven for militants from both Pakistan and neighboring Afghanistan. It warned that there is a threat

of nuclear terrorism, both because more countries are developing nuclear weapons and because some existing nuclear powers are expanding their arsenals. **“Terrorist organizations are intent on acquiring nuclear weapons,” said the report. It cited testimony before the commission from former Senator Sam Nunn, who said that the “risk of a nuclear weapon being used today is growing, not receding.”** The commission was created in line with a recommendation from the 9/11 Commission on the September 11th, 2001, terrorist attacks on the US. But terrorists are likely to use a weapon of mass destruction somewhere in the world in the next five years, former Senator Bob Graham, chairman of the commission stated to CNN (Thaindian, 2008).

**Date:** December 12, 2008

**Source:** Prison Planet

**Title/Headline:** *Alex Jones Interviews Lt. Gen. Hamid Gul [Excerpt]*

**Abstract:**

**Alex Jones:** Well, ladies & gentlemen, out of the gates, we have **Gen. Hamid Gul, and of course he was the head of Pakistani intelligence ISI back in the 1980’s, he went on CNN on Sunday night on one of their international programs and talked about the fact that he believed 9/11 was an inside job, and that the Mumbai attacks, formerly Bombay, were also an inside job. As you know, we have detailed that that was a False Flag attack, carried out by western intelligence,** clearly, in India, as a pretext to start World War III between the two nations. There were also calls, the Pakistani government said were officially made, confirmed with the phone records, from the Indian Foreign Ministry, saying “we are going to attack you”, attempting to trick the Pakistanis into launching some type of attack, and that almost happened. So, for the next thirty minutes I’m very honored to be joined by Gen. Hamid Gul, and General, joining us from Pakistan, thank you so much for coming on with us today.

**Hamid Gul:** Well, at the moment, we have to look at this human — great human tragedy that took place in Bombay. I sympathize with India; they’ve been rocked very badly. And their response was a bit nervous. **They want to go to war with Pakistan if Pakistan does not behave or does not hand over whoever they want from us.** They have given a list of people. But I think that there has been a long record of the Indians accusing Pakistan whenever something like this happens, and in the past they have turned out to be every time wrong. Of course Pakistan is willing to cooperate. And I think that is a very good position that President Zardari has taken, that **“you provide the evidence and we will try them out; we will arrest them we will put them to trial, and you can come and watch, see, and let the international cameras come and see. And there shall be a transparent, open trial, and if that does not satisfy you, then what else will?”** So, this is the situation where we stand today: there is an ominous tack from India, and America seems to be partly patting them on the back, and asking Pakistan to do whatever India is demanding. Now this is an unfair position, because India is not like America. **America demanded from Pakistan back in — after 9/11 to cooperate and hand over anybody that Pakistan could lay their hands on. Seven hundred or so people were caught in Pakistan, they were sent to Guantanamo Bay, to Baghrum and to Kandahar jail.** And nothing came out — Khalid Sheikh Mohammad was the only one who was tried in that case: all others have been let off. **So, to get innocent people like that, just because you accuse them, and you don’t even provide the evidence, you pick them up and shove them in jails, this is not on [misses ]. I think that this belittles the values that particularly democracies uphold, and they talk so much about.** And so I think that my son-in-law putted it good enough, and today Pakistan backed down on some of the defunct organizations — in fact these were banned in the year 2002, immediately after 9/11, but there could be some maverick elements among them who would still — I won’t rule out, could carry out uh-hh *[bumper music begins in background]*— in — uh, on their own *or* in conjunction with some other forces [“partic”??] that kind of atrocities. But we have to wait and see, how it goes.

**Alex Jones:** Reading from Wikipedia, **“General Hamid Gul, served as director general of Pakistan’s Inter Service Intelligence, ISI, during ‘87-‘89, mainly in the time when Benazir Bhutto was Prime Minister of Pakistan. He was instrumental in the anti-Soviet support of the mujahideen in the Afghan War, ‘79 to ‘89, a pivotal time during the Cold War, and the estab — “** and it goes on. And we have him on line with us. We of course yesterday played the CNN, uh, TV interview that he did. This is *live*, and is not edited. Going back to him in Pakistan we’ve tried three different lines, this is the best one we have, we apologize our audio is not very loud to him, not very audible, and his back to us is very, very broken up. But we nevertheless have him joining us, we’re very thankful. **Uh, sir, continuing, on the CNN program, at least what they edited you to say, you talked about 9/11, the evidence being that nine eleven was an inside job, and the attacks in Bombay, now Mumbai, of a few weeks ago, that the evidence was, it was an inside job. Can you go over the evidence that you believe that these were False Flag events, sir, and why these False Flag events are being staged.**

**Hamid Gul:** Are you talking about 9/11?

**Alex Jones:** Yes, sir.

**Hamid Gul:** Well, I have my own reasons, you know, Rod Nordland was the CNN reporter here, I think he was based in Islamabad at that time, and he came to me immediately after 9/11, and his version that, uh, that I put out, it was given to the *Newsweek*, and unfortunately it was blocked, but it appeared on the internet, on the website of the *Newsweek*. And you can see it, I think it is dated 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> of September, 2001. *[Note: the article is Prejudice In Pakistan: Why Is Islamabad Reluctant To Pressure Neighboring Afghanistan Into Turning Over Osama Bin Laden?, by Rod Nordland, dated 9/14/2001].*

And in that I had said the same thing, and I still maintain that that’s my position. I have [“seven”??] reasons for it:

- A. **That 9/11 took place on the American soil, not a single person has been caught *inside* America, even though for doing such a job I think a huge amount of logistic support is required in the area where such operation is carried out.**
- B. Secondly, the air traffic control, when they saw the four aircraft were changing direction — going from east coast to west coast where they were headed, they started traveling in different directions. And it is quite amazing that for a very long period of time the air traffic control did not report this, nor did the US Air Force act in time. If., one were to calculate from the first flight, when it took off from Logan, till the first aircraft, and the solitary aircraft that took off was an F16 that took off from Langley, which is CIA headquarters, instead of one of the operational bases. So many of them are available in that area. **And then a single aircraft never takes off, because we have been told that whenever the aircraft scramble they scramble in twos. And the time that it took was *enormous*. It took a hundred and twelve [112] minutes!** A hundred twelve minutes is a very long time in which to react. Was the US Air Force sleeping? And if it was sleeping, which heads will roll?
- C. Second [NB: *his third point*] it was a huge intelligence failure, and no heads have been rolled, nobody has been taken to task, not a single person has resigned for this.
- D. Thirdly, the air traffic control should have been rehashed, they should have been turned inside out, but nothing of the sort happened.
- E. And finally, how come this is a coincidence that all transponders did not work, and it is not possible — and the direction is changed and it is not noticed?
- F. **Secondly, the US Air Force has the ability, because in the past whenever a plane has been hijacked, the record is that within seven minutes the US aircraft has been on the wing of the hijacked aircraft. In this case it — uh, it did not happen.** The US alert system is so high, and it is so sophisticated, that if a missile were to take off from Moscow, and were to head toward New York, it takes about eighty minutes. And the US Air Force, and the missile systems, is supposed to intercept it within nine minutes — that means only Atlantic: around the Pacific it must stop that missile from coming in. The system is in place, but it didn't work, and nobody tried to question this.
- G. **Lastly, no inquiry has so far been held formally into the incident, and the whole world has been turned upside down, so many people have been killed, the American economy is going into a meltdown, and everything is gone wrong with the world, and yet no formal inquiry has been ordered by the US government.** So I really don't know. There are so many questions which hang in the balance.
- H. And then to top it all, they say that [Obama Hamodu??(Hani Hanjour)] took the training by light aircraft in the army for six months, he could have maneuvered a jumbo 745 — uh, 757 from a height where it was traveling — that height was 9,000, and it came within seconds to a height of 1000, and then went straight into its target. Now this is not possible for a person who has been trained on a light aircraft to be able to do this.

Alex Jones: Yes, sir.

Hamid Gul: And there is no mention of the second aircraft, and so there are a number of things which remain unanswered.

Alex Jones: Yes, sir.

Hamid Gul: Whenever the journalists come, and visit me here, and I ask them these questions, that “why haven't you taken the answers about this?”, and they say that “Patriotic Act comes in the way”, and we are not supposed to ask that question”.

Alex Jones: General — we are talking to General Hamid Gul, the former head of Pakistani ISI, during the key period of fighting the Russians, he was also, before he was the head of ISI, one of the chiefs according to our media, running operations against the Russians. And of course working with the United States closely, as well as the Saudi Arabians, and the British. Y'know, if that's incorrect, correct me. Uh, General Gul, what are the motives? **We have the PNAC, with Dick Cheney saying we need a Pearl Harbor event, we have 44,000 US troops massing in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan in the days before 9/11, we have Bush on September 10, *Newsweek* reported ordering the launch of attacks the next week, we have, of course, the buildings being blown up with explosives, and all of the witnesses to that, now the government admits that Building 7 did fall in freefall, was not hit by a plane** — specifically, sir, *motives*. Why would the Military Industrial Complex controlling the United States, why would they stage a 9/11 attack?

Hamid Gul: **They had to keep the Chinese off from getting into the Middle East, they had to lay their hands on the energy tap of the world, which presently lies in the Middle East, but in future it will be in Central Asia, and so Afghanistan is the gateway to Central Asia, and finally to suppress *any* resistance, particularly which could threaten the state of Israel. Now that is where they, instead of pursuing the American objectives, they started pursuing the Israeli objectives, and that is where they went wrong.** You have to pick out a single aim, that is the first principle of war, and I don't know why the generals and the politicians of America, they could be so naïve and so ignorant, that they started mixing aims, and they went into this war, without a buildup, without particular preparation, and without the American support behind them. Because if they had gone to war, and asked for the support of



the American people, they would never given them their support. So they had to create a pretext, and this was the pretext that they created.

**Alex Jones:** Well, General —

**Hamid Gul:** And for that it will have to disengage externally.

**Alex Jones:** General — as you know, in the last three months, before Obama was even elected, he said Pakistan and Afghanistan would be his main focus. **The strikes inside Pakistan — it's clear that his change means what Zbigniew Brzezinski wants, *shifting* — uh, what the RAND Corporation has said they want, shifting the war out of the Middle East into Central Asia. So I believe the change is gonna be these provocations. Look at the NeoCons, with Israeli and NATO-backed forces launching the sneak attack on the Russian held South Ossetia on 8/8/8. So it appears they are trying to launch a major — uh, larger than a theater war, as the RAND Corporation said a month ago, they want a major new war.**

**Hamid Gul:** Yes, indeed you're right, because this is an old theory, [weet ul josaperry??] theory, first put out by MacKinder and then by Mahan, who was an admiral in the US Navy, that this is the rimland, you've got to first control the rimland in Asia before you can strike in the heartland of Asia. So this heartland/rimland thing, I think it tricked into the story —

**Alex Jones:** So that's why they need proxies like India to destabilize the region for the encirclement of Russia, and of course China, blocking those pipelines. Now, sir, in the time we've got left, you worked with the United States and Saudi Arabia, with Israel, or at least Pakistan did, fighting the Russian invasion. Uh, of course, if these reports are incorrect, correct me, but you were one of the main commanders helping the mujahideen. You were the head of Pakistani intelligence right at the time you had the victory against the Russians. **It is reported here that al-Qaeda was founded by the new Secretary of Defense Gates and Zbigniew Brzezinski, uh, or, or that they were the Wahabist fighting corps, and that they are now being used to try to bring down the Pakistani government and to try to stage attacks inside India. So can you speak with your particular expertise to that, and then, also the fact that they are now trying to list *you* as a terrorist, and then thirdly, did you ever meet Osama bin Laden? Is Osama bin Laden dead many years ago of kidney failure, as Benazir Bhutto said?**

**Hamid Gul:** Well, uh, I was actually in charge of operations against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, and the Americans were providing the logistic support, and the Saudis were sharing one half of the budget for this war. And it was a cheap war because in all — there was uh ten years that we were fighting the Russians, we spent not more than five billion dollars out of the American exchequers. So it was a very cheap war for the Americans to have defeated the Russians and rid the whole of the West of this Red Menace that they used to call. **So, at that time, Osama bin Laden and his, uh colleagues, they were admired and romanticised by the CIA operators. I had never met him then. I had nothing to do with him, because I was only busy training the Afghans. We had to win a war, we had a task on our hands, it was a very big task, and we were so occupied with the training only the Afghans. No other nation was trained by the ISI. I can vouch on that. Not a single person, not even a Pakistani was trained by them. Osama bin Laden was — you know, I — had never met him, but to the — these people used to come and talk glowingly about him. I met Osama bin Laden after my retirement from the army, in 1993 December in Khartoum, and then again in year, uh, 1994 November when I was went — I was there invited by a Hassan bin-Turabi to an international conference, and during that conference, Osama invited us to a banquet.** And it was all in an open place, and, uh, where there were many other people present. I, uh, he struck me as a pretty normal human being, not the bloodthirsty animal that he is being presented by the CIA now. At that time no conversation between him and me took place. I don't know whether he's living or dead. But so far Ayman — Ayman al-Zawahiri has been given — eh, representing him in various interviews of Osama that have been put out. So one doesn't really know. But the last interview, which was a voice interview, in that the CIA and the other US intelligence agencies authenticated that it was Osama's voice. So one doesn't really know whether he is living or dead.

**Alex Jones:** Well, sir —

**Hamid Gul:** **But even if he is not living, he is a symbol. Al-Qaeda is a franchise. Whoever created that, and for whatever reason they created, I think it wasn't there until 1996 when he was lodged in Khartoum. Later on he was —**

**Alex Jones:** General —

**Hamid Gul:** — invited by [later Afghan President] Burhanuddin Rabbani, who is now part of the Northern Alliance in Kabul, and he came over and he set up his headquarters in a place called Tora Bora near Jalalabad. But, uhhh, that's where one started hearing of al-Qaeda and the activities

**Alex Jones:** Yes.

**Hamid Gul:** Of Osama bin-Laden.

**Alex Jones:** General, I need to — in the time left here because we've only got a few minutes left with you here — uh, maybe five minutes and then we're going to break and I don't want to keep you any longer — we can perhaps have you back in the future. **Specifically, though, we know his CIA control name was Tim Osman, we know he was the bagman for a lot of the Saudi money and the Israeli money going in, I know that was compartmentalized and separate from Pakistani intelligence, from what I've read**

from different perspectives and US intelligence. So — so I believe you. My whole point here is — is that al-Qaeda — al-CIAda didn't carry out the attacks of 9/11 as you yourself have said. His first interview said that he didn't do it. Then they produced these computer-morphed videos and fake audios that have been checked. And the Intel Center, headed up by Rumsfeld's former lieutenant, the private group was caught putting the same video layer in with the original video. So it's been proven that they're creating these fake videos.

**Hamid Gul:** There is no doubt about it, that this video which was put out in November by George Bush and — and said this was Osama bin-Laden and was high cheekboned like the mongoloid features, he wasn't as tall as Osama bin-Laden was. And one could clearly make out that this was doctored, and had been created on purpose to justify the attack on Afghanistan. I think there are many things which are going wrong are being done on the behest of the government by the CIA which are not correct. The CIA used to be good when they were working with us. But I don't know what happened thereafter. I think it was overarching ambition.

**Alex Jones: General:** as you know, in the time we have left, they have over four hundred nukes, they have total dominance, no one could attack them with nukes, they have the anti-missile defense systems. I believe it's a red herring that they want to start World War III, uh, for their "safety". It's World War III that will *destroy* Israel.

**Hamid Gul:** Yes, indeed, and I think this 2006 September experience, I think, if it is any indicator for them, when they —

**Alex Jones:** Hezbollah —

**Hamid Gul:** — went into southern Lebanon and they got such a buffeting at the hands of — of Hezbollah, I think they'll not do something like that, because it would mean annihilation of Israel. And in any case Palestinian question is a very thorny question, and I do not know why the US administration is not addressing it differently —

**Alex Jones:** All right General, we're almost out of time, two final questions, and I'm gonna let you go, and you can — any websites, any books, any materials you'd like to point people at to see your side of the story, we'd love to see it. Two questions, let me give 'em both to you and then answer them, please: #1 — **why are they trying to, now, list you as a terrorist, (A), when they admittedly worked with you (B) why do they always betray people like Saddam who they worked with and set up. So (A) why are they trying to set you up, and (B) do you see the West staging more terror?**

**Hamid Gul:** Yes, of — I think they are simply afraid of me because I worked with them, I understand them, I can measure them up and I talk loudly about it, I mak — mince no words, I pil — pull no punches, and they are afraid that I preempt whatever scheming they do. And I am — loud-voiced, there is no doubt about it. **And I speak the truth, they are trying to frame me, there is no truth in it. If they had anything about me when I applied for a renewal of my VISA to America why did they not give it to me? Because if they have something, they are looking around for terrorists, while this terrorist wants to come over and visit America, nab me, interrogate me, take me to bar, take me to court, do whatever you like.** It only shows that they have a *mala fide*. As far as Saddam is concerned, it is a habit, it is a very bad habit. They cultivate friends who become, like Pervez Musharraf, dictators, and then they make use of them, and then they turn upon them and then infect [?] the nation because of their policies. And, what was the last part of your question?

**Alex Jones:** Ge — hold on, General — uh, General, hold on one moment because we've only got a few minutes left. John, skip this network break. For stations: I'm skipping, 'cause I'm gonna let him go in three minutes. I don't want to hold him any longer, but I'm skipping this break, because this is too newsworthy. Yes sir, I'd like you to answer that question, uh, about what do you think, knowing them, working with the globalists, the New World Order, in the past, when it was still America, before we were totally dominated, what do you think their next moves are probably — uh, most probable, (A). And then, finally, the attacks against the government in Pakistan, uh, using Muslim fronts. Does that appear to be the West trying to destabilize your government? They keep trying to kill the government, they killed Bhutto, they keep bombing government buildings, they keep bombing hotels, it appears the West is using false mujahideen to try to overthrow Pakistan.

**Hamid Gul:** No, Benazir was not killed by any of the terrorists. She was removed by the Americans, because she had violated her agreement, because they wanted to keep Pervez Musharraf there, and he slapped another [mustel??] on Pakistan. So she had become rebellious, and such a person, who is a popular leader of a third world country, the head of the largest political party, a woman whom they could not attack as fundamentalist because she was so westernized, therefore it was very important for them to remove her, because they have a mischievous plan which they want to put through. So, they have installed instead Mr. Zardari, whom they can blackmail very easily, but they have allowed him to keep the powers of a dictator. **And in fact he's the one who's calling all the shots in Pakistan, so as Pakistan is already completely destabilized politically. Our po — um, uh be — judicial institution simply does not exist, because the judicial crisis recently dethroned Chief Justice of Pakistan —**

**Alex Jones:** Yes — *who is staging the terror attacks*, because they're clearly aimed at the government, or is that the government staging them as a pretext to crack down —

**Hamid Gul:** No, no, no — this is because it — [Lombostit??] was attacked, and I think that George Bush addressed his nation on radio immediately after that, said "this was part of our plan in War Against Terrorism", because Pakistan army and Inter Services Intelligence were not *fully* cooperating, and because they did not consider it was their war, therefore they created this

**situation, where the terrorists out of sheer revenge — this is called Pakhtunwali.** This is a tradition which has nothing to do with Islam. It is the Afghans holding to this tradition long before they became Muslim, and they are still carrying it on. When you take action against an Afghan, kill his daughter or his wife or his sister, he will take revenge no doubt what happens. He does not behave like a Muslim, or any other entity. So this was a thing which was created. **And of course Pakistan is now in a very difficult position. We only have a military which can control the institutions. And we have an ISI, but the Americans are almost every day attacking the ISI and attacking the military, saying this is not under the control of the political parties.**

Alex Jones: Sir —

Hamid Gul: Political powers.

Alex Jones: Sir — General —

Hamid Gul: But what is political power, when Parliament is *sinecure*? It does not work, it has no authority at all.

Alex Jones: General, going back to 9/11, Pakistani papers, BBC reported, New York Times reported, \$100,000 was reportedly wired by Gen. Mahmood Ahmed, the head of Pakistani intelligence to the lead hijacker, who we know was a US government decoy, trained at US bases, that's *Newsweek*, *AP*, *Reuters*. General Mahmood Ahmed, do you believe he was really controlled by the CIA, did he wire \$100,000 to Mohammed Atta?

Hamid Gul: Not at all. Mahmood is a friend of mine. I met him very recently in Lahore, and he categorically denies this. I think this is all disinformation, which has been adopted as a very sophisticated intelligence art.

Alex Jones: So, just to be clear, we're gonna let you go, we're very thankful and respectful of your time, uh, you believe that the bombings and shootings and terror attacks that we've seen in the last few months in Pakistan are because the Predator drones and helicopters are killing weddings — you always notice it's a wedding — that's meant to stir up the people there, because it kills whole families, it's a huge insult, and then of course they blow up NATO cars, of course they then attack the government. Is that what you're saying?

Hamid Gul: It is retaliatory, and they will retaliate. I can tell you that Afghanistan nation is a fact that over 5,000 years, nobody has won against them, and I think that Americans cannot win, unless American intention is to stir up a Third World War at this point I think there's no point in staying in Afghanistan. You should negotiate with the opposition. This is a national resistance now. It is no longer Taleban. Specific, it is the Afghan nation. I approve of their position. They are resisting ferociously.

Alex Jones: General, how long can the Mayor of Kabul stay in power, and isn't this really just about the West controlling the opium?

Hamid Gul: Well, he's the puppet of Kabul, and he will not stay very long. I can assure you that, eh, he's already started showing signs of nervousness. He wants to reach out to the Taleban, but Taleban won't — eh, even throw a crumb at him. I can assure you the Taleban, or, any other resistance fighters, they will have nothing to do with —

Alex Jones: Well, Reuters is reporting, as you know, every major city is now encircled, and only a few cities are controlled by the US force.

Hamid Gul: I — I have no idea, but I think the Right is started coming out, like Robert Kagan's article in the Washington Post on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, it, eh, echoes what is the *[CFR]* World At Risk Report. Uh, it is similar. They are focusing on Pakistan, because Pakistan's nuclear capability is undigestible by State of Israel, and by India, therefore there is —

Alex Jones: All right —

Hamid Gul: every possibility that Pakistan becomes a target.

Alex Jones: In closing — in closing, and this is it, and we appreciate all your time — this hour's over, two minutes, sir, I know you can't predict the future, but do you see them staging a nuke attack? Do you see them staging more terror attacks? Do you see India sneak attacking? Uh, do you see a more radical government coming in after the staged events? What do you see happening, bad case scenario?

Hamid Gul: No, Indians are not so stupid. I think they are seeing thru the game, and these far Leftist parties, that is the Left Front, they are called, the Communist party of India, are very strong. India is slowly turning t'the world of its own problems. The Shine India, Shining India, Feel-good India, this is all make believe. I can tell you that this is a propaganda hype. I can tell you that India is in a miserable state. Their economy is dwindling. And four hundred millions are living on less than one dollar a day. And this is beginning to have an effect because last year alone 108,000 farmers in India committed suicide. And

**this will not go on. Out of 608 districts in India, 231 are already in turmoil, and mostly under the control of Maoists and the Bhakti-lite.**

**Alex Jones:** So they are collapsing?

**Hamid Gul:** Yes. So India itself has lots of problems of their own (Prison Planet, 2008).

**Date:** January 18, 2009

**Source:** Thaindian News

**Title/Headline:** *Efforts On To Cut-Off ISI- Terror Group Link By US: Boucher*

**Abstract:** The Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan has links with the terrorist outfits based in the country, and the US is making an allout effort to ensure that these links are cut-off completely, US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Richard Boucher has said. Severing the link of the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) from Pakistan-based terrorist groups is a work in progress and the United States will make sure that it is done effectively, **The Daily Times quoted Boucher, as saying. Boucher said that it is evident that the terror groups involved in the 26/11 Mumbai attack were operating from the Pakistani soil, and his country wanted to eliminate this menace** (Thaindian News, 2009).

**Date:** March 3, 2009

**Source:** BBC

**Title/Headline:** *Gunmen Shoot Sri Lanka Cricketers*

**Abstract:** Gunmen have attacked a bus carrying the Sri Lankan cricket team on its way to play in the Pakistani city of Lahore. At least six policemen escorting the team bus were killed, along with a driver, and seven cricketers and an assistant coach were injured. Pakistani officials said about 12 gunmen were involved and grenades and rocket launchers have been recovered. Officials said the incident bore similarities to deadly attacks in Mumbai in India. **The Mumbai attacks were blamed on Pakistan-based Islamic militants.** Pakistani cricket was already suffering from serious security concerns. The Pakistani politician Imran Khan, a former captain of the country's cricket team, said the Sri Lankan visitors had been given inadequate protection. **"This was one of the worst security failures in Pakistan,"** he said. "The Pakistan government guaranteed the Sri Lankan cricket team that they would provide them security." **None of the attackers was killed or apprehended at the scene.** Grenades and rocket launchers were found there, police said, and a manhunt is under way. But a Pakistani minister, Sardar Nabil Ahmed Gabol, reportedly told privately owned Geo TV **that evidence suggested the attackers came across the border from India.** He said the assault came in reaction to the Mumbai attacks, and was a **"declaration of open war on Pakistan by India"** (BBC, 2009).

**Date:** March 6, 2009

**Source:** BBC

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Facing 'Mortal Threat'*

**Abstract:** Mr Miliband told the BBC that politicians must unite to face a "very grave situation" that was worsening. He was speaking as Pakistan continued to probe this week's attack on the Sri Lankan cricket team in Lahore. Pakistani police have released sketches of four of some 14 gunmen suspected of involvement in the ambush that left six policemen and a driver dead. Mr Miliband told BBC Radio's Today programme that **Pakistan's internal instability was "a grave situation and... it has got worse".** He pointed to the fallout between President Asif Ali Zardari and former PM Nawaz Sharif, who was last week banned from elected office by the Supreme Court. Mr Miliband urged politicians to unite, saying: **"I think that the degree of political disunity that exists at the moment is only contributing to the problem."** He added that country's economic decline in the global credit crunch was also a major factor. Mr Miliband said it was not known who carried out the Lahore attack but he said that **the Lashkar-e-Taiba militant group had "deep roots in the Punjab".** He urged the central and local governments to take action against groups he described as **"front organisations" for Lashkar-e-Taiba.** Police in Pakistan are still working on an interim report into the Lahore attack. Police chief of Punjab province, Khaled Farooq, told AFP news agency "a little more time is required to complete the investigation" but that it would be finished in the next 24 hours. Provincial governor **Salman Taseer said on Thursday that "we have identified the people who did the operation".** There has been much speculation in the media since, with some reports pointing the finger at Lashkar-e-Taiba and others at al-Qaeda and the Taliban. **Dozens of people have been held for questioning.** A spokesman for Lashkar-e-Taiba, Abdullah Ghaznavi, told AFP the reports of his group's involvement were **"false, incorrect and baseless".** Pakistan's interior ministry chief Rehman Malik increased speculation by saying he could **"not rule out [the involvement of a] foreign hand in the incident".** The head of Interpol, Ronald Noble, has arrived in Islamabad but his talks with Mr Malik were scheduled to be about November's Mumbai attacks. Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Friday said the Lahore attack showed **"the [Pakistan] government's lack of will or capability in tackling this menace".** **The Pakistani government has come under fire for the security it provided for the Sri Lankan team. Umpires travelling in a bus behind the cricketers have said they were left unguarded. English match referee Chris Broad said they were "sitting ducks".** Two in the bus were Australian and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said on Friday: "I am sufficiently concerned about what has been said by the Australians that we need an explanation, and we intend to get one." Pakistan's cricket circles have reacted angrily to the security complaints. Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ijaz Butt accused Mr Broad of "fabrication". On Friday, former cricket star Javed Miandad said the International Cricket Council should ban Mr Broad for life. The Commissioner of Lahore, Khusró Pervéz, has also defended the police response to the attack. But he did admit that there were **"certain security lapses which are very vivid and very clear".** **"The gunmen were meant to be combated by backup police support, which didn't arrive,"** he said, **"and the vehicles used for escorting the Sri Lankan convoy were not adequate."** The attacks are expected to have massive ramifications for the cricket world, with the ICC

considering whether Pakistan can co-host World Cup matches in 2011 (BBC, 2009).

**Date:** May 20, 2009

**Source:** New York Times, Sewell Chan

**Title/Headline:** *4 Arrested in New York Terror Plot*

**Abstract:** Federal and New York City authorities arrested four men on charges of plotting to bomb two synagogues in the Riverdale section of the Bronx and to use antiaircraft missiles to shoot down planes at a military base in Newburgh, N.Y., 60 miles north of New York City. The charges, which include conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction in the United States and conspiracy to acquire and use antiaircraft missiles, represent some of the most significant allegations of domestic terrorism in some time. **The four defendants — whom federal authorities identified as James Cromitie, David Williams, Onta Williams and Laguerre Payen, all of Newburgh, in Orange County — are to appear in Federal District Court in White Plains, in Westchester County, on Thursday morning.** Three of the suspects are American citizens, and one suspect is of Haitian descent, according to the office of Gov. David A. Paterson. Mr. Cromitie, who is described as the lead defendant, is said to have told an F.B.I. informer that he had ties with Jaish-e-Muhammad, a jihadist group based in Pakistan. **None of the defendants actually obtained weapons of mass destruction, according to the authorities. The men were, however, given an antiaircraft missile system that was incapable of being fired, as well as homemade bombs containing inert plastic explosives, as part of the undercover investigation, the authorities said (Chan, 2009).**

**Date:** June 9, 2009

**Source:** New York Times, Ismail Khan, Salman Masood

**Title/Headline:** *Militants Strike Hotel In Pakistan, Killing 11*

**Abstract:** Militants opened fire on security guards and rushed a small truck packed with explosives through the gates of a five-star hotel in this northwestern city on Tuesday, detonating the payload in the parking lot and killing at least 11 people and wounding 55, Pakistani officials said. **The blast, powerful enough to leave a crater 6 feet deep and 15 feet wide, collapsed the western wing of the hotel, the Pearl Continental, one of the few in the city that cater to Western visitors.** The attack followed threats on May 27 by Taliban leaders, who warned Pakistanis that they were preparing “major attacks” in large cities in retaliation for the military’s ongoing campaign against the insurgents in parts of Pakistan’s North-West Frontier Province. **It was by far the largest — using an estimated 1,000 pounds of explosives, making it the most spectacular against a Western target in Pakistan since the bombing of the Marriott Hotel in the capital, Islamabad, last September, which left more than 50 dead.** “We are the front line,” said Farahnaz Ispahani, the media advisor to President Asif Ali Zardari. “This is really a fight for our way of life. This is a fight for Pakistan” (Kahn & Masood, 2009).

**Date:** October 10, 2009

**Source:** The Telegraph

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan: Terrorist Attack Kills Six Soldiers In Rawalpindi*

**Abstract:** Six soldiers died when gunmen wearing army uniforms attacked Pakistan's army headquarters on Saturday, as tensions rose ahead of an expected army offensive against a Taliban stronghold. Four of the attackers were confirmed killed but two more who were holed up inside the heavily fortified complex were still fighting seven hours later, as helicopters with snipers on board prowled the skies of Rawalpindi hunting for attackers who may have escaped. **The daring assault, a few miles from the capital, was the third significant terrorist attack in Pakistan this a week. It seemed intended to show that the Taliban can still strike at the very heart of Pakistan's security apparatus despite recent military operations against their forces and the killing of Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud in a drone attack in August.** The attackers may have been trying to kill army chief General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, who was inside the complex on Saturday, although it was not clear whether he was there during the attack. Military statements said he attended meetings there and at the president's office in nearby Islamabad during the day. **The attack began shortly before noon when the gunmen, dressed in camouflage military uniforms and wielding assault rifles and grenades, drove in a white van up to the army compound and tried to force their way inside, army spokesman Major General Athar Abbas said. The assailants shot at the guards at one checkpoint, killing some of them, and then jumped out of the van and ran toward a second checkpoint, he said. Abbas said the guards were probably confused by the attackers' uniforms.** The heavily armed attackers then took up positions throughout the area, hurling grenades and firing sporadically at security forces. **After a 45-minute gunfight, four of the attackers were killed, said Maj Gen Abbas. But more than an hour later, gunshots again rang out from the compound.** Mr Abbas confirmed that two more gunmen had eluded security forces and slipped into the headquarters compound in Rawalpindi. The city is filled with security checkpoints and police roadblocks. On Saturday evening, Abbas said the two men remained holed up in a room and were surrounded. **"We are trying to finish it at earliest, clear the area of terrorists and restore complete control," he told Dunya TV.** Abbas said six troops were killed and five wounded, one critically. Those killed including a brigadier and a lieutenant colonel, according to a military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. Pakistani media said the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, and Rehman Malik, the interior minister, said the ongoing assaults strengthened the government's resolve to launch the offensive. "We have been left no other option except to go ahead to face them," he told Dawn television (Telegraph, 2009).

**Date:** December 11, 2009

**Source:** The Times, Jeremy Page, Zahid Hussain

**Title/Headline:** *Five American Muslims Arrested In Pakistan On Suspicion Of 'Jihad'*

**Abstract:** Five American Muslims were arrested in Pakistan on suspicion of ‘Jihad.’ The United States was confronting the renewed specter of violent Islamic extremism among its own citizens last night after the arrest of **five young American Muslims in Pakistan on**



suspicion of trying to join militant groups in its lawless tribal areas. "We watched them for one and a half days and then arrested them," Usman Anwar, the chief of police in Sargodha, told reporters. "We seized laptops and other things from their possession. Later we came to know that they have come here with the intention of jihad." A senior security official told *The Times* that interrogation of the suspects and **information on their computers showed that they had contacts with local Al Qaeda operatives.** He said they had met representatives of Jamat-ud-Dawa, a banned militant group, and of JeM, **which has links to Al Qaeda and is blamed for the murder in 2002 of Daniel Pearl,** a *Wall Street Journal* reporter. "They were asking to be recruited, trained and sent on jihad," he said. The case is the latest in a series this year that has raised fears that American Muslim citizens and residents are being radicalized and recruited by militant groups on US soil and could be used to strike targets there. **"Home-based terrorism is here," declared Janet Napolitano, the US Secretary of Homeland Security.** The five men's arrest coincided with the first appearance in a Chicago court of David Headley, **an American citizen of Pakistani origin accused of plotting terrorist attacks in Denmark and India.** It came just a month after Nidal Hasan, a major in the US Army of Palestinian origin with links to an extremist Muslim cleric, shot dead 13 comrades at Fort Hood military base in Texas. **In 2009, US authorities charged a group of men with helping to recruit at least 20 young American Somalis to go back to Somalia to fight with the al-Shabaab militant group.** That followed the arrest in September of Najibullah Zazi, an Afghan citizen with US residency, on suspicion of plotting to **attack the New York subway and receiving training from Al Qaeda in Pakistan** (Page & Hussain, 2009).

**Date:** January 10, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Deb Reichmann

**Title/Headline:** *Video Links Pakistan Taliban To Deadly CIA Bombing*

**Abstract:** A Jordanian suicide bomber killed seven CIA employees in the worst attack in U.S. intelligence agency's history. In a video released a few days later, the **suspect sits cross-legged on the floor next to the new chief of the Pakistani Taliban,** confirming the group was behind the brazen attack in eastern Afghanistan. The suicide attack inside the CIA base — which the bomber said was meant to **avenge the death of the former Pakistani Taliban leader in a CIA missile strike** — could prompt the U.S. to further pressure the government of Pakistan to crack down on militants who operate on both sides of the Afghan-Pakistani border. U.S. missile strikes against targets on the Pakistan side already are on the rise. Seven CIA employees and a Jordanian intelligence officer were killed Dec. 30 when the suicide bomber detonated his cache of explosives at Camp Chapman, a tightly secured CIA base in Khost province, a dangerous region southeast of the Afghan capital Kabul. **The CIA had cultivated the bomber** — a Jordanian doctor identified as Humam Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi — in hopes of obtaining information about Al Qaeda's second in command, Ayman al-Zawahri. Al-Balawi turned out to be a double-agent — perhaps even a triple-agent. In the 1 1/2 minute video, the bomber said **he attacked the CIA to avenge the death of Baitullah Mehsud, the longtime leader of the Pakistani Taliban** who was killed in August. "This jihadi attack will be the first revenge operation against the Americans and their drone teams outside the Pakistan border," the bomber said on the video. Al-Balawi — wearing an Afghan hat and camouflaged jacket — said the Pakistani Taliban, now under the leadership of its new chief Hakimullah Mehsud, would fight till victory. "We will never forget the blood of our emir Baitullah Mehsud," said al-Balawi. **"We will always demand revenge for him inside America and outside."** A senior militant with the Pakistani Taliban told AP the suicide bomber received training from Qari Hussain, a leading commander of the Pakistani Taliban believed to have run suicide bombing camps. The militant, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of security reasons, said **Al Qaeda and the Haqqani network, a highly independent Afghan Taliban faction, also were involved.** Hussain's Lashkar-e-Janghvi group, a violent anti-Shiite Muslim organization, is believed to provide a reservoir of suicide bombers and has **been linked to some of the more spectacular bombings in Pakistan and the death of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.** Arsala Rahmani — a former minister in the Taliban government that was toppled in the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan following the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks — said the Pakistani and Afghan Taliban and Al Qaeda often work in unison against Western forces. **"Most of the time, the Afghan Taliban, Pakistani Taliban and Al Qaeda ... they are fighting together,"** said Rahmani. The release of the al-Balawi footage gives the U.S. proof that Pakistani elements are involved in attacks on its security apparatus in Afghanistan, observers said (Reichmann, 2010).

**Date:** January 10, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *CIA 'Suicide Bomber' Vows Revenge In New Video*

**Abstract:** IntelCenter also pointed out al-Balawi appears in the video next to TTP leader Hakimullah Mehsud, and that it was TTP that released the video. **"The TTP and Al Qaeda have a close relationship, and in all likelihood Al Qaeda was involved at some level in the operation,"** IntelCenter said in an analysis of the video. "However, the release of the video with TTP Emir Hakimullah Mehsud firmly places the attack under the TTP banner" (CNN, 2010).

**Date:** January 15, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Officials: U.S. Kills Militant on FBI Most-Wanted List*

**Abstract:** U.S. missile strike in Pakistan killed one of the FBI's most-wanted terrorists, a man suspected in a deadly 1986 plane hijacking with a \$5 million bounty on his head. The intelligence officials said a January 9<sup>th</sup> missile strike in **the Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region killed Jamal Saeed Abdul Rahim.** The FBI's Web site lists him as a Palestinian with possible Lebanese citizenship. **The Pakistani officials called him an Al Qaeda member, but the FBI site says he was a member of the Abu Nidal Palestinian terrorist group and is wanted for his alleged role in the Sept. 5, 1986, hijacking of Pan American World Airways Flight 73** during a stop in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi. According to the FBI, the hijackers **demand that 1,500 prisoners in Cyprus and Israel be released and that they be flown out of Pakistan.** At one point, the hijackers shot and threw hand grenades at passengers and crew in one part of the plane. Some 20 people, including two Americans, died during the hijacking. **Rahim had been tried and convicted**

by Pakistan, but he and three suspected accomplices were apparently released in January 2008. Pakistani government officials criticize the missile strikes and say the United States is violating their country's sovereignty, but there is little doubt Islamabad agrees to at least some of the attacks and provides targeting information for them (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** January 16, 2010

**Source:** The Times Of India

**Title/Headline:** *India Faces Threat Of Another 26/11, Likely To Act Militarily: US Think Tank*

**Abstract:** The threat of another Mumbai-type attack is undeniable; numerous Pakistan-based groups remain motivated and able to strike Indian targets," said Daniel Markey of the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in his latest paper 'Terrorism and Indo-Pakistani Escalation.' Many of these Pakistan-based terror groups have incentives to act as spoilers, whether to disrupt efforts to improve Indo-Pak ties or to distract Islamabad from counter-terror crackdown at home, said Markey, a known South Asia expert. "Thus the immediate risk of terrorism may actually increase if New Delhi and Islamabad make progress on resolving their differences or if Pakistan-based terrorists are effectively backed into a corner," he said in his 11-page contingency planning memorandum of the CFR. While traditionally Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed are the two terror groups that have proven themselves the most capable and motivated to carry out attacks in India, this time Al Qaeda could don the mantle, he said. "Al Qaeda has historically focused its efforts outside India, but if the group's leadership feels threatened in the Pakistan/Afghanistan border areas, it might direct and assist regional proxies to attack India as a way to ignite a distracting Indo-Pakistani confrontation." He said the more clearly a terrorist attack can be identified as having originated in Pakistan, the more likely India is to retaliate militarily. Should multiple attacks occur in quick succession, the cumulative effect would further diminish India's inclination for restraint, he said. Markey said the more egregious the terrorist attack and the more India's leadership is convinced that members of the Pakistani state sponsored it, the more it will be treated as an act of war. "Under these conditions, New Delhi would consider a wider range of options, including, for instance, a large ground-force mobilization of the sort India conducted in 2001-2002 in the wake of the terrorist attack on the Indian parliament or a naval blockade." "Unless the initial terrorist attack is nuclear -- which is implausible for now because Pakistani terrorists do not appear to have access to nuclear materials or the capacity to utilize them -- India would refrain from using its nuclear weapons in retaliation," Markey said (The Times of India, 2010).

**Date:** January 21, 2010

**Source:** Bloomberg News, Viola Geinger

**Title/Headline:** *Gates In Pakistan To Discuss New Strikes On Taliban*

**Abstract:** Gates said yesterday in New Delhi that Islamists working under "the umbrella of al-Qaeda" want to destabilize the entire South Asian region by provoking a conflict between India and Pakistan. That law requires a cutoff of aid if Pakistan fails to provide civilian control of its military, cooperate with the U.S. on counter-terrorism, protect its nuclear arsenal and enforce international nuclear non-proliferation rules. Those conditions triggered accusations from opposition politicians and Pakistan's military of interference in the country's internal affairs. Such conditions on U.S. aid evoke bitter memories in Pakistan of the 1990s, when the so-called Pressler amendment forced a halt to most U.S. aid because of evidence that Pakistan was developing nuclear weapons. The cutoff in U.S. military aid hampered American efforts to influence Pakistan's powerful armed forces, and led many Pakistani leaders to call the U.S. an unreliable ally. Al-Qaeda leaders are believed to have holed up in ungoverned tribal areas along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border since the U.S. toppled the group's Taliban protectors in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. Obama last year ordered 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan to battle the Taliban insurgency. The U.S. is trying to balance its rapidly expanding ties with India, the world's largest democracy and the fastest-growing economy after China, even as the Obama administration strengthens links with Pakistan (Geinger, 2010).

**Date:** January 21, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Army: No New Offensive For 6-12 Months*

**Abstract:** The Pakistani army said Thursday during a visit by U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates that it can't launch any new offensives against militants for six months to a year to give it time to stabilize existing gains. The announcement likely comes as a disappointment to the U.S., which has pushed Pakistan to expand its military operations to target militants staging cross-border attacks against coalition troops in Afghanistan. Washington believes such action is critical to success in Afghanistan as it prepares to send an additional 30,000 troops to the country this year. But the comments by army spokesman Gen. Athar Abbas clearly indicate Pakistan will not be pressured in the near-term to expand its fight beyond militants waging war against the Pakistani state. Whether it can be convinced in the long-term is still an open question. "We are not talking years," Abbas told reporters traveling with Gates. "Six months to a year" would be needed before Pakistan could stabilize existing gains and expand any operations, he said. The Pakistani army launched a major ground offensive against the Pakistani Taliban's main stronghold near the Afghan border in mid-October, triggering a wave of retaliatory violence across the country that has killed more than 600 people. Gates said Thursday that he wouldn't directly press Pakistan to expand its military campaign but would instead ask his hosts what their plans are. He also said his talks with Pakistan's military and civilian leaders were intended to explain the U.S. war strategy in Afghanistan. The defense secretary told reporters traveling with him to Islamabad from India that he would reassure Pakistan that the United States is "in this for the long haul." But President Barack Obama's comments in December that the U.S. would begin to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan in mid-2011 have raised questions among many Pakistani officials about Washington's commitment. Analysts say such concerns only reinforce the Pakistani government's reluctance to target the Afghan Taliban as requested by the U.S. Pakistan has deep historical ties with the group, and many analysts believe some officials within the government and the military see the militants as an important proxy once coalition troops leave Afghanistan. Gates cautioned Pakistan against trying to distinguish between the different militant groups in an

essay published Thursday in The News, an English-language Pakistani newspaper. **"It is important to remember that the Pakistani Taliban operates in collusion with both the Taliban in Afghanistan and Al Qaeda, so it is impossible to separate these groups,"** Gates wrote. **"Only by pressuring all of these groups on both sides of the border will Afghanistan and Pakistan be able to rid themselves of this scourge for good -- to destroy those who promote the use of terror here and abroad,"** Gates said. One of the goals of his trip, he said, is "a broader strategic dialogue -- on the link between Afghanistan's stability and Pakistan's; stability in the broader region; the threat of extremism in Asia; efforts to reduce illicit drugs and their damaging global impact; and the importance of maritime security and cooperation." **Gates' first meeting Thursday is with Defense Minister Ahmed Mukhtar. He also has separate meetings scheduled with Prime Minister Yousaf Reza Gilani and President Asif Ali Zardari** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** January 22, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Examiner, Anne Gearan

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Army Says No New Offensive for 6-12 Months*

**Abstract:** U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Friday he was deeply impressed with Pakistan's military offensive against militants within its borders and said he will leave it to that country's leadership to decide whether or when to expand the fight. **"The Pakistani leadership will make its own decisions" about when or whether they are going to do something. "That's just fine with me,"** Gates said during an interview with Pakistani and U.S. journalists near the close of his two-day visit to the Pakistani capital. Gates said he likens the U.S. and Pakistani discussions about the fight against militants on Pakistan's western border to an automobile. **He said Pakistan was driving "and that's the way it should be."** Asked whether the U.S. was winning in the long battle against al-Qaida terrorism, Gates said the United States has made progress but hasn't won yet. **He said al-Qaida and what he calls a syndicate of affiliated groups are less capable of large-scale, coordinated attacks than they once were and in many cases their leadership has been killed or captured.** That said, he called extremism a cancer that has metastasized from al-Qaida's home base along the Pakistan-Afghan border. **The U.S. has been pressing Pakistan to take more aggressive action against militants, but Pakistan's army said Thursday it cannot expand its current offensive for at least six months.** Remarks from the Army's chief spokesman during Gates' visit did not rule out the offensive the United States would like to see against militants who target U.S. forces in Afghanistan from hideouts in Pakistan. The Obama administration has taken a softer tone with Pakistan in recent months, praising the country's unprecedented assault on militants inside its borders and dropping public appeals for Pakistan to focus on the militants along its western border. **"We are not talking years," Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas told reporters traveling with Gates. "Six months to a year" would be needed before Pakistan could consolidate the gains it has made against militants in other parts of the country and then consider going further,** he said. "By a lot of hard work we brought public support on board," for campaigns last year in the Swat Valley and South Waziristan, he said. U.S. officials appeared to accept Pakistan's rationale that it has limited military resources and cannot risk getting ahead of the public's acceptance for a campaign that involves killing fellow Muslims. **"We have to do this in a way that is comfortable for them, and at a pace that they can accommodate and is tolerable for them,"** Gates said ahead of meetings with Pakistani civilian and military leaders. A Filipino militant wanted by the United States is believed to have been killed in an American drone strike close to the Afghan border earlier this month, Pakistani intelligence officials said Thursday. If confirmed, the death of Abdul Basit Usman would represent another success for the U.S. covert missile program on targets in Pakistan. **There have been an unprecedented number of attacks this month following a deadly Dec. 30 militant attack on a CIA base in Afghanistan. U.S. officials do not often talk about the missile strikes or their targets, but they have in the past confirmed the deaths of several mid- and high-level al-Qaida and Taliban fighters.** Most of the missiles are fired from unmanned drone aircraft launched from Afghanistan. Gates was asked about the drone program during an interview with local Express TV. **"I'm not going to discuss operations but I will say this: These unmanned aerial vehicles have been extremely useful to us, both in Iraq and in Afghanistan,"** he said. Gates said he is expanding the program by buying more of the aircraft. **He also said the United States was considering ways to share intelligence with the Pakistani military, including possibly giving it U.S.-made drones for intelligence and reconnaissance purposes. U.S. officials said Gates was referring to a proposed deal for 12 unarmed Shadow aircraft.** The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive military cooperation. In meetings Thursday with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, the country's army chief and others, Gates called the antiterror operations a success so far, "and he acknowledged to all of them that we realize that has come with a great deal of sacrifice for the military," Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said following the sessions. **"We are not trying to prescribe a timeline by which they must do things," Morrell said. The Pakistani army launched a major ground offensive against the Pakistani Taliban's main stronghold near the Afghan border in mid-October, triggering a wave of retaliatory violence across the country that has killed more than 600 people.** Washington believes Pakistani pressure on militants staging cross-border attacks against coalition troops in Afghanistan is critical to success in Afghanistan as it sends an additional 30,000 troops to the country this year (Gearan, 2010).

**Date:** January 22, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Associated Press, Ravi Nessaman

**Title/Headline:** *India Issues Terrorism Alert Over Hijack Plot*

**Abstract:** Airline passengers across India went through extra security screenings Friday and sky marshals were placed on flights as the government put its airports on high alert amid reports that al-Qaida-linked militants planned to hijack a plane. A hijacking, especially one launched by Pakistan-based militants, would send tensions soaring between the two nuclear-armed rivals and be a huge distraction for U.S. efforts to crush the Taliban and al-Qaida along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. On a visit to India this week, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates warned that a syndicate of terror groups was hoping to foment a new war between India and Pakistan. **India has largely been free of terror attacks since 10 heavily armed militants affiliated with a Pakistan-based militant group rampaged through the commercial capital Mumbai for three days in November 2008, killing 166 people.** India issued a terror alert at all its airports Thursday after the government received warnings about a possible attack, aviation spokeswoman Moushumi Chakravarty said. **A report in The Indian Express newspaper, which Chakravarty confirmed, said intelligence officials had uncovered a plot by**

**militants linked to al-Qaida and the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba group to hijack an Air India or Indian Airlines flight destined for an unspecified South Asian country.** U.K. Bansal, a top home ministry official, said security was tightened at all airports and passengers were being subjected to more intense security screenings. **Sky marshals were also being deployed on some flights and the government was asking neighboring countries to step up security on India-bound flights as well, the home ministry said in a statement. The alert was expected to continue over the weekend.** Indian media said the hijack threat was uncovered during the interrogation of Amjad Khwaja, a militant leader belonging to Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami, an extremist group involved in numerous terrorist attacks in India. Khwaja was arrested in the southern Indian city of Chennai last week and was being questioned by Indian police (Nessaman, 2010).

**Date:** January 23, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Elisabeth Bumiller

**Title/Headline:** *Gates Sees Fallout From Troubled Ties With Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, returned home from a trip from Pakistan where he basically lumped all known terrorist organizations together and stated that "Al Qaeda, the Taliban in Afghanistan, Tariki Taliban in Pakistan, Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Haqqani network — this is a syndicate of terrorists that work together," he said. "And when one succeeds they all benefit, and they share ideas, they share planning. They don't operationally coordinate their activities, as best I can tell. But they are in very close contact. They take inspiration from one another, they take ideas from one another." His final message delivered, he relaxed on the 14-hour trip home by watching "Seven Days in May," the cold war-era film about an attempted military coup in the United States (Bumiller, 2010).



**Date:** January 24, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Bin Laden Claims Responsibility For Christmas Day Bomb Attempt*

**Abstract:** Usama bin Laden claimed responsibility for the failed attempt to bomb a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas day, releasing a new audio message Sunday threatening more attacks on the United States. A senior U.S. intelligence official in Washington called the latest message "curious," commenting that the tape is uncharacteristically brief and shows efforts by bin Laden to attach himself to Palestine's cause. **The official also said there is no evidence that bin Laden had any involvement on the Christmas Day attack — or even knew about it beforehand — but that perhaps the leader hopes to attach himself with a "successful" operation by Al Qaeda. The message suggests the Al Qaeda leader wants to appear in direct command of the terrorist group's many affiliates around the world at a time when some analysts have suggested he is mostly a figurehead.** In the minute-long recording carried by Al-Jazeera Arabic news channel, bin Laden addressed President Obama saying the Christmas attack was meant to send a message similar to that of the Sept. 11 attacks. "The message delivered to you through the plane of the heroic warrior Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was a confirmation of the previous messages sent by the heroes of the Sept. 11," he said. **"America will never dream of security unless we will have it in reality in Palestine," he added. "God willing, our raids on you will continue as long as your support for the Israelis continues."** White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said the tape has yet to be authenticated, but wouldn't offer an opinion on whether bin Laden had any role in the Christmas Day bombing. **"I think everybody in this world understands that this is somebody that has to pop up in our lives over an audio tape because he's nothing but a cowardly, murderous thug and a terrorist that will someday, hopefully soon, be brought to justice,"** Gibbs told "Fox News Sunday." On Christmas Day, Nigerian Abdulmutallab attempted to blow up his Northwest Airlines flight as it approached Detroit Metro Airport. But the explosive powder he was hiding in his underwear failed to detonate. **He told federal agents shortly afterward that he had been trained and given the explosives by Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, an Al Qaeda affiliate in Yemen. The U.S. intelligence official said the Yemen-based group is linked with the central Al Qaeda group that bin Laden heads and recent intelligence indicates there are ongoing contacts between Al Qaeda in Yemen and Pakistan.** He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the information. Bin Laden's message, coming long after AQAP gave its own claim of responsibility, appears to be an effort on his part to stay relevant, said Rohan Gunaratna, author of "Inside Al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror." **"The training and the definition of the attack was by the local leaders of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, so in many ways you can say bin Laden is exploiting for his benefit this particular attack,"** he said. "Bin Laden still wants to claim leadership for the global jihad movement." Of all the various offshoots and branches of Al Qaeda around the world, Gunaratna said the group in Yemen is one of the closest to bin Laden since it is made up of bodyguards and associates of the organization's top ideologues. Yemen is bin Laden's ancestral homeland. **"Today the operational relationship has somewhat suffered, but the ideological relationship is very strong and that is why bin Laden claimed this attack,"** Gunaratna said. Two of the group's top members were former detainees released in November 2007 from the U.S. military prison Guantanamo Bay. Since the Christmas Day attempt, the Yemeni government, at the U.S.'s urging has stepped up its attacks on the group's hideouts in the rugged country's remote hinterland. **Analysts have long debated how much control bin Laden, who is believed to be somewhere in Afghanistan-Pakistan border region, really has over the various organizations using his group's name.** The Yemen-based group, however, has closer ties than most to bin Laden and his key lieutenants, many having once been their bodyguards. There was no way to confirm the voice on the audio message was actually that of bin Laden, but it resembled previous recordings attributed to him. In the past year, bin Laden's messages have concentrated heavily on the situation of the Palestinians in attempt to rally support from Muslims around the world. Some analysts say bin Laden is focusing on the close U.S.-Israeli relationship because he is worried about Obama's popularity across the Middle East with his promises to withdraw from Iraq and because his father was a Muslim from the African nation of Kenya.



The plight of the Palestinians, especially in the blockaded Gaza Strip where 1,400 were killed in an Israeli offensive a year ago, angers many in the Arab world. "The Palestinian conflict was never part of the Al Qaeda original mandate, but Usama is clearly exploiting it," Gunaratna said. Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Andy David dismissed the latest Al Qaeda message and its attempt to link Israel with attacks on the U.S. "This is nothing new. He has said this before," he said. **"Terrorists always look for absurd excuses for their despicable deeds."** The last public message from bin Laden appears to have been on Sept. 26, when he demanded that European countries pull their troops out of Afghanistan. The order came in an audiotape that also warned of "retaliation" against nations that are allied with the United States in fighting the war (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** January 25, 2010

**Source:** The Sunday Times, Rhys Blakely

**Title/Headline:** *Terror Group Lashkar-e-Taiba 'Planning Paraglider Attacks' In India*

**Abstract:** Indian intelligence officials suspect that the terrorist group behind the 2008 Mumbai attacks is planning another audacious strike on the country — this time from the air, using suicide bombers flying paragliders. U. K. Bansal, an Indian Home Ministry official, told reporters that the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba faction was thought to have acquired a number of the gliding parachutes. "We have intelligence reports that LeT has purchased 50 paragliding kits from Europe with an intention to launch attacks on India," he said. No other details were given, but security levels have been hiked across the country ahead of tomorrow's Republic Day celebrations, one of India's biggest holidays. If accurate, the intelligence would mark a radical new tactic. Experts said the potential threat posed by jihadist paragliders would have to be considered seriously as LeT — which murdered 166 people in Mumbai in a sophisticated commando-style raid — has already proven itself highly innovative. **"The Mumbai attack [where ten LeT gunmen sailed to Mumbai from Karachi, murdering the crew of a fishing boat en route], was the group's first act of sea-borne terrorism,"** said B. Raman, a former counter-terrorism chief in the Indian foreign intelligence service, the Research and Analysis Wing. "It would be natural for them to plan another spectacular attack from the air. The warning has to be taken seriously." **Paragliders usually do not have an engine but can — in skilled hands and in the right conditions — cover large distances. The world record for flying a paraglider is more than 460km (285 miles). However, they usually need to be launched from a high point, or towed by a boat or car, which could limit their effectiveness.** The latest alert came after the US Defence Secretary Robert Gates warned last Wednesday that a syndicate of terrorist groups could trigger a war between Pakistan and India through a "provocative act". Relations between India and Pakistan, nuclear armed neighbours which have gone to war three times, deteriorated sharply in the wake of the Mumbai attacks. LeT has been active since the early 1990s and is said to have been created with the help of Pakistan's powerful spy agency, the Directorate of Inter-Service Intelligence. It was founded to try and free Kashmir from Indian control, and came to specialise in the type of suicidal raid that shocked the world over a 60-hour period when Mumbai was attacked in November 2008. **The organisation was banned in Pakistan in 2002. Indian officials also warned last week that a terrorist group — possibly LeT or al-Qaida — was poised to hijack an Indian passenger plane.** On Friday, an Indian Home Ministry official confirmed that security had been tightened at all airports. Officials said that sky marshals would be deployed on flights around the region. Indian officials have feared the possibility of an air attack for some time. **Eight days after the Mumbai attacks, the Defence Ministry ordered the nation's armed forces to be on guard against "terror strikes from the air". At that time, the India Bureau for Civil Aviation is thought to have been given warning of plans to capture one or more planes at Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore or Chennai airports, the country's main transport hubs.** Officials said that credible intelligence indicated a plan to attack a major population centre using an airliner in an assault that would resemble those made on New York in 2001. **There were also fears that one of India's nuclear facilities could be targeted. The last time an Indian passenger plane was targeted was Christmas Eve 1999, when an Indian Airlines flight was hijacked by Pakistani nationals as it flew from Kathmandu to Delhi. That plane landed in Afghanistan, where the hostages were released in exchange for three Islamist extremists** (Blakely, 2010).

**Date:** February 3, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Scientist Convicted Of Trying To Kill Americans*

**Abstract:** A U.S.-trained Pakistani scientist was convicted of charges **that she tried to kill Americans while detained in Afghanistan in 2008**, shouting with a raised arm as jurors left the courtroom: "This is a verdict coming from Israel, not America." A jury deliberated three days in federal court in Manhattan before finding Aafia Siddiqui guilty in the third week of her attempted murder trial, which she often interrupted with rambling courtroom outbursts. **Siddiqui, 37, was convicted of two counts of attempted murder**, though the crime was not found by the jury to be premeditated. She was also convicted of armed assault, using and carrying a firearm, and assault of U.S. officers and employees. Before her arrest, **U.S. authorities had called Siddiqui an Al Qaeda sympathizer.** She was never charged with terrorism, but prosecutors called her **a grave threat who was carrying bomb-making instructions and a list of New York City landmarks including the Statue of Liberty** when she was captured. The defendant — a spindly neuroscience specialist who trained at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Brandeis University — "is no shrinking violet," Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher La Vigne said in closing arguments. **"She does what she wants when she wants it,"** he said. "These charges are no joke. People almost died." Testifying in her own defense, **Siddiqui claimed she had been tortured and held in a "secret prison" before her detention.** Charges that she attacked U.S. personnel who wanted to interrogate her were "crazy," she said. "It's just ridiculous" (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** February 4, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Believes Pakistani Taliban Leader Is Dead*

**Abstract:** The Pakistani Taliban leader **Hakimullah Mehsud was allegedly killed in a U.S. airstrike.** Neither Pakistan nor the U.S. has



officially confirmed the death of Mehsud, who commands an Al Qaeda-allied movement that is blamed for scores of suicide bombings and is suspected in a deadly attack on a CIA base in Afghanistan late last year. The statement came after days of posturing by **Pakistani Taliban officials, who first said they would prove their leader was alive and well**, then reversed course and said they saw no need to prove it. The attack by a U.S. drone came after Mehsud appeared in a video alongside the Jordanian suicide bomber who Baitullah Mehsud's death gave leadership of the Pakistani Taliban to his deputy, Hakimullah Mehsud, a 28-year-old with a reputation as a particularly ruthless militant. He has taken responsibility for a wave of brazen **strikes inside Pakistan, including the bombing of the Pearl Continental hotel in the northwestern city of Peshawar last June and the attack on the Sri Lankan cricket team in Lahore earlier that year** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** February 17, 2010

**Source:** The Telegraph, Ben Farmer

**Title/Headline:** *Geography Professor Claims To Have Found Osama Bin Laden*

**Abstract:** A Californian geography professor has used techniques for hunting endangered species to pinpoint three houses in Pakistan where Osama bin Laden could be hiding. Using patterns of how animal species spread, the world's most wanted terrorist can be tracked down to a town in the tribal region of North West Pakistan it is claimed. By factoring in his need for security, electricity, high ceilings to accommodate his 6ft 4in frame and spare rooms for his bodyguards, the search can be further narrowed to three walled compounds. According to a team led by Thomas Gillespie, at the University of California in Los Angeles, bin Laden's location is "one of the most important political questions of our time" (Farmer, 2010).

**Date:** March 4, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Key Taliban Political Mastermind Arrested In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Pakistan security forces arrested a suspected Taliban mastermind on Thursday, Fox News has learned. Mohtasim Agha Jan is thought to be a chief Taliban political strategist in Karachi. "He is a close aide of spiritual leader Mullah Omar and ranked number seven on the post 9/11 watch list," a U.S. intelligence official told Fox News. His arrest may be due in part to the CIA's interrogation of suspected terrorist Abdul Ghani Baradar, who was arrested in early February. After the arrest of Ghani Baradar, Mohtasim Agha Jan's name surfaced in discussions about who might replace the Afghan Taliban's No. 2. He is a former Taliban finance minister who is reported to have family links to Taliban leader Mullah Omar. As a government official, he had the power to control the flow of money and appoint deputy ministers. He was born in the late 1960s in Kandahar city. **The arrests have been hailed by U.S. officials and many analysts as a major blow to the Taliban in Afghanistan, though they caution that the group has rebounded from the death or detention of previous leaders.** Opinion is divided on whether the crackdown signals that the country's powerful intelligence forces are adopting a harder line against the militants. **The United States has long demanded Pakistan take action against the group, which critics say have long enjoyed relative sanctuary in Pakistan. Some experts say the arrests may be aimed at removing moderates within the Taliban who were considering taking part in possible reconciliation talks with the Afghan government.** Earlier, Interior Minister Rehman Malik said he had no information on the arrest of Mohtasim. Afghan Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi denied he had been arrested. There had been speculation that Mohtasim was in the running to replace Baradar, who was reportedly arrested in a joint raid with American intelligence officials. Born in the late 60s, Mohtasim was considered close to Taliban leader Mullah Omar. He was not known to be among the most hardline group within the Taliban. Earlier Thursday, dozens of militants attacked a security checkpoint in the northwest close to the Afghan border, sparking a gunbattle that left 30 insurgents and one soldier dead, officials said. The battle occurred overnight in the Chamarkand area of the Mohmand tribal region, said government and military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. **Chamarkand borders the Bajur tribal region, where the army said Tuesday it had finally defeated Taliban and Al Qaeda militants after more than a year and a half of fighting. Washington has praised Pakistan for its recent military operations but wants the government to do even more to target militants using its territory to stage cross-border attacks against U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan** (Fox News, 2010).



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**Date:** March 7, 2010

**Source:** NY Daily News, Helen Kennedy

**Title/Headline:** *American Al Qaeda Terrorist Adam Gadahn Arrested, Pakistan Claims*

**Abstract:** Pakistani officials claimed Sunday they nabbed Adam Gadahn, the treasonous Californian Al Qaeda leader who has long been on Washington's most wanted list. But high-level U.S. officials said they could not verify the report - and there were growing indications it could be a mixup. President Obama did not mention what would be a welcome blow against terrorist mastermind Osama Bin Laden when he made a statement to reporters about the Iraqi election yesterday. He ignored a shouted question about Gadahn. "We are checking with Pakistani authorities to confirm one way or the other," said FBI spokesman William Carter. A Pakistani official told Agence France-Presse that "we thought it could have been a big catch, but it appeared it's not Gadahn." The confusing swirl of reports began in Karachi, where The Associated Press and several news outlets quoted Pakistani officials announcing the arrest of Bin Laden's American mouthpiece. **An English-language paper ran a photo of a man said to be Gadahn being taken away with a bag on his head. Later reports suggested the arrested man might not be Gadahn but a Taliban commander with a similar name. Gadahn,**

**31, is the first American to be charged with treason since World War II.** If convicted, he would face the death penalty. Stories about Gadahn's arrest came just hours after he appeared in a new Internet video urging American Muslims to go on shooting sprees like Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan's at Fort Hood, Tex., last year. Gadahn's arrest would be the latest in a series of successes in the new partnership between **Pakistan's once-balky intelligence services and the CIA. Known in Al Qaeda videos as "Azzam the American" or Azzam al-Amereeki, Gadahn was born in Oregon to a Jewish family.** His hippie father converted to Christianity before his son was born, changing the family name from Pearlman to Gadahn, after an Old Testament warrior. Adam Gadahn was home-schooled in Southern California on a goat farm without running water. **Once an avid fan of Death Metal music, he converted to Islam at 17 and moved to Pakistan in 1998 at 20.** Intelligence officials say he joined up with Al Qaeda after 9/11 and attended terrorist training camps in Afghanistan. By 2004, he was a senior Al Qaeda operative and became Bin Laden's top propagandist, appearing in numerous Internet videos calling for the destruction of America. In a 2008 video he tore up his U.S. passport on camera and urged Americans to launch domestic terrorist attacks. He is believed to report directly to Bin Laden's right-hand man, Ayman al-Zawahiri. Gadahn was branded a traitor in 2006 by a federal grand jury in Santa Ana, Calif. He would be tried in a federal court, like California native John Walker Lindh and ex-Chicago gang member Jose Padilla (Kennedy, 2010).

**Date:** March 7, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Martha Raddatz, Nick Schiffrin

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Arrests American Al Qaeda Member; Identity Not Confirmed*

**Abstract:** A Taliban leader who goes by the name Abu Yahya, just like American-turned-al Qaeda spokesman Adam Gadahn, was picked up in Karachi in recent days, but that person is not Gadahn, a senior Pakistani government official told ABC News. Reports of the capture of an American-born al-Qaeda member by Pakistani authorities gave rise to speculation over whether it was Gadahn, the 31-year-old California-born Muslim convert who has been wanted since 2004. **The official told ABC News the leader who was arrested was possibly Abu Yahya Mujahdeen al-Adam, said to be another American member of al Qaeda, but the Pakistanis have yet to make that identification positive, the official said.** Dawn, an English-language newspaper, reports that Abu Yahya Mujahdeen al-Adam is an Egyptian-born U.S. citizen from Pennsylvania who helps command foreign militants fighting in Afghanistan and coordinates activities from Dubai. The newspaper reports he is a close aide of Osama bin Laden and one of the "main financiers" of al Qaeda, and that he was arrested with the help of U.S. intelligence, and has been transported to Islamabad for interrogation. **Pakistani intelligence officials told ABC News that Karachi, the sprawling port city far from the Afghan border where Yahya was picked up, is where many other recent arrests have been made. In the last six weeks, at least a half dozen senior Taliban commanders have been arrested, including the Afghan Taliban's military commander, two Afghan Taliban shadow governors and the son-in-law of Taliban chief Mullah Omar.** The word of an arrest of an American in Pakistan came just hours after the release of the latest video of Gadahn, in which he praised Nidal Hasan, the U.S. Army major accused in the Fort Hood massacre last November. "The Mujahid brother Nidal Hasan is a pioneer, a trailblazer and a role-model who has opened a door, lit a path and shown the way forward for every Muslim who finds himself among the unbelievers," Gadahn said in the video. **Gadahn grew up in southern California and converted to Islam. Officials say radical elements at an Orange County mosque convinced Gadahn to move to Pakistan.** He has been there since 1998, attending al Qaeda training camp and becoming a leading voice for al Qaeda -- praising the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and today urging Muslims to launch more attacks against the United States. **You shouldn't make the mistake of thinking that military bases are the only high-value targets in America and the West. On the contrary, there are countless other strategic places, institutions and installations which, by striking, the Muslim can do major damage to the crusader West,"** Gadahn said in the video. Gadahn was charged with treason in 2006. He could face the death penalty if captured (Raddatz & Schiffrin, 2010).

**Date:** March 10, 2010

**Source:** Thaindian News

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Men Discussing Girls Were Planning Terror Attack*

**Abstract:** Two Pakistani men apparently discussing girls online were really planning a massive Al Qaeda terror attack on Britain, a senior British intelligence officer has testified in court. The officer gave his testimony to the Special Immigration Appeals Commission as part of a deportation hearing following the arrest of five Pakistani men in anti-terror raids in Manchester and Liverpool in April last year. Three of the men have been deported to Pakistan and are appealing to be allowed to return to Britain. The two others are fighting their deportation order - apparently backed by Pakistani government ministers. The officer, identified only as ZR, told the court Tuesday the five men planned to stage an attack between April 15 and 20 last year - just days after their arrest - in a plot that would inflict "mass casualties". He told the hearing that the alleged plot ringleader **Abid Naseer exchanged coded emails with an Al Qaeda operative called Sohaib, using girls' names in order to conceal their identities.** "On the face of it the emails are designed to look, without knowledge of the surrounding context, they're designed to look like correspondence between two people about girls," he said, according to the Daily Mail. "I don't assess this to be two young men simply talking about girls. **I think it's two people discussing attack planning on behalf of Al Qaeda,**" he added. Police say Naseer and Ahmed Faraz Khan were part of a major plot and constitute a risk to security, but that it did not have enough evidence to charge them with criminal offences. Naseer's lawyer Jeol Bannathan told ZR: "You know, don't you, that in Pakistan in public, senior figures in the Pakistani government have been saying 'these boys are innocent, they should be allowed to carry on with their studies'." ZR replied: "The claims that these individuals are not involved in terrorism are wrong." The British intelligence officer compared the alleged plot to the July 7, 2005 attacks in London and a trans-Atlantic airline bomb plot of 2006, but refused to reveal details of the similarities in open court. "The overarching similar fashion was that they were all planning a terrorist attack in the UK under the direction of Al Qaeda and these were aiming for mass casualties." He added: "I'm comfortable that there are similarities between those plots and I'm comfortable to talk about that in closed session." **M15, the British spy agency, claims that Naseer and Sohaib used names of girlfriends to refer to different explosive materials needed for homemade bombs. They also mentioned a wedding, which was in fact the alleged attack, the security service says (Thaindian News, 2010).**

**Date:** April 12, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Details Emerge In Al Qaeda Plot On NYC Subway System*

**Abstract:** A fourth suspect in the alleged plot to blow up New York City subways has reportedly revealed shocking details about the plan involving Najibullah Zazi, MyFoxNY.com reported. **The Queens native and two high school friends were planning to detonate explosives attached to their bodies at Grand Central and Times Square stations during rush hour**, according to the Associated Press. The AP reports that the fourth suspect was arrested in Pakistan and is likely to be extradited to Brooklyn. The group had supposedly picked September 14, 15 or 16 as the attack date. In February, Zazi pleaded guilty in U.S. federal court to a plot to blow up New York's subway system last year and to links with al Qaeda. **Zazi pleaded guilty to three charges: conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction, conspiracy to commit murder in a foreign country, and providing material support to the al Qaeda extremist network.** He told the federal court in Brooklyn that he had planned to blow up New York targets including the underground train system and that he wanted to "conduct mortal operations in the subway line." **Zazi, 24, said he was ready to "sacrifice myself" in order "to draw the attention to what the United States is doing in Afghanistan."** He faces maximum sentences of life in prison for the first two charges and 15 years for the third. However, his plea appears to be part of a bargain in which he could receive a more lenient sentence in return for cooperating with investigators. Zazi was arrested September 20 in Denver, where he worked as an airport shuttle bus driver. **Prosecutors say he carried bomb-making instructions in a laptop and had been shopping for large quantities of chemicals found in beauty products that could have been the ingredients for explosives. They also say he received explosives training in Peshawar, Pakistan, a hotbed of al Qaeda activity. According to prosecutors, Zazi went to New York to prepare the alleged bombing campaign, using weapons of "mass destruction," but left after receiving a tip-off that he was being watched by federal agents (Fox News, 2010).**

**Date:** April 23, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, William K. Rashbaum, Karen Zraick

**Headline/Title:** *Government Says Al Qaeda Ordered N.Y. Plot*

**Abstract:** The failed plot to bomb three New York City subway lines during the morning rush last September was hatched in 2008 by two senior Qaeda leaders in the tribal areas of Pakistan, where they met personally with three would-be suicide attackers from Queens to urge them to carry out a strike, federal authorities said Friday. **Last October, in the weeks after one of the three men, Najibullah Zazi, was arrested, the attorney general, Eric H. Holder Jr., said that the plot represented one of the most serious threats to the United States since 9/11.** A federal prosecutor, speaking in United States District Court in Brooklyn on Friday, disclosed what he said was the role of the **two senior Qaeda leaders for the first time and identified them as Saleh al-Somali, the group's head of external operations, and Rashid Rauf, a key operative. Both were reported killed by drone attacks in Pakistan.** The prosecutor, Jeffrey H. Knox, the assistant United States attorney overseeing the case against the three men from Queens, made the disclosure during a court proceeding in which one of the two other men, Zarein Ahmedzay, 25, an Afghan immigrant, pleaded guilty to the bomb plot and other crimes. Mr. Zazi, who moved to Denver from Queens early last year and worked as an airport shuttle bus driver, had pleaded guilty to the same crimes. During his guilty plea, Mr. Ahmedzay, a short, bearded man, quoted from the Koran before describing his role in the bomb plot. Then, appearing at ease, he suggested that a Zionist conspiracy represents a greater threat to the United States than Al Qaeda. **"And I believe that the real enemies of this country are the ones destroying this country from within," he said. "And I believe these are the special group, the Zionist Jews, I believe, who want a permanent shadow government within the government of the United States of America."** The judge interrupted him. The three men traveled to Pakistan in August 2008 and had planned to cross the border into Afghanistan to join the Taliban and kill American soldiers in order to overthrow what he called the "corrupt and imposter Karzai government" and "establish the perfect justice of Allah," Mr. Ahmedzay said during his guilty plea. **They eventually met a Qaeda figure in Peshawar, then traveled to Waziristan for training. There, they met with Mr. Rauf and Mr. al-Somali, although they did not learn their true identities,** the Justice Department said. A news release issued in Washington by the Justice Department about the guilty plea did not say why the disclosure about the Qaeda leaders was made on Friday. Spokesmen for the agency and for the office of the Brooklyn United States attorney, Benton J. Campbell, which is prosecuting the case, declined to comment. Mr. Ahmedzay told the judge that the meeting with the Qaeda leaders occurred shortly after he and his two friends from Queens arrived at the group's compound. **"We told these two individuals that we wanted to wage jihad in Afghanistan, but they said that we would be more useful to them and to the jihad if we returned to New York and conducted operations there,"** he said, adding in response to a question from the judge that the three young men understood the Qaeda leaders to be referring to suicide bombings. Mr. Ahmedzay said he and his friends told the men that they needed time to decide. **"We discussed the matter amongst ourselves and we agreed to go forward with the plan," he said. "I personally believed that conducting an operation in the United States would be the best way to end the wars."** He said the leaders wanted his input because of his familiarity with New York City. **"They said the most important thing was to hit well-known structures and to maximize the number of casualties," he said. But he said that he himself had selected the subways as their target, rather than a large structure like a building, because of the amount of explosives that Mr. Zazi, who was the only one of the three to undergo explosives training in Waziristan, believed he could make.** All three men, he said, agreed to the plan. Mr. Ahmedzay said that at one point later he had doubts about going forward with the bombing, but resolved to carry it out. **The three men were charged with conspiring to use weapons of mass destruction, and to commit murder in a foreign country, and giving support to Al Qaeda. Mr. Zazi has been cooperating with prosecutors.** Mr. Ahmedzay's lawyer, Michael Marinaccio, would not discuss whether his client was cooperating with the authorities. The plea by Mr. Ahmedzay leaves Adis Medunjanin, 25, as the only remaining defendant in the case facing trial (Rashbaum & Zraick, 2010).

**Date:** April 24, 2010

**Source:** Indo-Asian News Service, Hindustan Times

**Title/Headline:** *New York Subway Bombing Plot Was Hatched In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** The failed plot to bomb three New York City subways in September 2009 was hatched by two senior Al-Qaeda leaders in the tribal areas of Pakistan, prosecutors said as another accused pleaded guilty. New details about the aborted terror mission of three would-be suicide attackers as Zarein Ahmedzay, a Queens taxi driver, admitted his role in the plot during a hearing in federal court in Brooklyn on Friday. Ahmedzay joins Najibullah Zazi of Denver, who earlier pleaded guilty to participating in the alleged subway plot. The action leaves a single defendant, Adis Medunjanin, to stand trial on a five-count indictment. **All three face up to life in prison. According to federal prosecutors, the three men travelled to Pakistan in August 2008 and met with two leaders, Saleh Al-Somali, head of international operations for Al Qaeda, and Rashid Rauf, described as a key Al-Qaeda operative. The three Americans told the Al-Qaeda officials they wanted to fight in Afghanistan, but the leaders suggested they would be more useful to Al-Qaeda if they returned to New York to carry out suicide attacks,** prosecutors said. According to US officials, the men agreed to carry out the attacks. They said the Al-Qaeda leaders encouraged the men to strike well-known structures in New York City and to maximise the number of casualties. During the proceeding, Ahmedzay, a short, bearded man wearing a blue prison smock with a long-sleeved white T-shirt beneath it and blue prison pants, quoted from the Koran before describing his role in the bomb plot, the *New York Times* reported. **Then, appearing at ease, he began an angry rant, suggesting that a Zionist conspiracy represents a greater threat to the United States than Al-Qaeda does. The judge eventually interrupted him.** Moments before, Ahmedzay tried to say what had motivated him and his co-defendants, but US Magistrate Judge Steven M Gold cut him off, saying, "It doesn't matter." **"The facts disclosed today add chilling details to what we know was a deadly plot hatched by Al-Qaeda leaders overseas to kill scores of Americans in the New York City subway system,"** said Attorney General Eric Holder in a statement in Washington. **"Ahmedzay's plea makes clear that he betrayed his adopted country and its people by providing support to Al-Qaeda and planning to bring deadly violence to New York,"** said FBI Director Robert Mueller (Hindustan Times, 2010).

**Date:** April 25, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Duncan Gardham

**Title/Headline:** *British Al-Qaeda Commander Planned July 7-Style Attack On New York Subway*

**Abstract:** Rashid Rauf, who also planned the transatlantic airlines plot, allegedly told three Americans to attack targets in the United States. His role in the plot emerged as a man pleaded guilty to the plot which was cracked by the FBI last September after a tip off from British intelligence. **It would have been the biggest attack on US soil since September 11, according to the US Attorney General, Eric Holder. Rauf's role in the New York plot emerged as Zarein Ahmedzay, a 25-year-old former New York taxi driver, pleaded guilty to charges including conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction.** It is claimed they had bought the ingredients to make similar explosives as those used in the July 7 2005 bombings which killed 52 people on three tube trains and a bus in London. In court Ahmedzay said he travelled to Pakistan with two other former school friends from Queen's, New York, Najibullah Zazi and Adis Medunjanin in the summer of 2008. **At the camp in the lawless region of North Waziristan, Ahmedzay said the three men offered to join the Taliban and fight US forces in Afghanistan, but were told they would be "more useful if we returned to New York City... to conduct operations."** Asked by the judge what kind of operations, he said: "Suicide-bombing operations." The al-Qaeda commanders were identified as Rauf and a man called Saleh al-Somali by the Assistant US Attorney, Jeffrey Knox, as well as an unidentified third man. Rauf, who is originally from Birmingham, fled Britain after the murder of his uncle in 2002 and has been connected to almost every significant terrorist plot in Britain since, including July 7, the failed attacks of July 21 and the plot to blow up airliners over the Atlantic. **He was also behind an alleged plan to attack shopping centres in Manchester last Easter. Intelligence agencies believe he died in an attack by a Predator unmanned drone in November 2008.** Zazi, an Afghan-born airport shuttlebus driver from Colorado, admitted earlier this year that he tested bomb-making materials at an apartment in a Denver suburb before travelling by car to New York to attack the subway system. Medunjanin, who is of Bosnian origin, plans to plead not guilty and a fourth man is in custody in Pakistan (Gardham, 2010).

**Date:** April 27, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Mark Mazzetti

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Begins Inquiry On Spy Network In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates has opened an inquiry into whether a top Defense Department official violated Pentagon rules by setting up a network of private contractors to gather intelligence in Pakistan and Afghanistan. A Pentagon spokesman said Tuesday that Mr. Gates was also demanding greater oversight over the millions of dollars the Defense Department spent annually to carry out "information operations," to ensure that such missions did not "stray off course" into secret intelligence collection. **At the center of the Pentagon inquiry is Michael D. Furlong, a civilian official working for the Air Force who last year used a web of private contractors to clandestinely gather intelligence in Pakistan and Afghanistan.** According to current and former government officials, some of that information was turned over to Special Operations troops to help fight militants. Some American officials think that Mr. Furlong may have financed the secret network by improperly diverting money from an overt program to gather information about the tribal structures and political dynamics in Afghanistan. **The Pentagon's inspector general is already conducting a criminal investigation into the matter. One focus of that investigation is whether Mr. Furlong engaged in contract fraud by channeling contracts to International Media Ventures, a media technology firm that American officials say Mr. Furlong used in the intelligence-gathering effort. But even if no laws were broken, officials said, the inquiry announced on Tuesday will more clearly define the Pentagon's boundaries in intelligence operations, and determine whether Mr. Furlong's outsourcing of intelligence collection violated Pentagon rules.** The inquiry will be led by Mr. Gates's senior aide in charge of intelligence oversight. Geoff Morrell,



the Pentagon press secretary, said that a Pentagon team set up to do a quick study of Defense Department information operations — the area of warfare where information is used to achieve military ends — had found that the programs were well managed and had unearthed no evidence of operations similar to the one set up by Mr. Furlong. "There do not seem to be any other alleged rogue information operations under way," he said (Mazzetti, 2010).

**Date:** April 28, 2010

**Source:** Guardian, Declan Walsh

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Taliban Chief Hakimullah Mehsud Is Alive, Says Spy Agency*

**Abstract:** The Taliban leader in Pakistan, Hakimullah Mehsud, survived an American drone strike in January and is alive and well, a senior official with Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence agency told the Guardian today. Mehsud was reported to have died in a CIA drone strike in South Waziristan in January but, although Pakistan's interior minister claimed he had been killed, the death was never confirmed by either US or Pakistani intelligence. Today the senior intelligence official said he had seen video footage of the missile attack on Mehsud but other intelligence had since confirmed the insurgent leader survived. He declined to elaborate further. **"He is alive," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "He had some wounds but he is basically OK." "Mehsud's apparent survival will be a blow to the CIA, which intensified efforts to kill the flamboyant young Taliban leader early this year after he appeared in a video alongside an al-Qaida operative who killed seven American spies at a base in southern Afghanistan in late December.** The failed attack on Mehsud came at the start of an unprecedented onslaught by CIA-controlled unmanned aircraft in the tribal belt. The CIA has carried out 38 attacks so far this year, the official said, compared with 49 in the whole of 2009. **"The US government is under pressure because it is unable to achieve much in Afghanistan. This is one way of hitting their al-Qaida enemies, as they define them,"** the official said. Drone strikes are deeply unpopular in Pakistan because of civilian casualties. **The New America Foundation recently reported that between January 2009 and March 2010 the drones killed 690 alleged insurgents and 181 innocent villagers.** CIA figures put the civilian tally for the same period at 20. The Pakistani official estimated the civilian toll was "between the two figures" but insisted that targeting had improved. **"For the Americans, this is an effective way of doing things from a distance with little collateral damage. I give full credit to the CIA for this."** The Washington Post reported this week that the CIA has started using more compact drones and smaller missiles in an effort to reduce civilian casualties. The intelligence official denied reports that the Taliban deputy leader, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, had been captured in Karachi last January "by accident". US intelligence pinpointed Baradar in a housing estate in a well-to-do part of Karachi, he said, but the raid to capture him was entirely Pakistani. "There was no American around," he said. Baradar was being jointly interrogated by CIA and ISI agents and had yielded useful information, he said. For example, he claimed to have last met the Taliban leader in Afghanistan, Mullah Muhammad Omar, two years ago. He also rejected claims that Pakistan had captured Baradar to scupper nascent Afghan peace talks, saying that Baradar had disdained President Hamid Karzai as "not even a real Pashtun". In March, Kai Eide, the UN's former special representative to Afghanistan said he believed Pakistan wanted to prevent talks between the UN, the Afghan government and the Taliban, to retain control of the process. **The senior official said the ISI would be "very, very willing" to play a role in negotiations with the Taliban, but only if called upon by both the Afghan and US governments.** For now, he said, Pakistan's spies are "sitting on the sidelines, watching". "There are a number of different efforts and nobody knows what anyone else is doing. It's a very fragmented effort." He added that "if it's meant to confuse the Taliban, it's working". One stumbling block, he said, was the clashing policies of Britain and the US. "The British are more amenable to negotiations and talking," he said. **"The Americans are attempting to create conditions where the Taliban will be forced to come to the table. In my opinion they will never achieve that."** A western diplomat in Islamabad said British officials were more inclined to talks than their US counterparts, but said policy had not been fixed in either country because "otherwise things would be happening". The ISI official denied his agency retains close ties with Jalaluddin Haqqani, an al-Qaida-linked warlord whom America blames for recent mayhem in Afghanistan, including a suicide attack on the Indian embassy. He admitted the agency had once been close to Haqqani but insisted that recent US allegations came from people who "lived in the past". He regretted that Pakistan had broken its links with the warlord because "otherwise, resolution of the problems in Afghanistan today would be so much easier for all of us". **The ISI was heavily criticised in a recent United Nations report into the death of Benazir Bhutto in December 2007. The official described the report as a "sub-standard work with a clear agenda". He said: "In the report, statements are made and inferences drawn on condition of anonymity and hearsay. Who in God's name does that?"** Hakimullah Mehsud's apparent survival represents a second miraculous escape in the career of a youthful, ruthless militant leader. The Pakistani government previously reported that the flamboyant tribesman, thought to be about 30 years old, was killed during a leadership struggle last August. Despite his remarkable good fortune, however, Hakimullah's days as a Taliban leader may be numbered. **According to a senior ISI official, his Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan organisation has been weakened by a sweeping army assault on its South Waziristan stronghold. Mehsud's leadership has been challenged by other figures, too, including his rival Wali-ur-Rehman. "He may not be in the leadership position," the intelligence official said. "His rise was accidental. He was mister nobody, people found it difficult to accept him."** Mehsud rose to militant fame on the back of his ambition and showy cruelty. He sprang to prominence in 2007 with the humiliating kidnapping of over 200 Pakistani soldiers in South Waziristan. A year later, he led dozens of ambushes on Nato supply convoys as they passed through the Khyber Pass; in one instance he invited reporters to film him at the wheel of a looted American Humvee. Hakimullah became Taliban leader in August after a CIA drone killed the Tehrik-i-Taliban founder, Baitullah Mehsud. He also became known for cruelty. In Orakzai tribal agency, which was under his sway, Taliban fighters preyed on minority Sikhs and carried out bloody sectarian attacks on Shias. Whatever Mehsud's fate, the Taliban remain a potent force. **Yesterday, a suicide bomber rammed his car into a checkpoint on the outskirts of Peshawar, killing five policemen. In North Waziristan, a clash at a checkpoint left four militants dead and injured one soldier** (Walsh, 2010).



**Date:** May 2, 2010

**Source:** The Long War Journal, Bill Roggio

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Taliban Claim Credit For Failed NYC Times Square Car Bombing*

**Abstract:** A top Pakistani Taliban commander took credit for yesterday's failed car bomb attack in New York City. Qari Hussain Mehsud, the top bomb maker for the Movement of the Taliban in Pakistan, said he takes "fully responsibility for the recent attack in the USA." Qari Hussain made the claim on an audiotape accompanied by images that was released on a YouTube website that calls itself the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan News Channel. **The tape has yet to be verified, but US intelligence officials contacted by *The Long War Journal* believe it is legitimate. The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan News Channel on YouTube was created on April 30.** Officials believe it was created to announce the Times Square attack, and Qari Hussain's statement was pre-recorded. All indications are the tape is legitimate. **YouTube has pulled the video and shut down the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan News Channel since this article was published.** "This attack is a revenge for the great & valuable martyred leaders of mujahideen," Qari Hussain said. He listed Baitullah Mehsud, the former leader of the Pakistani Taliban who was killed in a Predator strike in August 2009, and Abu Omar al Baghdadi, the former leader of al Qaeda Islamic State of Iraq who was killed by Iraqi forces in mid-April. **And although he was not mentioned, an image of Abu Ayyub al Masri, the leader of al Qaeda in Iraq, was also displayed in the images accompanying the audiotape.** Qari Hussain also said the failed attack was "revenge for the Global American interference & terrorism in Muslim countries, especially in Pakistan for Lal Masjid operation," a reference to the July 2008 Pakistani military assault on Islamists holed up in the Red Mosque in Islamabad, as well as Predator strikes in Pakistan's tribal areas and the arrest and detention of Pakistani scientist Aifa Siddique. Qari Hussain warned NATO that it must denounce the US and apologize for "the massacres in Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, and Pakistani tribal areas otherwise be prepared for the worst destruction and devastation in their regions." **At the opening of the tape, the failed car bomb was described as a "jaw-breaking blow to Satan USA," however Mayor Michael Bloomberg described the device, which failed to detonate, as "amateurish."** The car bomb was discovered Saturday evening after a street vendor spotted smoke coming from a Nissan Pathfinder SUV and alerted police. The bomb squad was dispatched to the scene and discovered a crude bomb made of "three canisters of propane like those used for barbecue grills, two five-gallon cans of gasoline, consumer-grade fireworks ... and two clocks with batteries," *The New York Times* reported. **Police currently do not have a suspect. The license plate is not registered to the Nissan, and the vehicle identification number has been removed. Police are also looking at video from surrounding stores to see if they can determine anything about the identity of the bomber (Roggio, 2010).**

**Date:** May 3, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *American Who Recently Visited Pakistan Eyed In Times Square Bomb Plot*

**Abstract:** Federal authorities have identified a person of interest in Saturday night's Times Square bomb attempt -- a naturalized American citizen who was in Pakistan for several months and returned to the United States recently, investigative sources told Fox News. The latest developments seem to support investigators' suspicions that there was a foreign connection behind the failed car bomb attempt in New York City, senior Obama administration officials told Fox News, shedding light on the growing body of evidence. **Sources say that evidence includes international phone calls made by the person of interest, who has not been identified publicly. The Associated Press identified the person as a man of Pakistani descent, citing unnamed law enforcement sources (Fox News, 2010)**



**Date:** May 4, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Times Square Car Bomb Suspect Faces Terrorism Charges After Admitting To Plot*

**Abstract:** Pakistani-born U.S. citizen Faisal Shahzad has admitted trying to set off a car bomb in busy Times Square and will face terrorism and mass destruction charges, Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday. Holder said in a press conference that Shahzad has been charged with an act of terrorism and attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction in the May 1 bomb plot. **Holder said Shahzad, who has provided "valuable information" to investigators, attempted to carry out a "lethal terrorist attack" aimed at "murdering Americans in one of the busiest places in our country."** Deputy FBI director John Pistole said Shahzad was placed on the No Fly list just hours before he was arrested Monday -- a key step in preventing him from fleeing the country on a flight to Dubai, he said. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Customs and Border Protection officials at the airport ordered that the flight be stopped before takeoff. Napolitano said they were able to arrest Shahzad on the plane and turned him over to the FBI -- though she declined to say how he was able to board the flight if he was on the No Fly list. Authorities tracked down Shahzad using the vehicle identification number on the Nissan Pathfinder that failed to detonate. **They linked that number to a recent sale in Connecticut, Holder said. Holder said he could not confirm reports that between four and eight people have been taken into custody for questioning in Pakistan in connection with the bombing attempt.** CBS News reported earlier Monday that Pakistani authorities apprehended suspects connected to the terrorist plot during raids Monday night and Tuesday morning in different locations. Some of them may be related to Shahzad, according to the network. **Pakistani intelligence officials also told Fox News on Tuesday that a man was arrested in Karachi for his connection to the bomb plot.** The reported capture comes after Shahzad was arrested as he came minutes away from fleeing the U.S. when his Dubai-bound flight was returned to its gate at New York's Kennedy Airport and U.S. officials escorted him from the plane, along with two other men. Federal investigators at Shahzad's home have removed a fireworks box among other evidence at the property in Bridgeport, Conn. **The box**

is labeled "Silver Salutes." The fireworks are similar to the M88s authorities say were found among containers of gasoline and other materials left in an SUV meant to explode in Times Square. Shahzad is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday to face charges that he tried to set off a massive fireball and kill Americans after parking his car on a street lined with restaurants and Broadway theaters, federal authorities said. The U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan was handling the case against Shahzad, 30, but has not yet made the charges against him public. FBI agents searched the home at a known address for Shahzad in Bridgeport, Conn., early Tuesday, said agent Kimberly Mertz, who wouldn't answer questions about the search. Authorities removed filled plastic bags from the house overnight in a mixed-race, working-class neighborhood of multi-family homes in Connecticut's largest city. **A bomb squad came and went without entering as local police and FBI agents gathered in the cordoned-off street.** In all, three passengers were removed from Emirates Airline Flight EK202 late Monday night as Shahzad was taken into custody by FBI agents and New York Police Department detectives. **But Shahzad told investigators he acted alone and denied any ties to radical groups in his native Pakistan, a U.S. law enforcement official familiar with the investigation told Reuters.** Though Holder said Tuesday that Shahzad was identified by customs agents and taken into custody before boarding his flight, a representative for Emirates Airlines confirmed to Fox News that Flight 202 "was called back by the local authorities prior to departure," and that the three passengers who were removed had already boarded the plane. **"Full security procedures were activated including the deplaning of all passengers and a thorough screening of the aircraft, passengers, and baggage," the airline representative told Fox News. "Emirates is cooperating with the local authorities."** The plane was delayed about seven hours and took off for Dubai at approximately 6:30 a.m. ET. **Shahzad is a naturalized U.S. citizen and had recently returned from a five-month trip to Pakistan,** where he had a wife, according to law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the investigation into the failed car bombing. Law enforcement officials say Shahzad became a U.S. citizen in April 2009 and passed all the criminal and national security background checks required for citizenship. The officials familiar with the inquiry say investigators plan to go through his citizenship application line by line to see if he lied about anything. He became a citizen in Hartford, Conn. Shahzad was being held in New York overnight and couldn't be contacted. A phone number at a listed address for Shahzad in Shelton, Conn., wasn't in service. **Law enforcement officials say Shahzad bought the SUV, a 1993 Nissan Pathfinder, from a Connecticut man about three weeks ago and paid cash.** The officials spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the case. The vehicle identification number had been removed from the Pathfinder's dashboard, but it was stamped on the engine, and investigators used it to find the owner of record, who told them he had sold the vehicle to a stranger. As the SUV buyer came into focus, investigators backed off other leads, although Holder said U.S. authorities "will not rest until we have brought everyone responsible to justice," suggesting additional suspects are being sought. **The SUV was parked on Saturday night on a busy midtown Manhattan street near a theater showing "The Lion King." The explosive device inside it had cheap-looking alarm clocks connected to a 16-ounce can filled with fireworks, which were apparently intended to detonate gas cans and set propane tanks afire in a chain reaction "to cause mayhem, to create casualties,"** police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said. A metal rifle cabinet placed in the SUV's cargo area was packed with fertilizer, but NYPD bomb experts believe it was not a type volatile enough to explode like the ammonium nitrate grade fertilizer used in previous terrorist bombings. **Police said the SUV bomb could have produced "a significant fireball" and sprayed shrapnel with enough force to kill pedestrians and knock out windows. A vendor alerted a police officer to the parked SUV, which was smoking. Times Square, clogged with tourists on a warm evening, was shut down for 10 hours. A bomb squad dismantled the explosive device, and no one was hurt.** But Holder said Americans should remain vigilant. "It's clear," he said, "that the intent behind this terrorist act was to kill Americans." In Pakistan, Interior Minister Rehman Malik said authorities had not been formally asked for help in the probe. **"When the request comes, we will cooperate with the U.S. government," he told the AP. The Pakistani Taliban appeared to claim responsibility in videos that surfaced after the weekend scare, monitoring groups said, but police had no evidence to support the claims. More than a dozen people with American citizenship or residency, like Shahzad, have been accused in the past two years of supporting or carrying out terrorism attempts on U.S. soil, cases that illustrate the threat of violent extremism from within the U.S. Among them are Army Maj. Nidal Hasan, a U.S.-born Army psychiatrist of Palestinian descent, charged with fatally shooting 13 people last year at Fort Hood, Texas; Najibullah Zazi, a Denver-area airport shuttle driver who pleaded guilty in February in a plot to bomb New York subways; and a Pennsylvania woman who authorities say became radicalized online as "Jihad Jane" and plotted to kill a Swedish artist whose work offended Muslims (Fox News, 2010).**

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**Source:** LA Times, Alex Rodriguez

**Title/Headline:** *Link Emerges Between Times Square Bomb Attempt And Pakistani Militant Group*

**Abstract:** Link emerges between Times Square bomb attempt and Pakistani militant group A member of the Al Qaeda-allied Pakistani militant group Jaish-e-Muhammad is being held by authorities in Pakistan. That man spent time with Faisal Shahzad, the person charged in the failed bomb plot, although sources say that does not mean Jaish-e-Muhammad engineered the plot. **One of the men arrested in Pakistan this week in connection with the failed attempt to bomb Times Square is a member of Jaish-e-Muhammad, an Al Qaeda-allied Pakistani militant group,** intelligence sources in the city of Karachi said Wednesday. The revelation marks the first indication that a specific Pakistani militant group has been associated with the case of Faisal Shahzad, the 30-year-old Pakistani American charged in the failed bomb plot. But it does not necessarily mean that the organization engineered the plot or directed the suspect. The intelligence sources requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media on the case. **The man arrested Tuesday in Karachi, Sheik Mohammed Rehan, allegedly drove with Shahzad from Karachi to Peshawar on July 7, 2009, in a pickup truck, authorities said. They returned to Karachi July 22. It is not known why they went to Peshawar and whether they met with anyone there. Peshawar is a large, mostly Pashtun city perched on the edge of Pakistan's tribal areas, where Al Qaeda, the Pakistani Taliban and other militant groups maintain strongholds.** It is also where Shahzad's father and other relatives live. Jaish-e-Muhammad emerged in the mid-1990s as a militant organization primarily focused on overthrowing Indian forces in the Indian-administered portion of Kashmir. Most of the violent attacks linked to the group have occurred in Kashmir, the disputed region claimed by India and Pakistan. Over the years, though, the group has expanded its reach and has trained thousands of young men to fight U.S. and NATO forces battling the Taliban in Afghanistan. It was also linked to the 2002 kidnapping and murder of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl in

Karachi. Based principally in Punjab province, the heartland of Pakistan, the group has been designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. government and was banned by Pakistan in 2002. **But experts believe Jaish-e-Muhammad still benefits from links with Pakistan's powerful government intelligence community. Some experts believe Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency facilitated the group's formation. Authorities said they have not linked Jaish-e-Muhammad or any other militant group to two other men arrested Tuesday in Karachi in connection with the case.** Pakistani officials have not explained why those men — Tauseef Ahmed, a cousin of Shahzad's, and Ahmed's father-in-law — were detained. Pakistani authorities are continuing to investigate any potential link Shahzad might have with the Pakistani Taliban, the militant group based in the tribal areas that has beset the country with waves of suicide bombings and other terrorist attacks over the last two years (Rodriguez, 2010).

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**Source:** TIME, Bobby Ghosh

**Title/Headline:** *Beyond Times Square: The Threat From Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Not long ago, a bomb attack on New York City's Times Square would have had intelligence officials and terrorism experts checking off the usual suspects among the sources of terrorist plots against the U.S. — Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq. **But these days, says a top counterterrorism official, "when I hear of a terrorist plot, I can count back from 10, and before I get to zero, someone will bring up the P word." That's P for Pakistan. Over the past couple of years, more plots against U.S. targets have emanated from or had a strong connection to Pakistan than any other country.** Says the counterterrorism official, who was briefed on the hunt for the Times Square bomber but is not authorized to speak with the media: "It was totally predictable that the smoking Pathfinder would lead to someone with Pakistan in his past." **Nor would it come as a surprise if it were revealed that Faisal Shahzad, who has claimed to investigators that he was working alone, was in fact linked to an ever lengthening list of extremist groups operating in Pakistan's northern wilds.** These groups, whose attacks had long been confined to the Indian subcontinent, are now emerging as a deadly threat to the U.S. and its allies. **As the core of al-Qaeda, led by Osama bin Laden, wilts under the constant pounding from the CIA's Predator drone campaign, Pakistani groups are mounting operations deep into the West. Such groups as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) have not yet notched major successes against U.S. targets to match Hizballah's bombings in 1980s Lebanon or al-Qaeda's destruction of two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998.** But they have lately mounted operations of great audacity and sophistication. LeT has been operating in Europe for at least a decade, initially raising funds from the large Pakistani diaspora in countries like Britain and France and later recruiting volunteers for the jihad against Western forces. **At least one of the plotters of the 2005 London subway bombings was an LeT trainee, and British investigators believe the group has been connected to other plots in the U.K. The TTP, which claimed credit for Shahzad's failed bombing, was behind the suicide bombing that killed seven CIA agents in Afghanistan late last year.** And in 2008, in the most spectacular attack by a Pakistani-based group on Western targets, LeT bombed and shot up a railway station, a hospital, two five-star hotels and a Jewish center in Mumbai, killing more than 160 people, including six Americans. Afterward, Indian authorities scanning a computer belonging to one of the Mumbai plotters found a list of 320 targets worldwide; only 20 were Indian. Now, security officials fear, **Pakistani jihadis are spreading their operations across the Atlantic, recruiting U.S. citizens to their cause just as Britons were recruited a decade ago. If that assessment proves accurate, the Times Square bomb plot could be the first of more to come.**

**An Evolving Threat:** What are the wellsprings of Pakistani radicalism? In the 1980s, many fervently Islamic groups were set up in Pakistan to fight the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. After the Soviet withdrawal in 1989, however, these groups and their spin-offs did not lay down their arms but instead turned their attention to Pakistan's old enemy, India. Encouraged by Pakistani civilian, military and intelligence authorities, LeT, Jaish-e-Mohammed and others refashioned themselves as freedom fighters in the cause of Kashmir, the Himalayan territory claimed by both India and Pakistan. **Pakistani officials regarded the jihadis as a proxy in their conflict with India, and Islamabad provided groups like LeT with land, funding and even military training, though it was understood that they could not attack targets in Pakistan or get involved in any operations against the U.S., Pakistan's ally.** Though there was some low-key cooperation between the Pakistani groups and al-Qaeda, it didn't merit much attention from Washington. After the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, however, the Bush Administration began to look more closely into bin Laden's alliances. Washington pressured the Pakistani government of General Pervez Musharraf to crack down on LeT, Jaish and others, which by then were on the State Department's list of proscribed terrorist organizations. **But the government in Islamabad allowed the groups to continue operations — in December 2001, LeT attacked the Indian Parliament in an audacious move that nearly brought the two countries to war — with only cosmetic changes to their names.** LeT, for instance, merged with its charitable foundation, the Jamaat-ud-Dawah. Gradually, the Pakistani groups began to broaden their targets beyond the Indian enemy. LeT propaganda, for instance, began to focus on links, real and imagined, between India, Israel and the U.S. By the mid-2000s, the group's leader, a former Islamic-studies professor named Hafiz Muhammed Saeed, began to call for a jihad against the West using language similar to those of the fatwas issued by bin Laden and other al-Qaeda leaders. **LeT fighters began to venture out of their comfort zone, joining the fighting in Iraq. At the same time, a new group of radicals, the TTP, had begun to emerge along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan.** While LeT, Jaish and other older groups were dominated by Pakistan's majority Punjabi ethnic group, the TTP was overwhelmingly Pashtun, the dominant ethnic group in Afghanistan. And the TTP never had any qualms about challenging the Pakistani state as well as NATO troops in Afghanistan. **In 2007 its leader, Baitullah Mehsud, ordered the assassination of Benazir Bhutto and attacks on military targets; he also unleashed a wave of suicide bombings in Pakistani cities. While Pakistani authorities have continued to take a somewhat tolerant view of the Punjabi groups, their attitude toward the TTP is another matter. The army began to crack down on the group in 2008, and in the summer of 2009, a CIA drone took out Baitullah Mehsud. His successor, Hakimullah Mehsud, was thought to have been killed in another drone strike in January, but he re-emerged last week to claim responsibility for the Times Square attack.**

**Militants In Our Midst:** How plausible is that? U.S. officials were initially dismissive of the TTP's claims but began to reconsider once it emerged that Shahzad had been trained in bombmaking at a camp in Waziristan, which is Mehsud's stronghold. **There is no doubt that the TTP and other Pakistani groups are now recruiting among Americans.** Last October, the **FBI arrested a Pakistani American, David Coleman Headley, and a Pakistani Canadian associate, for plotting to attack the Copenhagen offices of a Danish newspaper that had published cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad.** More shockingly, the FBI said that Headley had been involved in the Mumbai attacks too (he had scouted out the hotels and the Jewish center for LeT) and was planning to bomb the U.S., British and Indian embassies in Dhaka, Bangladesh, before local authorities discovered the plot. **In March, Headley pleaded guilty to all charges; he is now waiting to be sentenced. The Headley revelations alarmed the Obama Administration's security team.** In January, Daniel Benjamin, the State Department's top counterterrorism official, said in a speech to the Cato Institute in Washington that "very few things worry me as much as the strength and ambition of LeT." **The next month, Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair told the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that LeT was "becoming more of a direct threat ... placing Western targets in Europe in its sights."** The TTP is certainly doing so. **In 2008, it plotted to bomb the public-transport network in Barcelona, though the operation was busted before it got much beyond the planning phase.** If Shahzad was indeed acting on Mehsud's instructions, then the TTP has come closer to successfully executing a large-scale operation on American soil than any group has since Sept. 11, 2001.

**Exporting Jihad:** It's fair to say that many analysts remain skeptical of the ability of a group like the TTP to operate outside Pakistan and Afghanistan. Mehsud lacks the kinds of networks cultivated by the Punjabi groups among Pakistanis living in the West. The TTP's fighters also tend to be poor, unsophisticated peasants from the mountains, ill equipped for foreign assignments. Besides, Mehsud and his fighters now find themselves under attack from the air (the CIA drones) as well as on the ground (the Pakistani military) and may not have the freedom to think big. **They're much more likely to seek U.S. targets close at hand: in April, the TTP attacked the U.S. consulate in the Pakistani city of Peshawar. But the TTP is working on ways to export terrorism. The group's training camps in Waziristan are a magnet for Western jihadis, including U.S. citizens. Once trained, some return home and become executors of the TTP's global ambitions.** It's likely that the camps attended by both Najibullah Zazi, who confessed to planning attacks on the New York subway system last year, and Shahzad, the alleged Times Square bomber, were run by the TTP. Others will no doubt follow in their footsteps. Ashley Tellis, a South Asia expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, says there's no reason to doubt Mehsud's determination to mount attacks in the U.S. "His group has taken very big hits from the drone campaign," he says. **"He's looking for payback. We have to watch the TTP very carefully."** LeT has the same intent but much greater capabilities. It has larger international networks and access to more sophisticated urban and educated recruits — people like Headley, who can move freely in American society. Its foreign operations tend to be better planned, often in collaboration with other groups, like al-Qaeda and Jaish. Perhaps LeT's greatest strength is the patronage it continues to receive from the Pakistani military and intelligence services. And it enjoys genuine popularity in large parts of the country, where it offers social services that the government cannot provide. **After the devastating 2005 earthquake in Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, LeT volunteers were often the first to arrive on the scene and provide valuable assistance. Like Hizballah in Lebanon, LeT and other Punjabi jihadist groups wield a combination of military and political power that makes them practically untouchable. How can the Pakistani groups be combatted? Bruce Riedel, a counterterrorism expert at the Brookings Institution in Washington, says the Administration's best bet is to launch a "global takedown" of Pakistani jihadi cells outside Pakistan, especially in Britain, the U.S. and the Middle East. "These external bases are the most threatening to us, much more than their operations in Pakistan," he says. As British authorities — who have had more experience with this challenge than those in the U.S. — know very well, such a takedown involves long, hard work by a host of law-enforcement agencies. And while the good guys are increasing their capabilities and understanding of the threats facing them, so are the bad guys. The Times Square bomb plot didn't go as planned. But as Riedel says, "We can't rely on them to be bad bombmakers forever"** (Ghosh, 2010).

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**Source:** Newsweek, Sami Yousafzai, Ron Moreau

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Taliban Source: Times Square Bombing Attempt Was 'Revenge Against America'*

**Abstract:** A top Afghan Taliban planner and organizer tells NEWSWEEK he wasn't surprised by the attempted car bombing in Times Square. **"We were expecting this,"** says the source, who operates on both sides of the porous Afghanistan-Pakistan border. He says the Pakistani Taliban—formally known as the Tehrik-e-Taliban—was hellbent on revenge after the Predator drone attack that killed its leader, Baitullah Mehsud, last August and the more recent strikes that nearly killed Baitullah's successor, Hakimullah Mehsud, this January. **"They were desperately looking for revenge against America inside America,"** says the source, who declined to be identified by name for security reasons. Hakimullah went deep underground immediately after the Hellfire missile attack in January, disappearing so completely that even his fellow militants thought he was dead. According to the senior Afghan source, he vanished not only for his own safety but also because he wanted to come back with a bang: **"Hakimullah wanted to announce his return with a successful bombing in America."** And sure enough, the same weekend Faisal Shahzad parked his potentially lethal SUV on Times Square, Hakimullah suddenly reappeared in an Internet video, announcing he was **"alive and healthy."** Shortly afterward a second video surfaced showing a still picture of Hakimullah standing next to a map of the U.S. marked with red symbols denoting explosions, over an audio track saying: **"Good news will be heard within some days or weeks ... The time is very near when our fedayeen [fighters] will attack the American states in the major cities."** The day after the attack, a scratchy Internet audio recording was issued in the name of Hakimullah's deputy, suicide- and car-bombing expert Qari Hussain, taking "full responsibility for the recent attack in the U.S.A." **A Pakistani Taliban spokesman quickly disowned the recording. Whether or not the recording was genuine, U.S. officials say suspicion is building that Shahzad had ties to Tehrik-e-Taliban—a connection that's also denied by the same spokesman.** The Afghan source says he's not sure. **"We have been hearing that the Tehrik-e-Taliban were expecting two or three attacks in America soon,"** the Afghan Taliban source says. "Shahzad may have been one of them." He says he has heard that one or two of the bombers have already recorded farewell "martyrdom videos" at Hakimullah's side. Nevertheless, the source admits he hadn't heard Shahzad's name mentioned in conversations



about the bombers. Nor does he believe Shahzad could have spent much time in the Pakistani Taliban's stronghold. "He couldn't have had full-scale training in one of their camps, because his bomb was so ineffective," he says. "He must have just passed through quickly." The Afghan says he worries about U.S. retaliation for the Times Square attack. **"The Afghan Taliban and many tribal elders thought they shouldn't claim responsibility, because it will only bring more American attacks on our areas," he says. "But Hakimullah doesn't care. He just wants to strike out"** (Yousafzai & Moreau, 2010).

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**Source:** ABC News, Richard Esposito, Chris Vlasto, Chris Cuomo

**Title/Headline:** *Shahzad Had Contact With Awlaki, Taliban Chief, And Mumbai Massacre Mastermind*

**Abstract:** Accused Times Square Bomber Faisal Shahzad linked up with the Pakistani Taliban through the internet, ABC News has been told by law enforcement and intelligence sources close to the investigation. Once the Taliban identified him as more valuable in the U.S. than in Pakistan, they trained him to return to execute his bomb attack. But according to these sources, **Shahzad also had a web of jihadist contacts that included big names tied to terror attacks in the U.S. and abroad, including the figure who has emerged as a central figure in many recent domestic terror attempts - radical American-born Muslim cleric Anwar Awlaki. Besides Awlaki, sources say Shahzad was also linked to a key figure in the Pakistani Taliban, its Emir Beitullah Mehsud, who was killed in a drone missile strike in 2009.** The Mehsuds had been family friends of Shahzad, who is the son of a former high-ranking Pakistani military officer. Sources told ABC News that Shahzad was childhood friends with one of the alleged masterminds of the Mumbai massacre of 2008, in which more than 170 people died. Shahzad is also said to be linked to a man named Muhammed Rehan, whom Pakistani authorities reportedly have in custody. Sources said Rehan helped Shahzad travel to Peshawar and then to Waziristan and made introductions to the Taliban. **According to a person briefed on the FBI interrogation, Shahzad has told federal agents that he was angry at the CIA missile strikes carried out in Pakistan and suffered a personal crisis in his life. He has reportedly said he carried out the attempted bombing because he was under duress and that he feared for his family's safety if he didn't fulfill the mission. Shahzad has admitted to receiving bomb-making training and to loading a car with explosives and driving it into Times Square,** say U.S. authorities, and is providing valuable information that is helping officials round up possible accomplices. Seven men have been arrested in Pakistan in connection with the failed car bombing, including two in Karachi and five in Punjab Province. Shahzad's father-in-law has also been detained, and Shahzad's father, wife and children may be in protective custody. Shahzad, whose father was a high-ranking officer in the Pakistani Air Force, moved to the United States in 1998 (Esposito, Vlasto, & Cuomo, 2010).

**Date:** May 7, 2010

**Source:** NDTV News, Carlotta Gall, Sabrina Tavernise

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Taliban Are Said To Expand Alliances*

**Abstract:** The Pakistani Taliban, which American investigators suspect were behind the attempt to bomb Times Square, have in recent years combined forces with Al-Qaida and other groups, threatening to extend their reach and ambitions, Western diplomats, intelligence officials and experts say. Since the group's formation in 2007, the main mission of the Pakistani Taliban has been to maintain their hold on territory in Pakistan's tribal areas to train fighters for jihad against American and NATO forces in Afghanistan and, increasingly, to strike at the Pakistani state as the military pushes into these havens. Pakistan's military offensives and intensifying American drone strikes have degraded their capabilities. But the Pakistani Taliban have sustained themselves through alliances with any number of other militant groups, splinter cells, foot soldiers and guns-for-hire in the areas under their control. Those groups have "morphed," a Western diplomat said in a recent interview. **Their common agenda, training and resource sharing have made it increasingly difficult to distinguish one from another. The alliances have also added to their skills and tactics and list of shared targets. "They trade bomb makers and people around,"** a senior United States intelligence official said Thursday in an interview. **"It's becoming this witches' brew."** The senior intelligence official said that in recent years the overall ability and lethality of these groups had dropped, but that the threat to individual countries like the United States had increased somewhat because the groups cooperated against a range of targets. **Not least among the groups is Al-Qaida, which is exerting growing influence over the others. The Pakistani Taliban increasingly serve as its fig leaf, some experts said. "The Taliban is the local partner of Al-Qaida in Pakistan,"** said Amir Rana, the director of the Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies, who has tracked militant networks for years. **"It has no capacity for an international agenda on its own"** (Gall & Tavernise, 2010).

**Date:** May 7, 2010

**Source:** MSNBC News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pressure On Pakistan Amid Fresh Terror Links*

**Abstract:** Alleged links between the Times Square plot and extremist networks are adding to perceptions of Pakistan as a global exporter of terror and increasing pressure on its military to crack down on extremists along the Afghan border. While Saturday's failed car bombing in New York could complicate improving ties between the United States and Pakistan, Washington's need for Islamabad's help in ending the war in Afghanistan is likely to limit any long-term fallout. Pakistan has promised to cooperate with the investigation and has detained at least four people with alleged connections to the sole suspect so far — Faisal Shahzad, a 30-year-old Pakistani-American who has reportedly told U.S. investigators he had visited Waziristan, a largely militant-controlled region close to Afghanistan. American officials have been quoted as saying they believe the Pakistani Taliban, which is based in Waziristan and has hitherto attacked Pakistani targets — not the U.S. homeland — had a role in the plot, either in funding or motivating and training. Successive failed plots in Europe and the United States since the 9/11 attacks have been traced back to the border region, many involving first- or second-generation Pakistani or other Muslim immigrants to the West. Shahzad evidently visited Pakistan



and had family and friends here, but many questions remain about the extent of his militant links in the country and whether they — rather than his experiences in America — were the major factor in his transformation from suburban respectability to alleged terrorist.

**Under Pressure:** Many experts doubt a significant role for the Pakistani Taliban, noting the amateurish nature of the bomb as well as the group's past practice of claiming responsibility for attacks in the United States it had nothing to do with. Still, the reported connections are already proving uncomfortable for Pakistan's military, which has been resisting calls to move forcefully into all parts of Waziristan because it does not want to antagonize powerful militant groups there that have so far attacked only targets in Afghanistan, not Pakistani cities. This week, the Pakistani army said it did not believe the Pakistani Taliban played a role and that it was too early to say whether Shahzad had visited Waziristan. Prior to the botched attack, **Obama administration officials had been praising Pakistani army efforts in the northwest, which have included a comprehensive operation in South Waziristan.** They had expressed sympathy with the army's stated reasons against moving into the north this year, namely a lack of troops and the need to consolidate gains elsewhere. That may be more difficult to keep up if it turns out the plot was hatched and masterminded from within the region. "This guy failed, but how many more are tied to Pakistan?" said Kamran Bokhari, an analyst with STRATFOR, a private security think tank in Austin, Texas. **"It puts pressure on Pakistan at a time when they thought things with the Americans were going well."**

**Border Movement:** Also likely to come under fresh scrutiny is Pakistan's reluctance to fully crack down on militant groups based outside of the northwest. Those detained over the Times Square incident are allegedly activists of Jaish-e-Mohammad, a group that was created by the Pakistan security agencies to battle Indian-rule in the Kashmir region. It and related organizations continue to operate fairly openly. Still, the U.S. has been careful not to antagonize Pakistan as it assigns blame for the Times Square plot. **The U.S. recognizes that Pakistan will likely have a major role in negotiating with elements of the Taliban to end the war in Afghanistan and ensuring stability — and a pro-American government — there when the United States finally withdraws.** Shaun Gregory, an expert on Pakistani security at the University of Bradford in Britain, said he believed this was now the main issue for the Obama administration and it had accepted it was unlikely to see major movement against Afghan Taliban factions sheltering on the Pakistan side of the border. **"Because of the bigger geostrategic concerns, this kind of thing (the Times Square attempted bombing) is just noise, it is marginal,"** he said. **"The key pressure is here to get the American troops out of Afghanistan. The hawks (in Washington) will bang drums, but I can't see that translating into a big offensive in Pakistan"** (MSNBC, 2010).

**Date:** May 9, 2010

**Source:** CBS News

**Title/Headline:** *Secretary Of State Clinton's Global Mission*

**Abstract:** Scott Pelley spoke with Secretary Clinton at the State Department **"With the bomb in Times Square, I wonder what your message is to the Pakistani government?"** Pelley asked. "It's very clear. This is a threat that we share, we have a common enemy. There is no time to waste in going after that common enemy as hard and fast as we can and we cannot tolerate having people encouraged, directed, trained and sent from Pakistan to attack us," she replied. **"I'm not saying that they're at the highest levels but I believe that somewhere in this government are people who know where Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda is, where Mullah Omar and the leadership of the Afghan Taliban is and we expect more cooperation to help us bring to justice, capture or kill, those who attacked us on 9/11,"** Clinton said. "But we're not getting that cooperation," Pelley remarked. "Well, we are," Clinton replied. "The question is why is this administration not pressuring Pakistan to give up Osama bin Laden [or] his deputy Ayman al Zawahiri..." Pelley asked. "I have to stand up for the efforts the Pakistani government is taking. They have done a very significant move toward going after the terrorists within their own country," Clinton replied. "Even in light of the Times Square bomber, you are comfortable with the cooperation you are getting from the Pakistani government?" Pelley asked. "Well, now, I didn't say that. I've said we've gotten more cooperation and it's been a real sea change in the commitment we've seen from the Pakistani government. We want more; we expect more. **We've made it very clear that if, heaven forbid, that an attack like this, if we can trace back to Pakistan, were to have been successful, there would be very severe consequences,**" Clinton said. Asked what she meant exactly, Clinton said, "I think I'll let that speak for itself." "Developments to come," Pelley remarked. "Right," she replied. **"Nobody wants to see something tragic happen again. But we know that every single day the bad guys are out there and they want to come after us,"** Clinton said. **"This is becoming a trend. People used to ask why they hadn't attacked us in the United States since 9/11. The answer is now, 'They are.' And they're doing it every couple of months. And I wonder if there's anything about U.S. foreign policy that needs to change in your estimation to put more pressure on these terrorist groups where they live, like in Pakistan?"** Pelley asked. "Well, we are doing that. And we're increasing it. **We're expecting more from it. This is a global threat. We have probably the best police work in the world. But we are also the biggest target. And therefore, we just have to be better than everybody else,**" she replied (CBS News, 2010).

**Date:** May 9, 2010

**Source:** The Jakarta Post, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *White House Says Pakistan Taliban Behind NY Bomb*

**Abstract:** Saying they obtained new evidence, senior White House officials said Sunday that the Pakistani Taliban were behind the failed Times Square bombing. The attempt marks the first time the group has been able to launch an attack on U.S. soil. And while U.S. officials have downplayed the threat — citing the bomb's lack of sophistication — the incident in Times Square and Christmas Day airline bomber indicate growing strength by overseas terrorist groups linked to al-Qaida even as the CIA says their operations are seriously degraded. **The finding also raises new questions about the U.S. relationship with Pakistan, which is widely known to have al-Qaida and other terrorist groups operating within its borders. Concerning the Pakistani Taliban, Attorney General Eric Holder said: "We know that they helped facilitate it; we know that they helped direct it. And I suspect that we are going to come up with evidence which shows that they helped to finance it. They were intimately involved in this plot."** John Brennan, the president's homeland security and

counterterrorism adviser, made similar remarks, linking the bomber to the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP. Neither official said what the new evidence was. **Faisal Shahzad, a U.S. citizen of Pakistani descent, is believed to have spent five months in Pakistan before returning to the United States in February and preparing his attack. Shahzad has told investigators that he trained in the lawless tribal areas of Waziristan, where both al-Qaida and the Pakistani Taliban operate.** He was arrested aboard an Emirates Airlines jet in New York just minutes before it was scheduled to take off for Dubai. After the attack, U.S. officials said they were exploring potential links to terrorist groups overseas but said it was likely that Shahzad was acting alone and that it was an isolated incident. Last week, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, told NBC News that "at this point I have no information that it's anything other than a one-off." **Gen. David Petraeus told The Associated Press that Shahzad apparently operated as a "lone wolf."** Brennan on Sunday rejected suggestions that the attempted bombing shows that terrorist groups overseas were gaining strength. **"They now are relegated to trying to do these unsophisticated attacks, showing that they have inept capabilities in training," he said. The link between an attack on U.S. soil and terrorist groups operating inside Pakistan opens up a new chapter in relations between the two countries** (Flaherty, 2010).

**Date:** May 12, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Nicholas D. Kristof

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan And Times Sq.*

**Abstract:** "People with links to Pakistan have been behind a hugely disproportionate share of international terror incidents over the last two decades: the 1993 and 2001 World Trade Center attacks; Richard Reid's failed shoe bombing in 2001; the so-called Bojinka plot in 1995 to blow up 12 planes simultaneously; the 2005 London train and bus bombings; the 2001 attacks on the Indian Parliament; and attacks on two luxury hotels and a Jewish center in Mumbai in 2008. So it came as little surprise that the suspect in the attempted car bombing in Times Square, Faisal Shahzad, is a Pakistani-American. Why does an ostensible "ally" seem to constitute more of a threat than, say, Iran? Or Lebanon or Syria or Iraq? Or Egypt, birthplace of the Muslim Brotherhood brand of militant Islam? Or the West Bank and Gaza, where resentment of America's Middle East policies is centered?" (Kristof, 2010).

**Date:** May 12, 2010

**Source:** Veterans Today, Jeff Gates

**Title/Headline:** *Is The "Times Square Terrorist" More Field-Based Warfare?*

**Abstract:** In March 2001, Indonesian Intelligence Chief Arie Kumaat asked American James M. ("Mel") Rockefeller to assess the Taliban's destruction of the two ancient Buddhas of Bamyan carved into a sandstone cliff in central Afghanistan 140 miles northwest of Kabul. Familiar with psychological operations (psy-ops) that involve lengthy pre-staging, Kumaat inquired of Rockefeller in Jakarta why that incident occurred at that time and place. Kumaat also noted the curious timing of two other operations: (a) **A Defense minister in India had recently been caught in a bribery scandal involving an Israeli company, and (b) that same Israeli firm attempted to bribe the Malaysian Defense Minister. Six months prior to 911, the motivation for the Bamyan incident was difficult to discern. In hindsight, we now know that high profile event branded the Taliban globally as Evil Doers. What about the bribes? The amounts involved were too small, Rockefeller suggested, to constitute real bribes. Rather, both were attempts to change key personnel though it was not yet clear to what end.** Since 911, the reason for the timing of those Israeli operations comes more clearly into focus. In national security parlance, the dynamiting of the Buddhas "prepared the mind" of a global public for whom the Taliban remained an obscurity until their extremism was branded by that well timed event. The bribes will be addressed in a subsequent analysis. Suffice it to say that both involved the pre-staging of "out-of-theater" operations.

**By Way of Deception:** For those skilled at Information Age warfare, the relevant battlefield is the public's shared field of consciousness. In that intangible realm, the power of association is routinely deployed to create lasting impressions as a means of mental manipulation. In preparing that 'field' for an emerging narrative, mainstream media depicted the incident at Bamyan as a "cultural Holocaust." Akin to the casting of a movie, by September 11, 2001, the intolerant Taliban had already been cast as a credible enemy of liberal democracies. **When the reaction to 911 triggered a global search for a plausible Evil Doer, the narrative quickly became a morality play with the U.S. pitted against extremists who hate our values. As a nation, we segued seamlessly from a global Cold War—against those who hate our values to a Global War on Terrorism—against those who hate our values.** The violence inflicted on the peaceful Buddhas of Bamyan also brought Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar onto the battlefield of consciousness—where he remains. In the unfolding of this storyline, Omar became the oft-featured Epitome of Evil, akin to a Muslim Darth Vader from Star Wars films. Or Saddam Hussein in the lead-up to war in Iraq.

**Best Story Wins:** This brief overview of "field-based warfare" brings us to the latest incident in New York again featuring in a starring role Mullah Omar as leader of the "Pakistan Taliban." But first a brief review of three recent events. Keep in mind that when waging game theory warfare, it is not the incident but *the reaction* that advances the narrative. The cascade of reactions to an incident is what gains traction for a storyline when manipulating minds in that "field." See: **The first incident was the December 2007 murder of former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. Mark Siegel, her Ashkenazim biographer and lobbyist, assured U.S. Secretary of State Condi Rice that the return to Pakistan of the corrupt but widely popular Bhutto was "the only possible way that we could guarantee stability and keep the presidency of Musharraf intact."** Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf had announced that an end to Israel's occupation of Palestine was critical to end the conflicts in Iraq and neighboring Afghanistan. That comment made him a target of those for whom that occupation has long served a strategic purpose. Bhutto's death was blamed on the Pakistan Taliban. **The reaction resulted in the replacement of Musharraf with Asif Ali Zardari, Bhutto's notoriously corrupt husband.** By our alliance with Zardari, the U.S. could be cast as extending its corrupting influence in the region. In August 2008, Ashkenazi General David Kezerashvili

returned to Georgia from Tel Aviv to lead an assault on separatists in South Ossetia with the support of Israeli arms and training. That out-of-theater crisis ignited Cold War tensions between the U.S. and Russia, key members of the Quartet (along with the EU and the UN) pledged to resolve the Israel-Palestine conflict. Russia was then negotiating an energy agreement with Iran. The incident in Georgia was the second of three prepare-the-mind events. Third was “India’s 911” in November 2008 when extremists recruited from the tribal regions of western Pakistan killed 173 and wounded more than 300 in Mumbai, India’s financial center. The attack included a hostel run by Chabad Lubavitch, an ultra-orthodox Jewish sect from New York. In response, Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni announced: **“Our world is under attack.”** Livni then argued: **“Israel, India and the rest of the free world are positioned in the forefront of the battle against terrorists and extremism.”** By its exclusion, Pakistan was indicted. By standing “shoulder to shoulder” with India (the signature phrase of former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon), Tel Aviv associated India with Israel’s victim status. The response to that attack drew Pakistani troops to its eastern border with India. That reaction left its Western tribal regions less well guarded and thereby plausibly more susceptible to extremist infiltrators from Afghanistan joining the Pakistan Taliban. By May 2009, Israel had delivered to India its first of three Phalcon Airborne Warning & Control Systems (AWACS). That arms sale shifted the balance of conventional air power in the region. That military alliance also confirmed what Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced: “Our ties with India don’t have any limitation....”

**Whose Pakistan Taliban?**: Now let’s turn to the latest incident—also attributed to the Pakistan Taliban. Keep in mind that when waging war on the battlefield of the public’s shared mind space, the power of association is routinely deployed as a form of weaponry. **The “Times Square terrorist” incident occurred at 6:30 pm on May 1<sup>st</sup>. That same day, reports emerged from London that more than 3,000 European Jews, including prominent intellectuals, had signed a petition speaking out against Israeli settlement policies and warning that systematic support for the Israeli government is dangerous. That statement garnered high praise from those aware of how peace in the Middle East has long been kept beyond reach by Israeli agent provocateurs.** Serial provocations around the settlements issue have long been a reliable catalyst for well-timed outrage that, in turn, is cited to again defer resolution of a six-decade conflict. Bernard-Henri Levy, a high-profile French writer, led that European effort. That development appeared quite positive when first announced. Then Levy began to appear as a commentator on television following the “Times Square Terrorism” as that incident was portrayed on the cover of *Newsweek*, a *Washington Post* magazine. Rather than promote the petition and the urgent need to solve the settlements issue, instead Levy offered his appraisal of the Times Square incident. **He described in depth how he studied what went on “inside the mind” of a Muslim Evil Doer who in 2002 slit the throat and then beheaded an American-Jewish reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*.** The Levy analysis injected into the “field” the most visually provocative image of the War on Terrorism featuring the epitome of both violence and extremist intolerance. Levy’s well-timed on-camera recitation refreshed in the public mindset the disturbing imagery of a Muslim Evil Doer who brutally murdered and dismembered a young professional with a pregnant wife. Levy’s described for the television viewer the mental state of the psychopathic Muslim profiled in his book *Who Killed Danny Pearl?* Where did this evil doing occur? In Pakistan.

**Is U.S. Foreign Policy Shaped From The Shadows?**: As Levy’s account was injected into the field at the same time as the Time Square Bomber, the U.N. Security Council then had under review a 15-year old proposal for a treaty that would create a Middle East free of nuclear weapons. The timing of these developments could be coincidental. Yet consider another possibility. Assume your numbers are few but your ambitions vast. **The confirmed facts point to the manipulation of U.S. foreign policy from the shadows with phony intelligence that induced the U.S. to invade Iraq in pursuit of a Muslim Evil Doer that had nothing to do with that incident. Is it possible that this latest incident had a strategic purpose that is not yet clear to the public? If, as the facts suggest, advisers to President Barack Obama are advancing a pro-Israeli agenda, could the timing of this incident be a means to exert influence from outside the White House? Could that be because their influence inside the White House has become apparent?** The facts suggest that Obama, as U.S. commander-in-chief, is feeling pressure from the military to change our policy on Israel. Did the timing of these “out of theatre” events help finesse that issue by refreshing a storyline that calls for the U.S. to lead a Global War on Terrorism? **Was this latest incident timed to provide a rationale with which our policy-makers can preempt Pentagon concerns about the effect of U.S.-Israeli policy on our troops in the field? How long ago would pro-Israeli White House insiders have known about the pending U.N. Security Council consideration of a treaty that could force Israel to forfeit its nuclear weapons? When was the Times Square Terrorist recruited by the “Pakistan Taliban”? Is this how a war-making narrative is sustained, using well-timed crises staged in a nonlinear fashion such that their common origin is diffused in the “field”? Could that explain the well-timed murder of Benazir Bhutto by the “Pakistan Taliban”? Could that explain the well-timed destabilizing impact on Pakistan of the recent “911” attack on Mumbai using operatives recruited and trained in Pakistan? Was this too the “Pakistan Taliban”? In a televised May 10<sup>th</sup> interview, General Stanley McChrystal explained that winning the current war in the Middle East requires a “change in perception.” Is that the purpose of these well-timed crises? Are they meant to refresh our fear of the “Pakistan Taliban”? The displacement of facts with false beliefs induced us to invade Iraq consistent with a narrative that was revitalized by this latest well-timed “incident.” **Is the American public again being manipulated by those skilled at managing perceptions? Is this incident a high profile example of field-based warfare being waged on America? Are we in the midst of another psy-ops? Is that possible? Could there be a sufficient critical mass of like-minded operatives in positions of influence capable of inducing enough minds to freely embrace another war that is not in our interest? Is it possible in the Information Age that psy-ops could operate on such a scale? Is there sufficient collateral support in key decision-making quarters to again deceive an entire nation in plain sight yet, to date, with legal impunity? Pakistan has long been an ally of the U.S. So was Iraq. Likewise Iran was an ally in recent history. Where are we to find this purported “Axis of Evil”? Does its source reside in nation-states? Or does this evil reside in the mental state of those skilled at manipulating the minds of others to wage war on false pretenses?****

**The People In Between:** In an October 2007 speech, Defense Secretary Robert Gates identified “the people in between” as the most problematic combatant when waging “unconventional warfare.” The facts suggest that such warfare is only “unconventional” for those targeted. For the aggressor, this form of warfare is standard operating procedure. Those waging war from the shadows imbed their operatives in that realm “in between” a targeted populace and the facts they require for a system of governance reliant on informed consent.

By displacing facts with false beliefs, mental manipulation can proceed in plain sight. **Between a deceived American public and the facts they required to assess whether to wage war in Iraq were legions of pro-Israeli operatives. Many of those operatives are imbedded in media, a key in-between domain essential for success in field-based warfare. Thus, for example, the critical agenda-advancing role played by CNN's Wolf Blitzer. He even branded his broadcasting set "The Situation Room" to lend White House-associative credibility on a network branded as "the most trusted name in news."** Likewise *New York Times* "reporter" Judith Miller who featured on its front page the false intelligence provided by Ahmed Chalabi, head of the credible-sounding "Iraqi National Congress." This Iraqi expatriate and London-based Iraqi liar served as a reliable and pliable Israeli asset developed over two decades by pro-Israeli operatives, including Richard Perle who in 2001 became chairman of the U.S. Defense Policy Advisory Board. **This form of Information Age treason could only succeed if hidden in plain sight. Today's fast-paced velocity of information ensures that media impressions now shape political agendas. Thus the importance of "the people in between" in manipulating U.S. foreign policy.**

**Out-of-Theater Repositioning: Pro-Israelis in the Obama administration could no longer directly shape Middle East policy after General David Petraeus, head of Central Command, complained to the Joint Chiefs about the adverse impact of the U.S.-Israeli relationship on U.S. interests in the region. Could that explain the utility of an "out of theater" incident to refresh the narrative?** That may explain the timing of an incident in a high-profile venue (Times Square) featuring a power-of-association component (New York) that could plausibly be attributed to Pakistan as a source of violent Islamic extremists. The control wielded in Washington by the Israel lobby remains little known to mainstream Americans. As our representatives in what was meant to be a representative system of governance, the U.S. Congress now epitomizes "the people in between." The accountability of Congress to the broader population—or even to our troops in the field—is now out of the question. **Meanwhile those who deceived the U.S. to war in Iraq are working to induce us to war in Iran—or Pakistan. If the consensus storyline cannot be sustained, the consequences are clear. If the War on Terrorism loses credibility, the resulting stability will provide Americans with the breathing space required to identify the real enemy. And to begin rooting out a deeply entrenched treason.**

**This Can Only End Badly:** Meanwhile business-as-usual continues in plain sight. The day after Israel was admitted to the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu charged that Iran is provoking Israel to wage war with Syria. When President Shimon Peres denied this week that Israel would go to war with Syria, he meant that Syria is the likely rationale for the next crisis. **When on May 11<sup>th</sup> he declared in Moscow that nuclear terror is the world's greatest threat, rest assured that game theory war planners in Tel Aviv have in place a plausible plan for blaming such an incident on Iran-backed Hezbollah.** The same day that "proximity talks" began, the Palestinians confirmed that Israel had another settlement underway in East Jerusalem. **The next day, the Israeli minister for public safety announced that Israel will demolish Arab homes in East Jerusalem. On May 12<sup>th</sup> ("Jerusalem Day"), the U.S.-based Conference of Presidents (of Major American Jewish Organizations) took a full-page ad in *The New York Times* to proclaim "Jerusalem in the Heart of the Jewish People."** Meanwhile, Netanyahu announced from Israel, "We will never divide Jerusalem." When this Likud Party leader calls for peace while insisting on conditions that make peace impossible, rest assured that more provocations are planned. The latest storyline in search of traction: Syrian-provided poison-gas missiles pose a threat to Israel from Lebanon-based, Iran-backed Hezbollah. As the war on terrorism is rebranded, it is not yet clear how the Pakistan Taliban will be worked into the narrative. **All we know for certain is that Muslims will remain the Evil Doers in this storyline. And that Israelis will once again be cast as hapless victims. Anticipating a tactical need to collapse another government, Israeli politicians are in discussions about an alliance between the Kadima Party and the Labor Party.** When the latest Likud coalition falters, the resulting political instability will inject into the field the requisite "entropy" for Israel to continue on its current path without a government with whom other nations can negotiate. What is the endgame for those once again defrauding the nation that befriended this enclave six decades ago and has since defended their interests without question? What happens when Americans understand the depth and duration of this duplicity? **And when the U.S. military confirms the common source of this ongoing treason? What happens when a long-deceived global public grasps what this entangled alliance has cost them in blood and treasure over the past 62 years? What Next for The People in Between?** The most recent Sunday edition of *The New York Times* is filled not with hopes of a nuclear-free Middle East but with fears of the future horrors inflicted on Americans by Muslim Evil Doers. **That storyline is reinforced on television by a reminder of the horrors inflicted on Danny Pearl. Meanwhile it's made to appear that pro-Israeli moderates are busily working to restrain extremists in the Likud Party. That too is part of the storyline. The Big Question is this: is anyone still buying it? Meanwhile the Big Sell continues.**

**The Sunday *New York Times* featured page after page marketing fear and insecurity:**

- The front page featured a large photo of U.S.-born Islamic cleric Anwar al-Awaki who advised a series of alleged Evil Doers whose photos were also prominently displayed:
- Nidal Malik Hasan, the Fort Hood shooter.
- Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the Christmas Day Bomber.
- Faisal Shahzad, the Times Square Bomber

The featured article consumed two full inside pages. There was no news coverage—none—of the pending U.N. proposal to free the Middle East of nuclear weapons. **The front page of the commentary section in the national paper of record included two major articles. The first article warned that this enemy "may mutate and even grow."** The second analysis explored "when to suspend fear." The book review section featured "Trials of the Diaspora: A History of Anti-Semitism in England," and "Heidegger—The Introduction of Nazism into Philosophy." **The only mention of the pending U.N. proposal for ridding the Middle East of nuclear weapons appeared in the lead editorial titled "Fixing the Treaty." The editors' assessment of Israel giving up its nuclear weapons: "That is not going to happen any time soon."** To successfully wage war in the shared field of consciousness, an enemy must hide in plain sight. Otherwise,

those deceived cannot be induced to believe. There lies the fast-emerging peril for those complicit in this ongoing treason. As the common source of this duplicity becomes transparent, its operatives are becoming apparent (Gates, 2010).

**Date:** May 13, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Examiner, Associated Press, Eva Vergara, Federico Quilodran

**Title/Headline:** *Chile Cops Raid House Of Embassy Detainee's Friend*

**Abstract:** Police found traces of an explosives material on clothes seized at the home of a Pakistani who was detained after the same substance was detected on documents and a cell phone he carried on a visit this week to the U.S. Embassy, Chile's state television said Thursday night. National prosecutor Sabas Chahuan said that "I think there is a crime" and that after the investigation into Mohammed Saifur Rehman Khan is complete authorities "will have concrete results." Khan, 28, is being held for a week under Chile's anti-terrorism laws while being investigated for alleged explosives violations. **He was summoned to the U.S. Embassy on Monday because his U.S. visa had been revoked, and he was arrested after security equipment detected traces of explosives on his phone and papers.** Khan's public defender, Francisco Geisse, said evidence thus far "doesn't show the existence of a crime." State TV said on the evening news that crime lab personnel had identified the material as Tetryl, a compound used to increase the explosive power of TNT. Police in white suits also took away Khan's computer earlier this week. The television report said investigators were looking for five more people known to Khan for questioning. Police spent hours on Thursday searching the apartment of an Egyptian man who was friendly with Khan. **Officers dressed head-to-toe in white anti-contamination suits carried out a computer, compact discs, an agenda and a cell phone, police said. The Egyptian man who reportedly befriended Khan at a Santiago mosque was not seen by reporters, and police released no information about him.** Colleagues and acquaintances have described Khan as calm and gentlemanly and say he doesn't fit the popular image of a terrorist. **At Santiago's EuroHotel, where Khan earned about \$115 a month in a work-study position, workers were puzzled by the turn of events, which came just over a week after the failed car-bomb attempt in New York's Times Square that has been blamed on a Pakistani man.** "He was a complete gentleman, very proper, like the gentlemen of old," said Alex Garcia, head of the hotel's reception and reservations. "Someone who is a hotelier recognizes when another person knows the profession, and Khan knew it. He had a vocation for service and was very attentive," said Garcia, adding that Khan seemed "tranquil, very correct and educated, speaking about five languages." Khan came to Chile in January to study Spanish and the hotel industry after staying with his brother, a doctoral student at Michigan State University, for a month last year, according to the Pakistani Embassy. **"We have many questions and few answers," said Pakistani Ambassador Burhanul Islam, who promised legal and consular support to Khan. In Santiago, Garcia worked with Khan daily for almost a month and was also his Spanish instructor. Khan said he was born in Pakistan on Aug. 21, 1982, and told of being the son of a retired doctor and from a middle-class family, Garcia said. "I think his father ... must have sent him money,"** Garcia said. Mohammed Rumie, secretary-general of Chile's Islamic community and spokesman for the As-Salam mosque, told The Associated Press that Khan "came every Friday to the mosque, like all Muslims." "He didn't appear a conflictive or problematic person — quite the opposite, he was very silent, very calm," Rumie said. Asked about reports that Khan belonged to Islam's Salafi movement, Rumie said he did not know where the reports had come from and that his As-Salam mosque doesn't adhere to such movements. The Salafi movement preaches an ultraconservative Islam similar to Saudi Arabia's Wahhabi strain, strictly segregating the sexes and interpreting religious texts literally. **Salafis tend to be nonpolitical, but a minority jihadist stream embraces al-Qaida's call for holy war against the West.** The U.S. ambassador to Chile, Paul Simon, said there was no indication that the embassy was the target of an attack. Khan was detained nine days after Faisal Shahzad, a Pakistan-born U.S. citizen, allegedly tried to set off a bomb-laden SUV in Times Square after receiving training from the Taliban in Pakistan. But by then, the U.S. had already decided to revoke Khan's visa, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said. **"This issue predates the Times Square incident and we are not aware of a connection between the two," he said. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the U.S. government will cooperate fully with the Chilean investigation of Khan. "There were solid grounds for apprehending him and he will be charged under Chilean laws," Crowley said. The Pakistani Embassy said Khan had been called to the U.S. Embassy "to have an interview regarding his documents, in particular his passport and his academic certifications."** Khan "denied the accusations that he possessed explosive materials and the charges of links to terrorist organizations," the statement said. "The Embassy has not received any details regarding (criminal) charges or any solid evidence that establishes that Saifur Rehman (Khan) has any link with a terrorist organization or that he has the intention of committing a terrorist act at the U.S. Embassy in Santiago," the statement added. **"He would have to be a very bad terrorist to enter the embassy with traces of explosive material, knowing that the embassy is a dangerous place where he would face serious accusations if he were caught,"** Islam said. Khan briefly spoke to reporters through the window of a police vehicle before he was taken to the high-security prison where he is being held under Chile's anti-terrorism law. **"No, I am not a terrorist. I do not have nothing to do with bombs. I am a working man," he said in strongly accented English** (Vergara, & Quilodran, 2010).

**Date:** May 13, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, William K. Rashbaum, Scott Shane

**Title/Headline:** *3 In Custody May Have Supported Bomb Suspect*

**Abstract:** Three Pakistani men taken into custody during a series of raids across the Northeast as part of the investigation into the failed Times Square car bombing may have provided money to the man who has admitted carrying out the unsuccessful attack, Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. said Thursday. At one of the homes searched on Long Island, Mohammad Iqbal, a limousine driver in New York City, said seven or eight F.B.I. agents arrived at his two-story red brick home in Shirley at 6 a.m. and stayed until 11:30 a.m. **They questioned him about whether he had any knowledge of the Times Square plot. They also asked about an old friend of his: Mohammad Younus, the target of the search in Centereach. Mr. Younus had lived with him for "a couple of months" during a fight with his wife four years ago, Mr. Iqbal said. They had become friends when they worked together at a 7-Eleven. He did not think Mr. Younus was involved with the plot and said he was still confused as to why the agents had come to his house. "I answered all their questions," he said, adding that the agents were polite and respectful and did not take anything with them from his home. The searches**



in New Jersey were focused on the same man, whose home and business, a printing press sales company, were both searched, according to one person briefed on the matter. The house that was searched in Watertown is across the street from the local middle school and next door to a housing development for the elderly on a tree-lined street of mostly two-family homes. Neighbors said about 15 to 20 F.B.I. agents with guns drawn approached the house between 6:15 and 6:30 a.m. Sirens blared, helicopters circled overhead and agents yelled, "F.B.I.! Don't move!" and "F.B.I.! Put your hands up!" **"When I looked out the window, they all had their guns pointed at the house," said Barbara Lacerra, who lives across the street. Later, agents wearing raid jackets from Immigration and Customs Enforcement could be seen leading a handcuffed man to an unmarked car. "They had him in handcuffs and shackles," Mrs. Lacerra said. "He was very calm and had his head down."** She said she also saw agents take computers out of the house. Another neighbor, who would not give his name, said two men "with connections to Pakistan" had lived in the top floor of the house for a few months. The neighbor said he had seen law enforcement officials conducting surveillance at the house for about a week. The men who live there are auto mechanics, the neighbor said, and often tinkered with a Honda in a driveway behind the house. The neighbor said one of the men works at a Mobil station in Brookline — one of the locations of the searches (Rashbaum & Shane, 2010).

**Date:** May 15, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Prosecution Rests In Trial Of 5 Americans Charged With Planning Terror Attacks in Pakistan*

**Abstract:** The prosecution concluded its case Saturday against five Americans on trial in a Pakistani court facing life sentences after being charged with planning terrorist attacks in the South Asian country. The men — all Muslims in their late teens or early 20s from the Washington suburb of Alexandria, Virginia — have pleaded not guilty to five charges. The accused were given a last chance to respond to the prosecution before the defense presents its side on June 9, prosecutor Nadeem Akram said. In a written statement, the men said the charges against them were trumped up and police planted discriminating evidence. **"We just wanted to go to Afghanistan to help our Muslim brother on humanitarian grounds," they said. The prosecution presented 19 witnesses and evidence including e-mail contacts allegedly with the Pakistani Taliban, and receipts of money they allegedly donated to banned militant groups in Pakistan,** Akram said. There was a "strong case" for conviction in the trial being heard by one judge, he said. The case is among several of foreigners allegedly signing up to join insurgents. U.S. and Pakistan are continuing to investigate the Pakistani-American suspect in the botched Times Square bombing on May 1. Family members have said Faisal Shahzad never exhibited signs of extremism, raising questions as to why men who spent much of their lives in the West would seemingly be drawn to militant Islam. **The five men were arrested in Pakistan in December after being reported missing by their families. One had left behind a farewell video showing scenes of war and casualties and saying Muslims must be defended. Pakistani police have publicly made several accusations against the young men, claiming the suspects contacted Pakistani-based jihadi groups. They accused the five of using the social networking site Facebook and video-sharing site YouTube while they were in the U.S. to try to connect with extremist groups in Pakistan. Their lawyer has said they were heading to Afghanistan and had no plans to stage attacks inside Pakistan.** The trial is taking place inside a high-security prison in the eastern city of Sargodha and media have not been allowed to cover the proceedings. **The men have been identified as Ramy Zamzam of Egyptian descent, Waqar Khan and Umar Farooq of Pakistani descent, and Aman Hassan Yemer and Ahmed Minni of Ethiopian descent (Fox News, 2010).**



**Date:** May 15, 2010

**Source:** The Times Of India

**Title/Headline:** *Next Big Terrorist Attack On US Will Be Postmarked 'Pakistan': CIA Analyst*

**Abstract:** A former CIA analyst, who helped President Barack Obama formulate his Pakistan-Afghanistan policy, sees **"a very serious possibility that the next mass casualty terrorist attack on the United States will be postmarked Pakistan."** **"What we're seeing going on in Pakistan now is a very dangerous phenomenon," says Bruce Riedel, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, in an interview with the Council on Foreign Relations, a Washington think tank. "The ideology of al Qaida, the ideology of global Islamic jihad that all jihadists should focus on the United States as the ultimate enemy, is gaining ground with groups beyond al Qaida,"** said Riedel, who chaired a special interagency committee last year to develop Obama's Af-Pak policy. Obama and previous Bush administrations have been pressuring Pakistan for years to shut down completely the jihadist Frankenstein that was created over three decades in Pakistan, Riedel said. But **"no Pakistani government has yet been willing to take on the entire network of terrorist groups."** US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has also raised questions about some in the Pakistani government still retaining links to al Qaida, the Afghan Taliban, the Pakistani Taliban, Lashkar-e-Taiba and a host of other groups. **"We saw this in 2008 in Mumbai, when Lashkar-e-Taiba attacked Mumbai and attacked American and Israeli targets," Riedel said noting "Those are the targets of al Qaida and the global Islamic jihad."** **"We've now seen the Pakistani Taliban try to launch an attack on the United States of America for the first time,"** he said referring to the arrest of Pakistani-American Faisal Shahzad in connection to the failed car bombing in New York's Times Square. **"This spreading of the idea of global Islamic jihad is very dangerous and as it gets deeper and deeper into the extremist groups in Pakistan it means we can expect more attacks like the one we saw at Times Square, and we can expect them to become increasingly sophisticated and more capable,"** Riedel said. Clinton has warned of "severe consequences" for Pakistan in the event of a successful Pakistan-based terrorist attack in the United States. **But US options to act against Pakistan are "severely limited," Riedel said arguing**

the best option is "to get Pakistan to do more now" in its fight against extremism, he says, by providing more weapons and technological aid (The Times Of India, 2010).

**Date:** May 16, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Anne Bernard

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani-Americans And Police Sharing, And Trying To Spread, Trust*

**Abstract:** Last month, a resident of Avon, Conn., received a threatening letter full of religious references. The police chief there, Mark Rinaldo, wondered whether the letter implied a broader threat from a Muslim militant. **He called Dr. Atique A. Mirza, a Pakistani-born Muslim cardiologist, who studied the letter for cultural, religious and political clues. They concluded that the threat probably involved a narrow dispute between neighbors. Now that a Pakistani-American man from Connecticut, Faisal Shahzad, stands accused of trying to detonate a car bomb in Times Square, setting off soul-searching and unease among the state's thousands of residents of Pakistani descent, Mr. Rinaldo and Dr. Mirza are holding up their relationship — built over three years of meetings and cooperation between Pakistani-Americans and law enforcement — as a model for communities across the state and the nation.** The comfort level is such, said Mr. Rinaldo, that Dr. Mirza "wouldn't be insulted and say, 'Why are you calling me,' " nor would the chief doubt Dr. Mirza's analysis. **"That's the trusting relationship we are looking for," said Dr. Mirza, who has formally assumed the role of Avon's police-community liaison for the Pakistani American Association of Connecticut (Paact), which has similar representatives in 13 towns and hopes to increase the number to 70.** Paact's work makes Mr. Shahzad's case all the more upsetting to Dr. M. Saud Anwar, a pulmonologist who founded the group. He has played a role in the investigation, acting as liaison between the authorities and a Pakistani friend of Mr. Shahzad's who feared talking to them. The friend provided e-mail messages that may shed light on Mr. Shahzad's views on violence. But Dr. Anwar wishes the attempt could have been stopped before it began, something he calls possible in future cases if cooperation between his community and the authorities increases by another "order of magnitude." **"This is not, God forbid, to spy on people, but just to live your life the way it is and if you notice something that concerns you, speak up," he said, speaking to about 100 Connecticut residents of Pakistani descent and representatives of the F.B.I., the State Police and a dozen police departments who gathered Saturday at the Ramada Inn in Stratford. "This is someone who lived among us and under the radar without anybody in the community knowing he was radicalized."** Paact moves beyond reminding law enforcement not to unfairly paint all Muslims as terrorists — though it still strongly takes that position. It also calls on Pakistani-Americans to acknowledge that people of Pakistani descent have been implicated in high-profile terrorist attacks, to probe the causes and in the process to remind the public that they want security as much as other Americans do. **Dr. Mirza's wife, Faryal, an endocrinologist, took a similar approach when her son was called "terrorist" in school several years ago. She began giving annual diversity classes, in which she offered Pakistani food and talked about her culture and religion. She also goes out of her way to let patients know she is Pakistani, so they associate the country with something other than terrorism. Although she could have argued that the burden of explaining culture should not fall on her, she said, "We have to be proactive."** Now Paact hopes to franchise its approach to other states. On June 19, the group is holding a national conference in Hartford on radicalization and prevention, featuring the Pakistani ambassador, representatives of the National Counterterrorism Center, theologians and others. Saturday's meeting focused on the narrower question of how it could have been that people did not seem to remember Mr. Shahzad from a mosque or a dinner party, let alone alert the authorities about him. Dr. Mirza said it pointed to a need to rethink the atomization of suburban culture: **"Know your neighbors; say hi; help them when they need you; be attentive."** Mr. Shahzad may have isolated himself from mosques and Pakistani organizations, but he must have had some connections; he was married to a Pakistani-American and lived in Bridgeport, where there is a relatively large Pakistani-American population, said Jaleel Rahman, a retired real estate agent. **"We have to be more vigilant," Mr. Rahman said. Zaheer Sharaf, Paact's president, said that many Pakistanis were afraid of the police, because they believe that police officers in their original country are corrupt.** Add to that the post-9/11 fear that reporting a suspicion about a Muslim might lead to an overreaction by the authorities, and it made for a wide gulf between Pakistani-Americans and the police forces that Mr. Rinaldo, the police chief of Avon, said he was unaware of until he began meeting with Dr. Mirza and others. His reaction: "Wait a minute. We're the good guys. We have to open up to this community." **This month, he said, he was upset to see negative reactions to Pakistani-Americans after Mr. Shahzad's arrest. "It seems to be one individual, yet a whole community is suffering for the crime," Mr. Rinaldo said. "It's not fair."** Mateen Haider, 56, an engineer from South Windsor, said that Pakistanis, like all immigrants, simply want to fit in, so they are loath to do anything that could draw attention, including call the police. **"That is no longer enough," he said, telling the meeting: "Today is a great day. We have spoken out. We are all united together as citizens, and we will fight this to the end"** (Barnard, 2010).

**Date:** May 17, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Eric Schmitt, Mark Landler

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. To Press Pakistan On Bomb Plot Inquiry*

**Abstract:** The White House is dispatching two senior national security aides to Pakistan this week to press the government there to intensify efforts to investigate the failed Times Square bomb plot and prevent others like it, administration officials said Monday. Gen. James L. Jones, the national security adviser, and Leon E. Panetta, the C.I.A. director, left Washington on Monday night, in the highest-level American visit to Pakistan, the authorities say, since Faisal Shahzad, a naturalized Pakistani immigrant, drove a crude car bomb into Times Square on May 1. A senior administration official said General Jones would not threaten the Pakistanis, but would convey the risks to the country's relationship with the United States if a deadly terrorist attack originated there. He plans to prod them to take tougher steps against the Taliban and other insurgent groups, the official said. The American officials and their Pakistani counterparts are expected to compare information collected by each side on the Times Square case, examine what vulnerabilities it reveals, and decide what additional military, law enforcement and intelligence-gathering actions need to be taken. **"In light of the failed Times Square terrorist attack and other terrorist attacks that trace to the border region, we believe that it is time to redouble our efforts with our allies in Pakistan to close this safe haven and create an environment where we and the Pakistani**

people can lead safe and productive lives,” Michael A. Hammer, a National Security Council spokesman, said by e-mail Monday night. While General Jones’s specific requests were not clear, the senior administration official said he might ask Pakistan’s military to push harder into North Waziristan, the main base for the Pakistani Taliban, Al Qaeda and other militant groups. **Mr. Shahzad, 30, has told investigators that he trained in North Waziristan, but Pakistan has said it is still preoccupied trying to hold South Waziristan and Swat. “There is creeping frustration,” said the administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly. “Some people are asking, ‘Why are they not going into North Waziristan?’”** Among the other possible American requests, this official said, were more intense surveillance of suspected terrorists and allowing more American military advisers to operate in Pakistan. The United States is also proposing to open a new consulate in Quetta, in southwestern Pakistan, where the C.I.A. would likely have a sizable presence. **“Panetta’s devoted a lot of time and energy to building strong relationships with the Pakistanis, and it’s paid off in terms of their cooperation,”** said another American official, who was not authorized to discuss the trip. The official said Pakistani investigators “have done some good work on the Shahzad case, too, and it’s important for them to have as fresh a picture as possible of how the United States views the threat from the tribal areas.” American intelligence officials have expressed growing concern about the increasingly intertwined network of Islamic extremist groups operating in and around Pakistan’s tribal areas. Soon after the failed attack, Pakistani authorities arrested Muhammad Rehan, who they said had spent time with Mr. Shahzad during a recent visit to the Pakistani city of Karachi. Mr. Rehan was arrested in Karachi at a mosque known for its links with the militant group Jaish-e-Muhammad. **“Shahzad was able to connect with people in Pakistan who traveled with him to North Waziristan and back,”** said another official who has been briefed on the inquiry. **“How he did that without the Pakistani intelligence service knowing about it is a worry.”** The official suggested this indicated that the Pakistani Taliban was working with other Islamic militant groups to facilitate their training, logistics and operations. **“These guys have been able to subcontract ways around detection,”** he said. The administration is treading carefully to avoid a repeat of the negative reaction in Pakistan to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton’s recent warning that there would be “very severe consequences” for Pakistan if there were a terrorist attack originating from there. **Instead, the administration sees the Times Square plot as a reason to push the Pakistanis to do several things it has long desired. “Sometimes things like this are an opportunity,”** the official said (Schmitt & Landler, 2010).

**Date:** May 18, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Time Square Bomb Suspect Had Multiple Targets, Source Say*

**Abstract:** Alleged Times Square bomber Faisal Shahzad had multiple targets in the New York area, and was planning to wreak havoc in four other locations if his first, botched attack had been successful, a source told MyFoxNY.com. Shahzad, who authorities say left a car bomb in Times Square on May 1, had also hatched plots against other high-profile targets in and around New York City: Rockefeller Center, Grand Central Terminal, the World Financial Center — just across from Ground Zero — and the Connecticut-based defense contractor Sikorsky. A source told MyFoxNY that Shahzad picked out the exact date and time to maximize the effect of the bomb by watching streaming videos online from Times Square. Shahzad determined that the landmark attraction is busiest on Saturday nights at 6:30 p.m., and planned an alternate date for Saturday, May 8. **Shahzad, 30, slowly bought the ingredients for his makeshift bomb over an extended period of time because his connections in a bomb-making training camp in Pakistan taught him to avoid raising suspicions, the source said. Shahzad purchased a green Nissan Pathfinder on Craigslist and packed the vehicle with fertilizer, gasoline, methane and fireworks, authorities say, though the homemade bomb failed to explode. Shahzad also bought a second vehicle through Craigslist — a black Isuzu rodeo — from a mechanic in Stratford, Conn., who was questioned and cleared by the FBI, and is not a suspect, the source told MyFoxNY. Sikorsky, the defense contractor allegedly targeted by Shahzad, is headquartered in Stratford and manufactures helicopters for the U.S. military. The company also has facilities in Shelton and Bridgeport — the same two cities where Shahzad has lived (Fox News, 2010).**

**Date:** May 18, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Ian Cobain, Richard Norton-Taylor

**Title/Headline:** *Two Pakistani Students Pose 'Serious Threat' But Can Stay In UK*

**Abstract:** Britain's counter-terrorism strategy was thrown into turmoil today when a judge ruled that two Pakistani students posed a serious threat to national security but could not be deported because of the risk they would be tortured or killed in their own country. **A special immigration court ruled that Abid Naseer was an al-Qaida operative who remained a serious threat, while his friend Ahmed Faraz Khan had been radicalised before coming to the UK and was willing to participate in terrorist activity.** Neither man was allowed to see the evidence upon which the court reached its decision, and nor was their solicitor. **After they had been publicly identified as terrorism suspects, the court also ruled that it was not possible for them to be deported to Pakistan, where terrorism suspects face torture or death.** Mr Justice Mitting, chair of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Siac), said that in Pakistan “there is a long and well-documented history of disappearances, illegal detention and of the torture and ill-treatment of those detained, usually to produce information, a confession or compliance”. Theresa May, the home secretary, expressed disappointment at the ruling. She said: **“We are now taking all possible measures to ensure they do not engage in terrorist activity.”** Home Office ministers and senior security officials considering the implications of the ruling for Britain's counter-terrorism legislation. Since in law the two men cannot be jailed without trial, it appears certain they will be subjected to control orders – measures the Liberal Democrats condemned before the election as a “Kafkaesque” violation of the right to a fair trial. Mitting's decision came after a police and MI5 operation marred by failings and mishaps that triggered the resignation of the country's most senior counter-terrorism detective and resulted in public criticism of Greater Manchester police by the government's anti-terrorism legislation watchdog. Human rights groups say the judge's comments about Pakistani human rights abuses will make uncomfortable reading for senior figures in the last government, which encouraged Islamabad to detain and interrogate British citizens, using questions drawn up by British intelligence officers and police – a practice lawyers condemned as complicity in torture. **“Siac gave a clear nod to the authorities that if the [Pakistani] Inter-Services Intelligence stops torturing suspects then it would be possible to deport people to Pakistan. International co-operation has to be based on shared values, not**

**just shared intelligence,"** said Shami Chakrabarti, the director of civil rights group Liberty. The ruling also raises questions about the use of secret evidence. The men's solicitor, Gareth Peirce, condemned the decision as "the worst of all possible worlds", as they had been branded terrorists on the basis of material they could not see or challenge. "It's no victory, even though the young men have won," Peirce said. "They have been stigmatised for life and put at risk or even further risk in their own country on the basis of the shocking phenomenon of secret evidence. It's no way to conduct justice. **If people have committed a crime, put them on trial."** **Naseer and Khan, both 23, were among 11 men, all but one Pakistani, arrested in April last year amid fears they were planning a bomb attack in Manchester. They came under suspicion because MI5 believed Naseer, a computing student at John Moores University in Liverpool, had links with al-Qaida, and that emails he sent, in which he mentioned a *nikkah*, or Muslim marriage contract, were a signal that an attack was imminent. "Hi Buddy," one email read. "My mates are well and yes my affair with Nadia is soon turning in to family life. I met with Nadia family [sic] and we both parties have agreed to conduct the Nikkah after 15th and before 20th of this month." The court accepted, from evidence heard in secret, that the recipient of the emails was an al-Qaida terrorist," "There is a longterm continuing threat [to Britain] and this is part of the narrative of that threat,"** a senior security source said. The arrests were brought forward after the assistant commissioner, Bob Quick, the head of Scotland Yard's counter-terrorism command, was photographed in Downing Street clutching clearly visible secret documents revealing details of the investigation.. After being seized at addresses in Manchester, Liverpool and Clitheroe in Lancashire, the men were held for two weeks then released without charge. **The 10 Pakistani nationals were immediately detained again on national security grounds. After several months in prison, all but Naseer and Khan left the UK voluntarily, still protesting their innocence, and complaining the arrests had ruined their reputations and damaged their education.** After an inquiry, Lord Carlile, the terrorism legislation watchdog, said that none of the arrests had been made "on a full evidential foundation", and that "the authorities had no specific information as to where the suspected terrorist event was to occur, nor any precise knowledge as to its nature". **Some of the group had been arrested simply because they were associates of others, he said. But police were "probably right" to mount a large-scale operation, with gunpoint arrests in public places. A third member of the group, Shoaib Khan, 31, who appealed against deportation after returning to Pakistan, won his case after the court said he was not a "knowing party" to Naseer's plans. Tariq ur Rehman, 39, and Abdul Wahab Khan, 27, lost appeals to return to the UK, with the court ruling they had been knowing participants. If the government were to resort to control orders to restrict the activities of the two men, it would represent a remarkable volte-face for the Liberal Democrat members of the coalition government: few other counter-terrorism measures have been so reviled by the party's leadership. Speaking in 2007, for example, Nick Clegg, now deputy prime minister, asked : "How can it be right to impose what amounts to home detention without giving suspects any evidence for such a measure?" Two years later Clegg was warning that they represented "a slippery slope" that threatened to lead to further erosions of personal freedom. Last January, Chris Huhne, right, then the party's home affairs spokesman, fumed: "It is an affront to British justice and the freedom people have fought and died for to place people under de facto house arrest without even telling them why." Two months later Huhne condemned the orders as Kafkaesque, a bad dream and a nightmare, that were "a violation of fundamental rights and an expensive failure to boot"** (Cobain & Norton-Taylor, 2010).

**Date:** May 18, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Duncan Gardham, Gordon Rayner

**Title/Headline:** *Arrest Of 'Easter Bombers' Led To International Al-Qaeda Network*

**Abstract:** Over the following weeks and months agents would gather evidence which left no doubt that Muslim fanatics were not only planning to blow up shopping centres in Manchester, but were also connected to a planned attack on New York's transport network which would have been the worst US atrocity since 9/11. Operation Pathway, as the investigation was codenamed, began in February last year, when MI5 began looking at a Muslim man in his forties living in the inner-city area of Cheetham Hill, Manchester. The man was working in a hair products company where he had access to bomb making materials, causing instant concern. His roommate, Abid Naseer, had arrived in Britain from Pakistan on a student visa two years earlier, exploiting a system he knew well from working at an office in Pakistan where he handed out advice for John Moores University in Liverpool. Once in Britain, Naseer, 24, and his co-conspirators dropped out of their courses and began work as a security guard, maintaining their student status by signing up for bogus courses at the Manchester College of Professional Studies. MI5 noted that Naseer and others spent a lot of time at the Cyber Net café in Cheetham Hill, and GCHQ began monitoring their emails. Analysts believed the emails were in code and that Naseer was telling an al-Qaeda contact in Pakistan about the availability of different bomb-making materials, substituting girls' names for chemicals. "I saw a slight glimpse of Huma day before yesterday," he wrote in one, "but she was very weak and difficult to convince...Nadia is more gorgeous than Huma at the moment and she is easy to befriend...Nadia is crystal clear girl and it won't take long to relate with her...What do u suggest my friend?" The contact in Pakistan replied offering "any kind of help" and adding: "pay my salam [greetings] to all students...take care," suggesting that Naseer was not working alone. In another, he wrote: "You know Gulnaz and Fozia. WOW man. I would love to get them in my friends list but you know I have been thinking about their abilities. "Gulnaz sounds ok but she is found [sic] of money and in order to approach her I must find work to save money." Naseer also referred to a car, saying "girls mostly like guys with car," leading to suspicions of a car bomb attack, while references to a wedding were thought to refer to the day of the planned bombings. He added: "I am trying to include as many as possible in ceremony when it take place." Then on April 3, Naseer wrote to his contact: "Hi Buddy...I met with Nadia family and we both parties have agreed to conduct the nikah [wedding] after 15th and before 20th of this month." Suddenly, it became clear that the men might be just days away from carrying out a terrorist "spectacular" over the Easter weekend. Assistant Commissioner Bob Quick of the Metropolitan Police and his MI5 counterparts decided the suspects had to be rounded up before it was too late, and they planned a series of simultaneous 2am raids in Manchester, Liverpool and Lancashire. But when Mr Quick went to Downing Street on April 8, the day before the planned raids, to brief Gordon Brown and the then Home Secretary Jacqui Smith, he committed the cardinal sin of walking in with the plans clearly visible to photographers, risking the entire operation. Hundreds of police officers across the north west had to be scrambled to round up the 12 men that afternoon, and all were held within the space of an hour. At Liverpool John Moores University, students used mobile phone cameras to film the dramatic arrest of one suspect by armed officers outside a library. Other raids were carried out in the Wavertree area of Liverpool; at the Cyber Net café in Cheetham Hill, Manchester; in Galsworthy Avenue, Manchester, where Naseer was



held, and on the M602 motorway between Manchester and Eccles, where one man was pulled out of a white van. More than 30 miles from Manchester, in the unlikely setting of a new Homebase store which was due to open for the first time the following day, more than 80 police officers swooped to arrest two men working as security guards. **A series of raids on addresses linked to the 12 men were also carried out, and although no explosives were found, and no charges could be brought, the security services were in no doubt that they had foiled a major attack on the UK.** As part of their raids, police recovered pictures taken of one man outside the Arndale shopping centre in central Manchester on different days, and including a number of different angles to show the street around the shops and the exits. **MI5 and its foreign intelligence counterpart MI6 then set about tracking down who Naseer had been in contact with in Pakistan.** After identifying the man they believed had been in email contact with Naseer, their inquiries led them to Najibullah Zazi, an Afghan-born suspect living in Aurora, Colorado, who was working as an airport shuttle driver and who had begun hoarding large quantities of hydrogen peroxide, a key ingredient for homemade bombs. US investigators concluded he had been planning an attack on New York on the 2009 anniversary of 9/11 and the US Attorney General Eric Holder said Zazi's plot was **"One of the most serious in the United States since September 11, 2001."** MI5 believes the al-Qaeda commander behind the plots in Britain and the US was Rashid Rauf, a terrorist from Birmingham who was also behind the plot to blow up airliners over the Atlantic in 2006. He had risen through the ranks of al-Qaeda through his involvement as a link-man in the July 7, July 21 and airlines plots. Increasingly starved of western recruits, Rauf came up with a plan in 2008 to use Pakistani and Afghan-born militants who were to be sent to the West posing as students, sources have told the Daily Telegraph. **Rauf is believed to have been planning a series of attacks on a shopping centre in Manchester, the New York metro and Long Island Railroad. The first element of the plan was uncovered when an American called Bryant Neal Vinas was detained in Peshawar in November 2008. Vinas, a Muslim convert of Latin American origin, had been in Pakistan since 2007 where he admitted receiving training from al-Qaeda, meeting Rashid Rauf and agreeing to become a suicide bomber as part of a plot to blow up a train on the Long Island Railroad. Around the same time, at the end of 2008, the Americans tracked down Rauf, killing him with a Predator missile fired from an unmanned drone. But it was only after the arrests of the 12 suspects in Manchester and Liverpool that the rest of Rauf's plan was finally revealed (Gardham & Raynew, 2010).**

**Date:** May 19, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Associated Press, Chris Brummitt

**Title/Headline:** *CIA Chief Briefs Pakistan On Times Square Suspect*

**Abstract:** The CIA director briefed senior Pakistani officials Wednesday on the investigation into the failed Times Square car bombing and praised the country's cooperation, a statement from both sides said. A Pakistani-born American has been arrested on suspicion of masterminding the May 1 botched bombing and has allegedly told investigators he trained under the Pakistani Taliban in the largely militant-held region of Waziristan, close to the Afghan border. U.S. officials have praised a series of offensives against the Pakistani Taliban and allied groups in the border areas over the last two years. But the Times Square incident has added to pressure on the army to move into North Waziristan, a region it has previously largely left alone. **The visit by CIA Director Leon Panetta and U.S. national security adviser former Gen. James Jones was the first since the failed attack.** The two men met with President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday afternoon, said presidential spokesman Farhatullah Babar. They were also scheduled to meet with Pakistan's spy chief and other officials. **"Jones expressed appreciation for the excellent cooperation the United States is receiving from Pakistan," the statement said. "The talks covered measures that both countries are, and will be, taking to confront the common threat we face from extremists and prevent such potential attacks from occurring again."** Pakistani officials have said very little about the investigation. Anonymous officials say several people connected to the suspect, Faisal Shahzad, have been picked up, but they gave no information on what role — if any — they played in the attack. **The Pakistani Taliban, which have previously not conducted attacks on U.S. soil, have been the target of several Pakistani army offensives over the last two years and been battered by scores of American missile strikes. They are allied to al-Qaida and the Afghan Taliban just across the border.** As many as 60 militants and two soldiers were killed in fighting Wednesday in the Orakzai tribal region, said Samiullah Khan, an administrator in the office of the political agent in the region. He gave no more information and it was not possible to independently confirm the fighting. Orakzai has seen intense battles between the army and militants over the last month that have killed several hundred insurgents, officials say. **The region is off-limit to journalists. The army has not moved into the North Waziristan region in part because powerful insurgent commanders there have generally not attacked targets in Pakistan and the army is unwilling to antagonize them. In recent months, however, fleeing fighters and commanders from the Pakistani Taliban — which have launched scores of bloody suicide attacks around the country since 2007 — have moved there (Brummitt, 2010).**

**Date:** May 21, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Jane Perlez

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Major Among 2 New Arrests In Bombing*

**Abstract:** An army officer and a businessman have been detained as part of a widening inquiry into a circle of Pakistanis who had some knowledge of the activities of the man charged with trying to set off a crude car bomb in Times Square, according to a Western official and an American intelligence official. **The army officer was arrested in Rawalpindi, the garrison city that serves as the headquarters of the Pakistani Army, the American intelligence official said. He appeared to have been disaffected, and his involvement with Faisal Shahzad, the Pakistani-American charged with the failed bombing in New York, did not signal the involvement of the Pakistani Army in the attack,** the intelligence official said. The arrest of the officer, who holds the rank of major and whose name was not disclosed, and of Salman Ashraf Khan, 35, an executive of a catering company that organized functions for the American Embassy here, suggested the participation of a group of Pakistanis in helping Mr. Shahzad after he returned to Pakistan from the United States last year to plan the bombing, the officials said. Several other Pakistani men have been arrested in the Islamabad area in connection with the case, according to a Pakistani intelligence official who did not offer details about the men's backgrounds. A senior Pakistani official said Friday that Mr. Khan and the army major were among several Pakistanis being questioned in



connection with the Times Square case. Investigators were still sorting out exactly what role, if any, each individual played in helping Mr. Shahzad develop and plan the attack, the official said. The arrest of the army major, which was first reported by The Los Angeles Times, raised questions of whether the Pakistani Army harbored some officers and soldiers sympathetic to the cause of the Pakistani Taliban, the militant group that Mr. Shahzad has told American investigators trained him for his bombing attempt. Mr. Shahzad has said he traveled to North Waziristan, a major base for the Pakistani Taliban, to prepare for the attack. **The Pakistani Army has conducted a series of offensives against the Pakistani Taliban in the past year, and the arrest of an officer for working surreptitiously against that policy would be considered an embarrassment for the army, which is the country's most powerful institution.** The spokesman for the Pakistani Army denied earlier this week that an officer had been detained in the Times Square case. **He said that an officer had been arrested because he had declined to fight, for religious reasons. Pakistani officials have been reluctant to discuss the Times Square bombing case, and when they have done so they have played down any involvement of the Pakistani Taliban, choosing instead to depict Mr. Shahzad as a lone operator.** The nation's premier spy agency, Inter-Services Intelligence, is in charge of the investigation of the case, Pakistani officials have said. Like Mr. Shahzad, the catering executive, Mr. Khan, attended college in the United States. **He appears to have been part of a loose network of middle-class, educated Pakistani men here in Islamabad, the capital, who assisted Mr. Shahzad in planning the Times Square attack. The investigation and arrests in Islamabad appeared to concentrate on this informal network, which is suspected of having helped to recruit Pakistanis living abroad who wanted to return home to train for terrorist attacks,** a Western official said. They appeared to be motivated by a strong belief in jihadist causes and a hatred of the West, the official said. **The network appears to have included Mr. Khan and a close friend, Ahmed Raza Khan, who, like Mr. Khan, was arrested in Islamabad on May 10, Mr. Khan's father, Rana Ashraf Khan, said. Mr. Shahzad is the son of a retired senior Pakistani Air Force officer, and it appeared that the arrested army major was an acquaintance of Mr. Shahzad's father, according to a British terrorism expert, Sajjan Gohel, who is familiar with the investigation into the Times Square bombing.** The major may have helped Mr. Shahzad get in touch with the Pakistani Taliban and may have helped him travel to North Waziristan, Mr. Gohel said. Mr. Khan's arrest became public on Friday, after the **United States Embassy warned American residents in Pakistan to avoid using his company, Hanif Rajput Caterers, because "terrorist groups may have established links" to it.** The embassy sent an e-mail message with the warning and posted it on the embassy's Web site. Mr. Khan disappeared May 10, when he failed to arrive at the company headquarters after leaving his house in his car, his father, who is the company's chief executive, said in an interview in Islamabad. Mr. Khan graduated from the University of Houston in 2000, having majored in computer science, and then returned to Pakistan to work in the family's catering business, his father said. **Since graduating, he had not returned to the United States and he was married three years ago, his father said. Rana Ashraf Khan described his son as religious, but "definitely not an extremist."** Asked if his son had negative feelings toward the United States, he said: "To be honest, yes. But that is common." "I am shocked," he said of the accusation that his son was connected to the Times Square bombing, saying that his son had organized 900 catering events in the last six months, some for as many as 2,000 guests. The father said his son and his son's wife lived with him in the family home in Islamabad. Mr. Khan left the home for work at his usual time, about 11 a.m., on May 10, the father said. He never reached the office, according to the account. About noon, a man turned up outside the family's house in Mr. Khan's car, parked it and then left in a waiting taxi, the father said. **A dinner for 20 people, booked by a senior American diplomat for Saturday night, was suddenly canceled Friday by the United States Embassy, said Fahim Khan, the company's sales manager.** Until several years ago, when security at the embassy was tightened, the company catered the annual ball for the United States Marines, he said. The notice circulated by the United States Embassy came two days after the national security adviser, Gen. James L. Jones, and the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Leon E. Panetta, arrived in Islamabad to share leads with the Pakistani government on the investigation into the Times Square case. The elder Mr. Khan, who founded the catering company, said that despite frequent requests, the Pakistani authorities had refused to disclose his son's whereabouts (Perlez, 2010).

**Date:** May 29, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Terror Plot Prompts U.S. To Weigh Military Option In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** In response to a report that the U.S. military is developing plans for a unilateral attack on the Pakistani Taliban in the event of a successful terrorist strike in the United States that can be traced to them, a U.S. official said it makes sense to thwart terrorists "in the most aggressive ways possible." "Jones [National Security Adviser Jim Jones] and Panetta [CIA Director Leon Panetta] seemed to make a strong impression on the Pakistanis, especially when it came to the TTP links to the Times Square plot," the unidentified official told Fox News. **"The Pakistanis understand that our enemy is their enemy, too." Planning for a retaliatory attack was spurred by ties between alleged Times Square bomber Faisal Shahzad and elements of the Pakistani Taliban,** The Washington Post said in an article posted on its website Friday night, quoting unidentified senior military officials. **The military would focus on air and missile strikes but also could use small teams of U.S. Special Operations troops currently along the border with Afghanistan,** the Post said. Airstrikes could damage the militants' ability to launch new attacks but also might damage U.S.-Pakistani relations. The CIA already conducts unmanned drone strikes in the country's tribal regions. **Officials told the Post that a U.S. military response would be considered only if a terrorist attacks persuaded President Barack Obama that the CIA campaign is ineffective.** A senior U.S. official told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Pakistan already has been told that it has only weeks to show real progress in a crackdown against the Taliban. **The U.S. has put Pakistan "on a clock" to launch a new intelligence and counterterrorist offensive against the group, which the White House alleges was behind the Times Square bombing attempt,** according to the official. U.S. officials also have said the U.S. reserves the right to strike in the tribal areas in pursuit of Osama bin Laden and other high-value targets. At the same, the **Obama administration is working to improve ties with Pakistani intelligence officials to head off attacks by militant groups,** the Post reported. Officials quoted by the Post and the AP requested anonymity because of the sensitivity surrounding U.S. military and intelligence activities in Pakistan (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** May 30, 2010

**Source:** Xinhau News

**Title/Headline:** *Minister: Pakistani Extremist Groups Join Taliban, Al-Qaeda*

**Abstract:** Pakistani Interior Minister Rehman Malik said Sunday that several banned extremist groups have now become part and parcel of Taliban and al-Qaeda to destabilize the country. Malik said that members of the outlawed extremist groups, Lashkar Jhangvi, Jaish Muhammad and Sipah-e-Sahaba, received training in northwest Pakistan's Waziristan tribal region and have now formally joined Taliban and al-Qaeda. "They had been in hiding in southern parts of Punjab and now have surfaced and expanded their terror network upto Balochistan province," the interior minister told reporters after visiting worship places of the minority sect Ahmadis, which were attacked by gunmen and suicide bombers on Friday. A spokesman of the Ahmadis, a sect which was declared non-Muslim in Pakistan in 1974, said that 93 of its members were killed and over 100 others injured in the attacks on two of their worship places in Lahore, the capital of Punjab province. **Punjabi Taliban had claimed responsibility for the massacre and a statement from the media center of the Pakistani Taliban, Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), in email to media organizations on Saturday praised the Lahore attackers.** The interior minister said that 40 percent of the militants are from southern parts of Punjab who are involved in attacks on Shiite Muslims and minority Christians and Ahmadis. **Malik said he has called a high level meeting in Islamabad next week to chalk out strategy to eliminate the growing threat to minorities from the banned groups and Taliban,** adding that provincial police chiefs and home secretaries will attend the meeting. He said the government has also planned to introduce in the parliament a "Minority Protection Bill" to protect religious minorities in Pakistan. **The minister said the government has also decided to register around 20,000 religious seminaries with 17,000 registered so far** (Xinhau News, 2010).

**Date:** June 1, 2010

**Source:** LA Times, David S. Cloud

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda's No. 3 Believed Killed In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Reporting from Washington — — Al Qaeda's third-ranking leader — a close associate and relative by marriage to Osama bin Laden — is believed to have been killed in a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan's tribal region, U.S. officials said. The death of Sheik Said Masri, an Egyptian who is believed to act as the terrorist network's operational leader, would be **the latest blow to Al Qaeda, which has suffered a steady degradation of its leadership and ability to mount attacks since the U.S. stepped up its campaign of missile strikes by unmanned aircraft in Pakistan's tribal region.** "We have strong reason to believe" that Masri is dead, a U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was discussing intelligence information. "He was key to Al Qaeda's command and control. His death would be a major blow." **Masri, also known as Mustafa Abu Yazid, was believed to play a role in most of Al Qaeda's operations, including its finances and its continuing attempts to mount attacks. He is also thought to have been the key conduit to Bin Laden and his No. 2, Ayman Zawahiri, both of whom are thought to play a minimal role in the network's day-to-day activities because of their need to remain in hiding.** "Masri was the group's chief operating officer, with a hand in everything from finances to operational planning," the U.S. official said. Like some other militant leaders, **Masri has been erroneously reported dead in the past. U.S. officials discussed Masri's apparent death Monday after a statement began appearing on extremist websites announcing that he had been killed in Pakistan.** It did not confirm how he was killed but said that his wife, three daughters and others were killed at the same time, according to the SITE Institute, a private group that monitors militant websites. The statement claimed that Masri had been training Al Qaeda operatives to carry out future attacks. **"What he left behind will, with permission from Allah, continue to be generous and copious and to produce heroes and raise generations. His death will only be a severe curse by his life upon the infidels. The response is near."** U.S. officials would not discuss the reports that Masri's family members had been killed in the drone strike. **He is thought to have married into Bin Laden's family in the years since the two arrived in Afghanistan** (Cloud, 2010).

**Date:** June 3, 2010

**Source:** KVOA News

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Citizen Caught Crossing Border Into Arizona*

**Abstract:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials confirm with News4, **a Pakistani citizen crossed the border illegally from Mexico into Arizona on May 20th.** ICE says the man was apprehended by Border Patrol on the Tohono O'odham reservation and turned over to ICE (KVOA News, 2010).

**Date:** June 10, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *'Pakistan Harboring Mullah Omar'*

**Abstract:** A former senior member of the militant group says Pakistani security forces are harboring the fugitive Taliban leader, Mullah Omar in Karachi. Mullah Abdul Salam Hanafi told an Afghan news website that Mullah Omar is now in the Pakistani city of Karachi. Hanafi was the governor of central Uruzgan Province under the Taliban regime. The developments come as the US and its allies intend to remove Mullah Omar from the black list in a bid to provide a suitable seedbed for holding contacts. Senior officials in the UK have spread the idea of making peace with the Taliban -- the militant group whose uprooting was ostensibly one of the main objectives of the 2001 US-led invasion. **Omar, the founder of the Taliban, was Afghanistan's de facto head of state from 1996 to 2001. He was unseated in the 2001 US-led invasion of Afghanistan. However, the US forces have not yet managed to apprehend Omar, or al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden after the elapse of nine years.** Hanafi also claimed that the foreign troops and Taliban are engaged in a complicated game in Afghanistan. He said British troops trained Taliban forces and paid each militant three-hundred dollars per month.

The former official said Taliban members supported by the UK live freely in Helmand province and have never been a target of attacks. **He says British forces told him that they plan to stay in Afghanistan for the next 40 years** (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** June 13, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Carlotta Gall

**Title/Headline:** *Report Says Pakistan Intelligence Agency Exerts Great Sway On Afghan Taliban*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's main intelligence agency continues to provide financing, training and sanctuary to Afghan Taliban insurgents and exerts a far greater influence on Taliban strategy than previously thought, according to a report prepared by the London School of Economics. Drawing on interviews with Afghan Taliban commanders and former Taliban ministers and officials, the report suggests that Pakistan's premier intelligence service, the **Inter-Services Intelligence agency, or ISI, supports the Taliban insurgency as a matter of official policy to contain the influence in Afghanistan of its rival India.** Both serving and retired officials from the Pakistani intelligence agency are carrying out that policy, the report says. Although many of the specifics of the report could not be independently verified, the bulk of its conclusions are very much in line with what Afghan officials, and some Western officials, have often alleged: that Pakistan has maintained its longstanding relationship with the Afghan Taliban to retain its influence in Afghanistan. **The Afghan intelligence chief, Amrullah Saleh, who resigned last week after an insurgent attack on a peace convention in the capital, Kabul, described Pakistan as his country's "enemy No. 1."** Officials in the Afghan government work closely with NATO and American security officials, and the groups share intelligence. **"This is not a big surprise. This is consistent with 15 years of history," said Bruce Riedel, a former C.I.A. analyst and now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "Life has not changed. The Taliban and the ISI have a very intimate relationship."** Pakistan has had close relations with the Afghan Taliban since the group's formation in 1994, but Pakistani involvement with the insurgency against the international coalition in Afghanistan since 2001 has been both high-level and coercive, the author of the report, Matt Waldman, contends. **Mr. Waldman is a fellow at Harvard University who worked in Afghanistan previously for the humanitarian organization Oxfam. "Without a change in Pakistani behavior, it will be difficult if not impossible for international forces and the Afghan government to make progress against the insurgency,"** he wrote. An official from Inter-Services Intelligence, based in Islamabad, Pakistan, dismissed the report as "rubbish," and the report does not include any corroboration from Pakistani officials. **"It's not even worth commenting upon,"** the official said by telephone, speaking on condition of anonymity in keeping with the policy of his agency. **"It's speculative, and degrading."** He called the report's allegation that President Asif Ali Zardari met with imprisoned Taliban insurgents and pledged Pakistan's continued support **"completely outrageous."** That accusation was second-hand and several analysts said it was unlikely to be true. An American policymaker for the region said the inclusion of such a charge raised questions about the rest of the report. **"I am skeptical of this sort of sensational discovery that seems to do better than U.S. intelligence,"** said the official, who asked not to be named. The report quotes from interviews with nine insurgent field commanders, who say that ISI operatives sit in on meetings of the Taliban leadership council, often known as the Quetta shura, which consists of a dozen or so members and meets several times a year in and around the Pakistani southwestern town of Quetta. Afghan security officials and an adviser to the Afghan government working on persuading members of the Taliban to reconcile with the government have also said that ISI agents are known to sit in on the Quetta shura meetings as observers. **The ISI also exerts pressure on Taliban commanders, arresting those who step out of line, or threatening arrest if they do not follow established parameters of Taliban strategy, the report says.** That allegation matches statements by Afghan and NATO officials, who have been working in recent months on ways to persuade Taliban insurgents to reconcile with the Afghan government. **They have said that the threat of arrest or detention of family members by Pakistani intelligence is a major obstacle for insurgents considering defecting.** "You can believe all of that is happening," one NATO official said in an interview. The report says several Taliban commanders received training in large madrasa complexes in Pakistan from Pakistani military and ISI agents. **The ISI had a role in the genesis after 2001 of the insurgent group headed by Jalaluddin Haqqani and his sons that has mounted some of the most damaging attacks in Kabul, according to the report.** Among the Taliban commanders interviewed was one senior Haqqani commander of 1,000 fighters who also described the significant influence of the ISI over the group. **"Pakistan appears to be playing a double game of astonishing magnitude,"** Mr. Waldman concludes (Gall, 2010).

**Date:** June 13, 2010

**Source:** BBC

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Agents 'Funding And Training Afghan Taliban'*

**Abstract:** Pakistani intelligence gives funding, training and sanctuary to the Afghan Taliban on a scale much larger than previously thought, a report says. Taliban field commanders interviewed for the report suggested that ISI intelligence agents even attend Taliban supreme council meetings. Support for the Afghan Taliban was "official ISI policy", the London School of Economics (LSE) authors suggest. Pakistan's military denied the claims. A spokesman said the allegations were "rubbish" and part of a malicious campaign against the country's military and security agencies. The LSE report comes at the end of one of the deadliest weeks for Nato troops in Afghanistan, with more than 30 soldiers killed. **Links between the Taliban and Pakistan's intelligence service have long been suspected, but the report's author - Harvard analyst Matt Waldman - says there is real evidence of extensive co-operation between the two.** "This goes far beyond just limited, or occasional support," he said. **"This is very significant levels of support being provided by the ISI. "We're also saying this is official policy of that agency, and we're saying that it is very extensive. It is both at an operational level, and at a strategic level, right at the senior leadership of the Taliban movement."** Mr Waldman spoke to nine Taliban field commanders in Afghanistan earlier this year. Some alleged that ISI agents had even attended meetings of the Taliban's top leadership council, the so-called Quetta shura. They claim that by backing the insurgents Pakistan's security service is trying to undermine Indian influence in Afghanistan. **"These accounts were corroborated by former Taliban ministers, a Western analyst and a senior UN official based in Kabul, who said the Taliban largely depend on funding from the ISI and groups in Gulf countries,"** the report said. With US troops due to begin leaving next year, Pakistan and other regional players are increasingly seeking ways to assert their influence in Afghanistan, analysts say.

Pakistan has long been accused of using the Taliban to further its foreign policy interests in the country. The ISI first became involved in funding and training militants in Afghanistan after the Soviet invasion in 1979. Since 2001, however, it has been a key US ally, receiving billions of dollars in aid in return for helping fight al-Qaeda "Pakistan appears to be playing a double-game of astonishing magnitude," the report says. But Islamabad says it is working with its international partners in hunting down the Taliban. And the Taliban's former ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, says there is no proof of a link between the ISI and the Afghan Taliban. "I have no proof that Pakistan is supporting the Taliban," he told the BBC, "or that the ISI is providing money to them... or other support to provide weapons." Even so, Pakistan's role in Afghanistan is viewed as critical. Last week Afghan intelligence chief Amrullah Saleh resigned, saying he had become an obstacle to plans to talk to the Taliban. Mr Saleh told Reuters news agency a day after quitting that the ISI was "part of the landscape of destruction" in Afghanistan and accused **Pakistan of sheltering Taliban leaders in safe houses. Pakistan has always denied such claims and points to arrests and military offensives against the militants on its side of the border. Nevertheless, parts of the tribal north-west of Pakistan bordering Afghanistan remain strongholds for the militants.** The BBC's Quentin Sommerville in Kabul says there is a growing understanding that military action alone will not be enough to bring peace in Afghanistan. "Without a change in Pakistani behaviour it will be difficult if not impossible for international forces and the Afghan government to make progress against the insurgency," the report concludes.



**Date:** June 15, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Man Hunting Bin Laden Held In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** An American armed with a pistol and a 40-inch sword was detained in northern Pakistan and told investigators he was on a solo mission to kill Usama bin Laden, a police officer said Tuesday. The man was identified as 52-year-old Californian construction worker Gary Brooks Faulkner, said officer Mumtaz Ahmad Khan. He was picked up in a forest in the Chitral region late on Sunday, he said. "We initially laughed when he told us that he wanted to kill Usama bin Laden," said Khan. But he said when officers seized the pistol, the sword and night-vision equipment, "our suspicion grew." He was questioned Tuesday by intelligence officials in Peshawar, the main northwestern city. Faulkner told police he visited Pakistan seven times, and this was his third trip to Chitral. Police alleged the American intended to travel to the eastern Afghan region of Nuristan, just across the border from Chitral. **The area is among several rumored hiding places for the Al Qaeda leader, who has evaded a massive U.S. effort to capture him since 2001. Bin Laden is accused of being behind the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, as well other terrorist acts.** Khan said Faulkner was also carrying a book containing Christian verses and teachings. When asked why he thought he had a chance of tracing bin Laden, Faulkner replied, "God is with me, and I am confident I will be successful in killing him," said Khan. Faulkner arrived in the Chitrali town of Bumburate on June 3 and stayed in a hotel there. He was assigned a police guard, as is quite common for foreigners visiting remote parts of Pakistan. When he checked out without informing police, officers began hunting for him, said Khan. **U.S. Embassy spokesman Richard Snelsire said the mission had received notification from Pakistani officials that an American citizen had been arrested. He said embassy officials were trying to meet the man and confirm his identity** (Fox News, 2010)

**Date:** June, 21, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *American Pleads Guilty To Times Square Terror Plot*

**Abstract:** A Pakistan-born U.S. citizen has pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge accusing him of plotting the failed Times Square car bombing. He told the judge he wanted to "plead guilty and 100 times more." He also warned that unless the U.S. leaves Muslim lands, "We will be attacking U.S." Entering pleas one-by-one, he began by pleading guilty to attempted use of weapons of mass destruction (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** June 23, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Bin Laden Hunter On Way Back To U.S.*

**Abstract:** An American on a solo mission to hunt down Osama bin Laden is headed back to the United States, ten days after authorities found him in the woods of northern Pakistan with a pistol, a sword and night-vision equipment. Gary Faulkner, who has been detained since June 13, left Pakistan early Wednesday and will arrive in Denver later in the day, his brother Scott Faulkner said. Scott Faulkner said he spoke to his brother briefly Tuesday, and he reported being treated well in Pakistan. By the excitement in his brother's voice, Scott Faulkner said he thinks his brother came close to finding bin Laden. The 50-year-old Gary Faulkner, of Greeley, told officials he was out to kill the al-Qaida leader. **Faulkner was then moved to Islamabad, and his brother told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he was being released by the Pakistani government without charges. "He said he couldn't wait to return to the good ol' U.S. of A," Scott Faulkner said. Gary Faulkner is an out-of-work construction worker who sold his tools to finance six trips on what relatives have called a Rambo-type mission to kill or capture bin Laden.** He grew his hair and beard long to fit in better. Scott Faulkner told reporters last week that his brother wasn't crazy, just determined to find the man America's military has failed to capture nearly a decade after the 9/11 attacks in the United States. "Is it out the norm? Yes it is. But is it crazy? No," Scott Faulkner said. **"If he wore a uniform**



**and called himself special ops, would he be crazy?"** Another relative told AP on Tuesday he wasn't sure when Faulkner would return to Denver but that it would be in coming days. **The relative said Faulkner, who has kidney problems and needs dialysis, has been treated well by Pakistani authorities and is in good spirits.** A senior State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity due to privacy concerns, said the agency hasn't been told of Faulkner's release and that the family would have the best information, but that Faulkner's release was expected soon. **Faulkner, two department officials said, refused to sign a waiver allowing the government to discuss his case publicly.** Faulkner left Colorado in May 30. Scott Faulkner, a physician in the northeastern Colorado town of Fort Morgan, dropped his brother off at the airport and wasn't sure he'd see him again. But he and other relatives have insisted that Gary Faulkner left the U.S. unarmed, had a valid visa for Pakistan and was guilty of no crime while there. Indeed, relatives have said they hope the trip encourages more people to look for bin Laden. "Now there's going to be hopefully a renewed effort to get this guy -- he's still wanted, and he's still out there," Scott Faulkner said last week (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** June 28, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Waqar Gillani, Sabrina Tavernise

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Sentences Five Americans In Terror Case*

**Abstract:** A Pakistani court sentenced five American Muslim men who had been arrested in Punjab Province to 10 years of labor in prison on Thursday for conspiring to carry out terrorist attacks. The case has amplified worries about the radicalization of Muslims in the United States. **The five men, all in their 20s and all from Virginia, are believed by Pakistani and American law enforcement officials to have traveled to Pakistan in December to join the fight against American forces in Afghanistan.** On Thursday, Judge Mian Anwar Nazir found them guilty and sentenced them to 10 years and fines of \$823 for conspiring against the state and 5 years for helping to finance a militant organization. The sentences will run concurrently. A lawyer for the men, Hassan Katchela, said that his clients were disappointed by the sentences and that he would appeal the case within a week. **"We are surprised," he told reporters in Sargodha. "We were not expecting this decision." It was an unusually speedy trial for Pakistan's weak criminal justice system, which is rarely able to keep militants in custody, much less prosecute them.** Most hard-core militants are handled by Pakistan's military and intelligence agency, though they are selective, steering clear of groups with links to the state. Those who are convicted are often freed long before their formal sentence ends. **It was not immediately clear why the men had not been deported to the United States, as Pakistani officials had initially indicated might happen.** The men refused to waive their privacy rights with the United States Embassy, a decision that meant that embassy officials were not allowed to speak on their behalf. The men sometimes passed notes to reporters on their way from jail to the courtroom and claimed that they had been tortured while in Pakistani custody, a charge denied by police officials. A spokesman for the United States Embassy in Islamabad, Richard Snelsire, said, **"We respect the decision of the Pakistani courts."** But **the families of the men said they would fight. "We are not going to lose heart,"** Khalid Farooq, the father of one of the men, Umer Farooq, said outside the court after the verdict. "Such a decision is strange in a Muslim country by a Muslim judge for innocent Muslims accused of baseless charges of terrorism." He added: **"I am a lawyer by profession and I can confidently say that there was nothing in this case. All documents of the government were fabricated and evidence is fake."** The men's story follows a recent pattern of attempts by American Muslims to join militant groups fighting the United States military in countries like Afghanistan. **Faisal Shahzad, a Pakistani who also held American citizenship, pleaded guilty on Monday to trying to set off a bomb in Times Square.** Experts say that the young Americans, often children of integrated Muslim immigrants, are not immune to the calls of jihad by militant organizations, which play on feelings of frustration and confusion about identity common in young, first- and second-generation men. Rana Bakhtiar, the deputy prosecutor general of Punjab, the province where the men were tried, said that prosecutors had sought the maximum penalty, 25 years in jail, and that they would appeal to a higher court to have the sentences increased. **The men — Ahmed Abdullah Minni, Aman Hassan Yemer, Waqar Khan, Mr. Farooq and Ramy Zamzam — are believed to have made contact with militant organizations in Pakistan over the Internet.** They say they traveled to Pakistan in December for the wedding of Mr. Farooq, who is of Pakistani origin, but Pakistani and American investigators contend that the men had come to meet militants. American law enforcement officials have said there is considerable evidence suggesting that the men had been radicalized and planned violence. **Most notably, Mr. Zamzam left behind a video that appeared to reflect his plans to join the jihad. During the trial, prosecutors presented printouts of e-mail messages the men had sent to Pakistan, as well as maps they had been carrying and cellphone records. The men first went to the city of Hyderabad, where they reportedly met men from Jaish-e-Muhammad, a militant group. Prosecutors allege that money changed hands there, which led to the charge of financing a terrorist organization.** The men also traveled to Lahore, where they met with representatives of Jamaat-ud-Dawa, the charity wing of the banned militant organization Lashkar-e-Taiba, which is believed to have carried out the 2008 attacks in Mumbai, India. Mr. Bakhtiar, the prosecutor, said Pakistan was committed to fighting militancy. "No terrorist can be given relief," he said (Gillani & Tavernise, 2010).

**Date:** July 5, 2010

**Source:** Associated Press, Kimberly Dozier

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaida Never Weaker, But Never More Of A Threat To U.S. Itself: Analysis*

**Abstract:** U.S. officials boast that al-Qaida has never been weaker, its upper ranks decimated because of the stepped-up drone attacks in Pakistan and special operations raids in Afghanistan. At the same time, they warn, in seeming contradiction: **An even greater number of well-trained terrorists are setting their sights on the United States.** Across the remote tribal lands between Afghanistan and Pakistan where terror groups hide, U.S. officials say they've seen a fusion of al-Qaida and others targeted by U.S. forces, including the Haqqani group and the Pakistani Taliban, who formerly focused only on their local areas. **Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the groups have become a "synergy of terrorist groups" with "an expanding desire to kill Americans."** He was speaking last week at the Aspen Institute security forum in Colorado. At the same forum, National Counterterrorism Center Director Michael Leiter warned that the "troubling alignment" extends all the way to Yemen and Africa. The dispersed network is making terror plots harder to spot and prevent, he said. The officials are speaking publicly in an effort to convince the American public — and U.S. ally Pakistan — that the time to hit harder is now, while al-Qaida is weakened. Failure to do that means an even stronger enemy,



they argue. **A high-level U.S. counterterrorist delegation is headed to Pakistan this week to try to persuade Pakistan to keep the pressure on the militant groups that now operate almost as one with al-Qaida. The Pakistani government has denied news reports that it has reached out to its former ally, the Haqqani tribe, to secure its participation in talks with the Afghan government. U.S. officials want to make sure that remains the case. The other part of that administration message, that the campaign has diminished the al-Qaida leadership, is aimed at an American public increasingly weary of the 9-year-old war. In June, at least 60 U.S. troops were killed in Afghanistan, making it one of the deadliest months of the conflict. Polls now find a majority of Americans no longer think the Afghanistan war is worth fighting. Purely by the numbers, al-Qaida has been devastated by the past 18 months of drone attacks and raids, Leiter said. Although Osama bin Laden remains at large, half of al-Qaida's leadership has been killed in the past year, he said. The organization is down to only 50 to a 100 "card-carrying" members inside Afghanistan and roughly 300 operatives in Pakistan, he said. Al-Qaida agents in Pakistan are hemmed in, mainly north of Peshawar, as well as North Waziristan, where they have based themselves with the Haqqani network and the Pakistani Taliban, and a small number in the Quetta area, where the exiled Afghan Taliban mainly hold sway. These groups have cooperated for years, even pre-dating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, said New America Foundation's Peter Bergen, cautioning against describing that as a new development. The Haqqani group fought beside the Afghan Taliban to help return the Taliban, al-Qaida's former host, to control of Afghanistan. The Pakistani Taliban have sought to overthrow the central government in Islamabad. Lashkar-e-Taiba, another group that works with al-Qaida, has concentrated on attacking Indian targets, like the three-day assault on Mumbai in 2008 that killed 170 people. But the difference now, U.S. officials contend, is that the local groups are sharing manpower, weaponry and ideology with al-Qaida. The Pakistani Taliban have already made an attempt on the U.S., through Times Square bombing suspect Faisal Shahzad. That attempt followed the pattern of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, based in Yemen, which dispatched Nigerian suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab to try to bring down a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas Day. U.S. intelligence analysts, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly, say even though neither the Haqqani network nor Lashkar e-Taiba has been linked to plots aimed at the mainland U.S., the United States now must assume the groups aspire to strike there, or at the very least help prepare and fund such attacks. The Haqqanis, estimated by a senior defense official to be between 2,000 and 5,000 strong, have already supported attacks on U.S. targets within Afghanistan, including an al-Qaida and the Taliban suicide bombing that killed seven CIA operatives in Khost, in the suicide bombing last December. Don Rassler, of the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, N.Y., says the group's leader, Sirajuddin Haqqani, has been careful not to publicly support direct attacks on the United States, despite repeated questioning in online militant jihadi forums. "He knows where the red lines are and he's careful not to cross them, so as not to become even more of a target than he already is," Rassler says. Counterterrorism chief Leiter said monitoring the spread-out terrorist threat is a growing undertaking. The counterterrorism center receives 8,000-10,000 pieces of counterterrorist information every day, he said. "Within those reports, there are roughly 10,000 names every day" and "40-plus specific threats and plots," Leiter said, including "bombs that are going to go off today or tomorrow." He likened it to trying to find "a needle in a pile of needles, covered by a haystack." - Identifying those needles has resulted in huge blows against al-Qaida, he said. Increasingly, though, the United States and Pakistan must explain its attacks, which the enemy uses in propaganda to drive Muslim world public opinion against the United States and the government in Pakistan. The press in Pakistan has claimed that thousands of innocents have been killed by U.S. drone strikes. U.S. officials say it's nowhere near that total, but they will not provide their own estimates. Leiter said he wouldn't argue "that some of our actions have not led to some people being radicalized." But he added, "It doesn't mean you don't do it. It means you craft a fuller strategy to explain why you're doing it." Pakistan's ambassador to the United States, Husain Haqqani, said that al-Qaida, too, has turned off wide swaths of Arab and Muslim public opinion by killing 10,000 soldiers, diplomats and mostly civilians in 2009 in Pakistan alone. U.S. officials believe that's partly because their stepped-up drone campaign has forced al-Qaida to work through proxies that don't always listen to the al-Qaida leadership when it comes to avoiding civilian casualties. The U.S. officials hold out the hope that the next year of the secret war could provide the critical moment that could lead to the decapitation of al-Qaida's leadership. But, they contend, if the pressure comes off, al-Qaida could transform itself into an even stronger, more resilient foe — a process they acknowledge has already begun (Dozier, 2010).**

**Date:** July 7, 2010

**Source:** Thaindian News

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Terror Suspect Held In Britain On US Warrant*

**Abstract:** London, July 7 (DPA) British police Wednesday arrested a Pakistani national wanted for trial on terrorism charges in the US, Scotland Yard said. Abid Naseer, 24, was among 12 men arrested in connection with a suspected terrorist plot in northern England last year. But he recently won a court battle to stay in Britain, where a judge ruled that his safety could not be guaranteed if he was returned to Pakistan. Scotland Yard said Naseer had been arrested "pursuant to a provisional arrest warrant issued on July 7, 2010, at the request of the US government". "Naseer's extradition is sought by the United States government for the purposes of standing trial," a statement said. A spokesman said Naseer was accused by the US authorities of providing material for a foreign terrorist organisation, providing support for a terrorist conspiracy and of plotting to use a destructive device (Thaindian News, 2010).

**Date:** July 14, 2010

**Source:** The Telegraph, Dean Nelson

**Title/Headline:** *India: Pakistan's ISI Had Direct Control Over Mumbai Attacks*

**Abstract:** India has accused Pakistan's intelligence service of "controlling and coordinating" the 2008 terrorist attacks on Mumbai from "beginning to the end". India's home secretary said new evidence from a suspected senior terrorist had revealed the Inter-Services Intelligence agency, one of Pakistan's most powerful state bodies, was behind the attack which left more than 166 people dead. GK Pillai directly accused Pakistan's ISI of collaborating with the Lashkar e Taiba (LeT) terrorist group to mount the attacks. "The ISI has had a much more significant role to play (in the Mumbai attacks). It was not just a peripheral role. They were literally controlling

and coordinating it (the attacks) from the beginning till the end," he said. His accusations are the strongest comments made by Indian officials since the attacks which brought the South Asian nuclear neighbours to the brink of war. India's prime minister Manmohan Singh said shortly after the attacks that they were of such military precision that they must have had the support of some Pakistani state agencies. **Ten terrorist commandos launched a series of machine gun raids on Mumbai's top hotels, main rail station and a Jewish charity while holding India's elite special forces at bay for three days. Mr Pilla did not offer any evidence however and his claims, which came on the eve of summit talks between the two countries' foreign ministers, were dismissed as rhetoric by diplomats in the region.** They said he had underestimated the capability of the which is believed to have carried out the massacre. Mr Pillai said new details of the ISI's links to LeT founder Hafiz Saeed, had emerged when India's National Investigation Agency interviewed David Headley, the suspected LeT terrorist arrested last year at Chicago's international airport. Headley is accused of carrying out reconnaissance missions for the Mumbai attacks. Headley had told Indian investigators that Hafiz Saeed, who is not among the LeT Mumbai suspects arrested in Pakistan, played a central role in pressing for the attacks to be executed according to a planned schedule. **"He was also not a peripheral player. He knew everything," he said. A retired Pakistan Army major was arrested by the FBI in December last year in connection with the Mumbai attacks. A colonel from its Signals Corps was also named in Indian court documents, but so far no serving Pakistani military personnel have been charged.** Vikram Sood, former director of India's Research and Analysis Wing intelligence agency, said the home secretary's claims voiced what most in the country's security circles already knew. **"You don't make these decisions, where the risk is so great the countries could end up fighting a war, at the level of major or colonel. [Pakistan's officials] keep saying they're helping but they're not. They're involved," he said. Western diplomats in the region are yet to be persuaded that Islamabad's military or its intelligence agencies played a direct role in the attacks.** They believe Mr Pillai's claims were made to keep Thursday's talks in Islamabad focused on stopping future terrorist attacks on India (Nelson, 2010).

**Date:** July 19, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Germany Jails Two For Al-Qaeda Links*

**Abstract:** A court in western Germany has sentenced two men to a total of eight and a half years in prison for their alleged ties to a senior al-Qaeda member. The two men, one with Turkish nationality and the other both Turkish and German, were jailed on Monday, AFP reported. The men, both 32, merely identified as Omer O and Sermet I, were sentenced to six and two and a half years in prison respectively by a court in the city of Koblenz. The men were found guilty of working for Aleem N, a German of Pakistani origin who was also jailed for eight years in July 2009 as an alleged top-player in the al-Qaeda network. According to AFP, they reportedly obtained money and equipment such as night-vision goggles for Aleem. The court ruled both men as supporters of the aims and methods of al-Qaeda. **An additional ruling accused Omer O. of attending a "terror" camp to undergo weapons training in the Afghan-Pakistan border region in early 2006.** The convictions brought to an end a 61-day trial which heard testimonies from 119 witnesses and nine experts (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** July 20, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Hillary Clinton: 'It Would Be A Mistake' To Walk Away From Pakistan*

**Abstract:**

**Greta Van Susteren, Fox News Host:** Madam Secretary, nice to see you. And this is our second trip to Pakistan with you.

**Hilary Clinton, Secretary of State:** It is. Thank you for coming along.

**Greta Van Susteren:** All right, now, there's no secret we're having horrible economic problems at home. How do you convince the American people that spending money here in Pakistan is something we want to do?

**Hillary Clinton:** Well, I think there's three ways to make the case, Greta. **Number one, this is where the principal terrorist threat to the United States emanates from.** And we've seen some foiled attacks, thank goodness, in the last several months that have just demonstrated that. **And we have to have a much closer cooperative relationship with Pakistan.** We have to prevent Afghanistan from falling into a failed state that can then be a bigger danger to us. And that costs money. **Secondly, if you really think about how much money it costs us as a society after 9/11, it was an incredible economic hit. And so terrorism on top of an economic challenge would be devastating for us, and therefore, we have to stay on our toes and try to prevent that from happening.** And thirdly, I think that the long term benefit of having positive relationships in this part of the world is good for our economy as well. We have an export initiative that President Obama has announced. We want to double exports. We need to open up markets. How do you open markets? You raise standards of living. You eliminate insecurity so people can buy the things that the United States produces. So terrorism, economy, greater access to markets, all of that makes sense to me.

**Greta Van Susteren:** The security issue, it seems Americans really want security. We recently had the incident in Times Square which originated in this country. But are we getting ahead of the game? Is our money paying off in terms of getting security, because we've had this recent event, and we see violence all the time in this country?

**Hillary Clinton:** And the Pakistanis themselves are paying a big price because of it. They've had so many deaths due to bombings that these terrible terrorist networks impose upon the people of Pakistan. Their military has lost a lot of people in fighting. This is tough. I'm not going to sit and tell you that it is not. But boy, do I think it would be a mistake to walk away. We've done that. **We've walked away from Pakistan and Afghanistan in the past with all the consequences we are well aware of.**

**Greta Van Susteren:** So you think if we walked away from this and didn't give them the money today, it would be worse for us from a security standpoint?

**Hillary Clinton:** I do. We are building a relationship that did not exist. I said in our last trip that you were with me that we had a huge trust deficit, because the United States had to be fair, we had helped to create the problem we are now fighting.

**Greta Van Susteren:** How?

**Hillary Clinton:** Because when the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan we had this brilliant idea we were going to come to Pakistan and create a force of mujahedeen and equip them with stinger missiles and everything else to go after the Soviets inside Afghanistan. And we were successful. The Soviets left Afghanistan, and then we said great, good-bye, leaving these trained people, who were fanatical, in Afghanistan and Pakistan, leaving them well-armed, creating a mess, frankly, that at the time we didn't really recognize, we were just so happy to see the Soviet Union fall and we thought fine we are OK now everything is going to be so much better. **Now you look back. The people we are fighting today, we were supporting in the fight the soviets.**

**Greta Van Susteren:** Is there some sense of a win for us in the sense that we see all these casualties, we see casualties going up in Afghanistan. **If we had Usama bin Laden, that would inspire the American people to feel much more committed to this project. Do you believe the Pakistan government knows where Usama bin Laden is?**

**Hillary Clinton:** I think elements in the government do. I've said that before. But I think it is also important for your viewers to know we have been getting with Pakistani cooperation a lot of the top leadership of Al Qaeda. We haven't gotten bin Laden or Zawahiri, but we've consistently been able to track and kill a lot of their principal leadership. So there is a story to be told here. It's not yet what I want it to be, because as having been a senator from New York on 9/11, I want those guys. I will not be satisfied until we get them. But we've made a lot of progress. And we've created a closer cooperative relationship between the United States and Pakistan, in going after what are now common enemies.

**Greta Van Susteren:** Now we have the situation in Uganda. **We have al- Shabaab, another terrorist group. It looks like terrorism is going global again in another area. Are we in any way going to get involved in that?**

**Hillary Clinton:** We have supported what is called the African Union Mission which uses Ugandan troops and troops from Burundi. In fact the recent why Al-Shabaab went after the people in Kampala is because Uganda has been going after them inside Somalia, and we have been fully supportive of that. **We are not in any way contemplating U.S. forces, but we want to support Africans fighting for Africa, and we will continue to support those who will take on Al-Shabaab, which is no longer a threat inside Somalia, but, as you point out, is spreading its tentacles beyond that.**

**Greta Van Susteren:** You said some elements of the Pakistani government know where Usama bin Laden is?

**Hillary Clinton:** I believe that.

**Greta Van Susteren:** Why do you believe that?

**Hillary Clinton:** I think that's because if I put myself into a position of leadership in our own government, and if there were a terrorist network operating somewhere, even in the most remote place in the United States, some sheriff, some local state policeman, somebody in our collective government would probably know that there was something suspicious going on. So that's why I assume somebody, somebody in this government, from top to bottom, does know where bin Laden is. And I'd like to know too.

**Greta Van Susteren:** Can't we leverage our money or anything to get that information? He's 6'5, not easy to hide.

**Hillary Clinton:** We are leveraging it.

**Greta Van Susteren:** Are we getting closer?

**Hillary Clinton:** I don't want to put a proximity or timeline on it. As I've said, we have gotten closer because we have been able to kill a number of their trainers, their operational people, their financiers. We've been able to do that, so in that sense we've gotten closer. But I won't be satisfied until we get it done.

**Greta Van Susteren:** Does the Pakistani government say to you, Secretary Clinton, we are going to get him for you?

**Hillary Clinton:** **Top levels of the government say they don't know, to be fair to them. It would similar, again, if somebody walked into my office and said do you know where bad guy in the Mexican cartel is on our side of the border? I would say I don't know, but I assume somebody knows.** So I think we've got to keep pressure on, which we are doing. But remember, we inherited a situation with such mistrust between the United States and Pakistan that it takes day-by-day confidence-building. And we've been doing that. I think we have a lot to show with the strategic dialogue I got started where we've had a lot of American government officials coming and meeting with their counterparts in Pakistan. It is not to get just a good relationship at the top. You have to go through the bureaucracy. **So to go back to my example about if I said who is it who knows where the Mexican cartel leader is? Somebody must know. It is somebody in the bowels of the bureaucracy. You have to set a new tone, you have to set a new sense of direction and authority. And I think that is happening.**

**Greta Van Susteren:** You mentioned Mexico. Last week we were with Secretary Napolitano down at the Texas-Mexico border. I've traveled with you to Mexico as well. Is there a war going on in Mexico?

**Hillary Clinton:** Well, there certainly is an armed struggle going on. So far the cartels have not been trying to overthrow the Mexican government, although they are trying to seize and hold territory for them to operate their drug activities.

**Greta Van Susteren:** You don't call it a war?

**Hillary Clinton:** I don't know. I don't want to get into semantics. This is an armed struggle, a conflict against really bad people. **These Mexican cartel leaders are the most ruthless people. You talk about what we're up against with terrorism in Pakistan, look at these people. They behead their victims, kidnap children, they indiscriminately kill groups of people. They are just as bad as any terrorist groups. They are in it for money instead of ideology, but what is the difference?** They are violent, vile violators of human rights and human life. So I don't want to call it a war, conflict, struggle, whatever, we have to help the Mexican government defeat these people and take back control of their country so they are not living in fear of what these cartels and their leaders will do.

**Greta Van Susteren:** Right on our border.

**Hillary Clinton:** Yes, right (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** July 21, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Ben Farmer

**Title/Headline:** *Osama Bin Laden 'Hiding In Pakistan', Says Clinton*

**Abstract:** The American Secretary of State said she believed the fugitive head of the al Qaeda terrorist network was at large nearly nine years after United States forces helped topple his Taliban hosts in neighbouring Afghanistan. Speaking before heading to the Kabul International conference, she said: **"I believe (bin Laden) is here in Pakistan and it would be very helpful if we could take them (al-Qaeda leaders)."** Leon Panetta, head of the CIA, last month said bin Laden remained in "very deep hiding". The American spy service has maintained bin Laden is alive despite rumours of poor health and a lack of verified sightings or appearances in recent years. Several audio propaganda messages have been released purporting to be from him. Hamid Karzai, speaking at the conference, said he believed the Taliban leader and founder Mullah Mohammad Omar was also across the border. He said: **"We have known all along that some of the very, very senior leadership of the Taliban were in Pakistan, this is not news to us."** He told the conference the Taliban was "a vicious common enemy that violates every Islamic and international norm to break our unity of effort" (Farmer, 2010).

**Date:** September 3, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Rob Crilly

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Taliban Threaten Attacks On US And Europe*

**Abstract:** A senior commander in the Pakistan Taliban last night announced it was planning terror strikes against targets in the US and Europe similar to the Times Square bomb plot. Qari Hussain Mehsud, who commands suicide squads for the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), said he was proud that the US had added his organisation to its international terrorism blacklist on Wednesday. **And he and promised a fresh wave of attacks that would resemble the attempted Times Square bombing earlier this year.** Qari Hussain Mehsud, who commands suicide squads for the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), said he was proud that the US had added his organisation to its international terrorism blacklist on Wednesday. **And he and promised a fresh wave of attacks that would resemble the attempted Times Square bombing earlier this year** (Crilly, 2010).

**Date:** October 4, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Richard Norton-Taylor, Ian Traynor

**Title/Headline:** *US Drone 'Kills Eight Germans' In Pakistan Amid Terror Plot Fears*

**Abstract:** American missiles fired from an unmanned drone killed eight militants of German nationality in northwest Pakistan, a region known to be a base for training terrorists, it was reported tonight. They were killed when two missiles from a suspected CIA pilotless aircraft hit a mosque in Mirali in North Waziristan, according to Pakistani intelligence officials. The strikes follow fresh warnings of terror attacks by the US and UK and reports that an Afghan-born German, Ahmad Sidiqi, said to be one of Germany's most dangerous "homegrown terrorists", supplied intelligence during interrogation by the US at Bagram jail outside Kabul. According to German media, Sidiqi, who attended the same mosque in Hamburg as some 9/11 attackers, told the Americans of plans to launch a series of spectacular attacks in Europe, with Britain and France named as possible targets. British counter-terrorism officials said there was "credible evidence" that al-Qaida sympathisers were plotting attacks in Europe, but they played down the significance of warnings issued by the UK and US over the weekend for travellers to France and Germany. Two separate but coinciding intelligence assessments of possible terror attacks triggered this weekend's travel alarms, senior European sources said today. The US told European capitals and EU headquarters in Brussels that al-Qaida was preparing co-ordinated strikes in various European countries. At the same time, French intelligence raised the alarm about attacks allegedly being planned in Europe by AQIM, or al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, which is now believed in EU capitals to be a graver threat than Osama bin Laden. The US was said to have supplied the German authorities with "very precise information" on targets, which may explain why US TV networks in recent days have been naming targets in Berlin very specifically: the Adlon Hotel by the Brandenburg Gate, the gleaming central railway station opposite the German chancellery, and the soaring TV tower on Alexanderplatz in the very heart of the city. German officials remained relatively sanguine today about the nature of the threats and the quality of the intelligence. Thomas de Maiziere, the interior minister, said there was "a high abstract risk" of a terror attack in Germany. British government concerns were heightened recently as intelligence suggesting such attacks were being plotted was gathered from communications intercepts. GCHQ, the National Security Agency in the US and other electronic eavesdropping agencies are increasing their activities along the Afghan-Pakistan borders. They have intercepted a growing number of voices of European citizens or residents, counter-terrorism officials and independent analysts suggest. Reports of information from the intercepts, indicating attacks on European targets were being plotted, were leaked to the US media last week. Security assessments from Paris and Washington were received by European capitals a month ago, the sources said, raising questions as to why the US and British authorities went public with their travel warnings only this weekend. British officials said Sunday's warning from the state department was not based on any fresh intelligence but was the result of Washington's concern to get the US and Europeans to speak with one voice. Sweden increased its terror-threat warning on Friday, the day an audio message was placed on Islamic websites purporting to come from Bin Laden, expressing general concern about the floods in Pakistan. While European officials are taking the US and British alerts seriously, there is speculation among people familiar with the intelligence material about the reasons for the timing of the alarms. "The threat was real, obviously, and it's not over," said a European source. "But why it's been put on the market in this way is a different issue." Various reasons are being suggested: that at a time of austerity and budget cuts across the west, the terror alert could furnish strong arguments for shoring up intelligence and security funding; at a time when the EU and Washington are negotiating counter-terrorism measures, the anxiety over renewed terrorism will reinforce US demands for more intrusive information from the Europeans; and that at a time when European governments are keen to extract themselves from what they increasingly perceive as a lost military cause in Afghanistan, a terror panic could strengthen the case for staying (Norton-Taylor & Traynor, 2010).



**Date:** October 6, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Michael Goodwin

**Title/Headline:** *Pay Attention To Pakistan*

**Abstract:** President Obama gets lots of brickbats for failing to keep campaign promises, but it's one he is keeping that now deserves fresh attention. He is aggressively making good on a 2008 pledge to follow terrorists from Afghanistan into Pakistan and "take them out." The dramatic increase in drone attacks and hot-pursuit incursions of CIA and special forces into Pakistan aims to eliminate sanctuaries in ungoverned areas. Battlefield reports indicate the operations are highly successful at killing their targets, with few civilian casualties. Just this week, as many as eight Germans of Pakistani descent were killed in the border area near Afghanistan. At least one was linked to the ongoing plot to attack European cities. Yet these operations are hardly cost-free. They are expanding the war zone into a third Muslim country, and anti-American protests and violence are rising rapidly in Pakistan. With 170 million people, a nuclear arsenal and a growing insurgency with links to the Afghan Taliban and al Qaeda, Pakistan comprises a highly combustible mix. The expansion could go wrong in a horrific way, so we must pay closer attention, lest we find America in a full-scale war there or help cause the collapse of its civilian government. The lack of public interest so far is odd, given how Iraq and Afghanistan dominated American politics for eight years. But whatever the reasons -- presidential silence, war fatigue, economic obsessions, etc. -- Obama's Pakistan strategy is AWOL in this year's campaign. Our enemies certainly are paying attention. Attacks on our military supply convoys in Pakistan are rising, with photos of exploding fuel tankers routine. The convoys are sitting ducks since Pakistan closed border crossings to protest our entering its territory without permission. Even more worrisome, some U.S. helicopters have been shot at by the Pakistan army. Voters can't say we weren't warned. Back in August 2007, Obama said, "Let me make this clear. There are terrorists holed up in those mountains, that murdered 3,000 Americans," and promised to act if Pakistan wouldn't. In his first debate with John McCain, Obama named Usama bin Laden as a potential target and added, "You have got to deal with Pakistan."



McCain called Obama "naive" and accused him of threatening to "bomb" Pakistan. In fact, starting in 2002, the Bush administration formed CIA paramilitary forces it called Counterterrorist Pursuit Teams. It used Afghan troops, some trained in the United States, and Obama has greatly expanded their jurisdiction, along with doubling drone attacks in Pakistan. **In his insider book, "Obama's Wars," author Bob Woodward says getting control of Pakistan is "a theme of the whole Obama presidency." He writes that Vice President Joe Biden warned Pakistan's leader about "playing one side against the other" by cracking down on some terror groups while supporting others.** And three weeks after the Times Square bombing attempt, CIA Director Leon Panetta and National Security Director Jim Jones went to Pakistan to demand a zero-tolerance for terrorists. **Panetta carried a chart showing how the Times Square bomber, Faisal Shahzad, who was sentenced to life in prison yesterday, got training in Pakistan from the same Islamist group that carried out the 2008 attack in Mumbai. At some point, any president might well have expanded the war as Obama has done.** Our generals believe success in Afghanistan is not possible if Pakistan is a sanctuary where the terrorists can plot and recruit. But the risk of increasing our footprint there is growing here at home. Shahzad, a Pakistani who said he "didn't mean it" when he swore the oath of US citizenship, defiantly told a Manhattan courtroom he would not be the last of his kind to attack America. **"Brace yourself because the war with the Muslims has only just begun," he said (Goodwin, 2010).**

**If a nuclear terror attack occurs, it will assuredly be blamed on Muslims. However, people probably won't believe that men in caves are capable of such nuclear technology, so a few smart Germans scientists will help this narrative out. This storyline was generated in Tom Clancy's 1991 Thriller, *The Sum Of All Fears*. 20 years later, the Globalists will attempt to link German Nazi's with Muslim Terrorists, two types of people everyone dislikes, in an attempt to further the Holocaust narrative and to demonize people of the Middle East in an unprecedented fashion. This act must be stopped.**

**Date:** October 7, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Ian Traynor

**Title/Headline:** *Hamburg Mosque Which Links 9/11 To The Badlands Of Pakistan*

**Abstract:** The most infamous mosque in Europe is a drab, nondescript place. Five minutes from Hamburg's main railway station, above a Vietnamese takeaway and the Olympic Fitness Club, the grimy quarters of the Taiba prayer hall and library occupy mythical status for the jihadists of Europe. **It was here at the mosque formerly called the al-Quds that Mohammed Atta and several of his accomplices prayed and plotted the global gamechanger that was 9/11. And it was here, until last year, that another group of 11 German Islamist militants congregated before taking circuitous routes to Pakistan's tribal belt for, it is assumed, terrorist training.** Over the past week Washington and London have been issuing scary warnings of Mumbai-style massacres in Europe about to be perpetrated by homegrown terrorists operating to a script written in the Hindu Kush. **The alarms have refocused attention on the mosque in the north German port because the intelligence source for the US warnings is one of the 11 acolytes who left Germany for the lawless Pakistani-Afghan border region of Waziristan last year. And on Monday, when an unmanned CIA Predator struck a farmstead in the same border area, the news was that eight German militants were killed, reinforcing the alleged link with the Hamburg Islamists.** A senior security service source in the city, though, is playing down the Hamburg connection: "We don't know if the Taiba people are connected with the [Predator] attack. The IDs of the dead are not known. We would know for sure if any of the victims were Hamburg people, but we have nothing yet." In Berlin, they are even more sceptical, voicing barely disguised contempt for what they view as American spin. "What really astonishes me," Thomas de Maizière, the German interior minister, told German radio on Wednesday, "is that this attack is supposed to have taken place with unmanned drones in an inaccessible region the day before yesterday and yet the identities are immediately found." **Whether the American attack foiled or was connected to German Islamists planning for a European bombing spree, it is clear that the Hamburg mosque has served as a recruiting ground for violent Islamism since September 2001.** A report by Hamburg's counter-intelligence service in May described the mosque as "the main focus of attraction for the jihadist scene as in previous years". Ralf Kunz, spokesman for the Hamburg security services, said: **"The Taiba mosque has been drawing people not only from all over Germany, but from all over Europe. It was a place of pilgrimage." The two-storey mosque building lies empty and abandoned. At 6am on a Monday two months ago – almost nine years after the Twin Towers attack – the police and special forces moved in, hauled away computers and documents, and closed the place down.** The authorities had repeatedly tried and failed, most recently last spring, to win court approval for the ban. It was the evidence about the 11 who left Hamburg for Pakistan last year, at least two of whom have joined the terrorists of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, that persuaded the magistrates. US intelligence deriving from the same group was also the trigger for the recent US warnings and travel advisories. **Two of the 11 are now in custody. Rami Makanesi, a German national of Syrian origin, is being held by German special branch after being deported from Pakistan this summer. Ahmad Sidiqi, a German national of Afghan origin, is being held by the Americans at Bagram outside Kabul.** Both are believed to be talking to their interrogators, although a transatlantic credibility gap has opened up over the value of their testimony. Both men were regulars at the Hamburg mosque, with Makanesi the younger and more influential in militant circles, according to the Germans. Sidiqi left Hamburg with his Indonesian wife and younger brother in March last year, pitching up in Peshawar and then Mir Ali, the Taliban and al-Qaida stronghold in Waziristan near the site of the Predator attack. Both men were arrested within weeks of one another in June and July, Sidiqi by the Americans in Kabul, Makanesi by the Pakistanis while disguised in a full-body burqa, apparently trying to make his way from Waziristan to Islamabad. According to German accounts, both were fed up with the fight, wanted to return to Germany, and were trying to reach the German embassies in the Afghan and Pakistani capitals to renew their ID papers. The Berlin media reported yesterday that the Americans were about to move Sidiqi from Bagram to the US, viewing him as a source of high-grade intelligence. A German diplomat in Kabul was allowed to see Sidiqi for the first time last weekend, following weeks of pressure on the Americans. The Germans are also hoping to dispatch a team of spies and interrogators to question him. **The evidence supporting the US terrorism alerts is said to have been gleaned from Sidiqi, who has told the Americans that he met a man claiming to be al-Qaida's new number three, Sheikh Younis al-Mauretani, last spring and that they discussed a fresh wave of attacks in Britain and France, carried out by European passport-holders using sophisticated new encrypted software and laptops. The plot was said to have been blessed by Osama bin Laden.** The problem with all of this, the Germans complain, is that there is no real evidence; the American alerts are so vague as to be

meaningless and the detail being leaked in Washington to Rupert Murdoch's Fox News channel and other US networks is all old. **"There is no new security situation in Hamburg," said Kunz. De Maizi re was withering in Berlin on Wednesday. He described the risk as "hypothetical. There are no direct and specific plans for attacks ... We would rather work seriously instead of talking about it."** Following the US alerts, Britain has been talking up the risks in France, while Paris has been warning of the danger in the UK. Germany has been generally dismissive. If, as Washington contends, Europe is at immediate risk, only Sweden has officially raised the level of terrorism alert. The real German alarm was last year in the run-up to the general election, when al-Qaida issued bloodcurdling threats about what would happen if Berlin did not pull out of northern Afghanistan. One of the radicals in the video warnings was a German national from the Hamburg group of 11. The rest of the detail about attacks on Berlin landmarks and tourist attractions, broadcast this week by US networks, also stems from the same al-Qaida campaign last year. **Yet Germany, spared the kind of attacks suffered by London and Madrid since 9/11, is nonetheless very worried about the Hamburg group and other German nationals travelling in increasing numbers to Pakistan for training. The security service estimates the number of Muslims in Germany supporting "Islamist aims" at 36,270 last year, the highest figure since the 2001 attacks on America.** The assessments also reveal that Hamburg is seen as a magnet in Germany for Islamist "holy warriors". Of an estimated 200 hard-core "jihadists" in Germany, 45 are in the northern port, according to national counter-intelligence. "They advocate or support the worldwide armed struggle according to al-Qaida ideology in the form of propaganda, logistical, financial or other forms of help and see this as a legitimate means in the fight against 'unbelievers'," said the May counter-intelligence report. Until recently, Mohammed Atta's mosque continued to play a central role: "The [Hamburg] group was formed in the Taiba mosque ... **The unifying factor for the radicalisation of the members was certainly the common attendance of this mosque,**" said the report. Which raises the question of why the mosque was not closed down earlier or why it was closed down at all since, riddled with intelligence bugs, it was arguably the most closely watched building in Germany. **"Banning the mosque was not right,"** said Mustafa Yoldas, a Hamburg GP and head of the Schura, an umbrella organisation of more than 30 mosques in the city. **"Now these people are all over Hamburg in private flats and you need to watch 20 places instead of one."** Udo Steinbach, a national expert on Islam and former head of Hamburg's German Orient Institute, said the threat of Islamist violence in Hamburg was minimal because of the comprehensive surveillance of suspects. **"There was no need for this step. The mosque used to have clear links to Pakistan, but it was no longer a danger."** Kunz agreed that the August closure of the mosque was not a panacea, but it helped. **"These people have not disappeared from the face of the earth,"** he said. **"They've just gone elsewhere"** (Traynor, 2010).

**Date:** October 7, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Pentagon: Elements In Pakistani Intelligence Agency Support Terror*

**Abstract:** The Pentagon acknowledged Thursday that some parts of Pakistan's intelligence agency are cooperating with terrorist groups as a new report suggests Inter-Service Intelligence agents are working to undermine U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan. Spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said the Pakistan intelligence service as an organization does not support terrorism, but some elements within the ISI are providing assistance to terrorists. U.S. officials have raised concerns about whether some members of the ISI "might be interacting with terrorist organizations in ways that aren't consistent with what the government and military are doing," Lapan said. Lapan was responding after a report in The Wall Street Journal that suggested the ISI is pushing the Taliban to keep fighting in Afghanistan, undermining efforts by the Pentagon to end the war. **The Journal quotes an Afghan commander in Kunar province who said the ISI is still urging and paying Taliban to fight NATO soldiers. Pakistan's top military leadership is working to correct the problem,** Lapan said, but "like any large organization, change is difficult and comes slowly." **"The ISI has done a great deal in fighting terrorism. Some have said they probably have killed more terrorists than any other organization. But we also have some concerns with the strategic focus of the ISI,"** Lapan said. Lapan spoke as U.S.-Pakistani relations remain strained over the effort to end the Taliban's use of Pakistan as a safe haven to launch attacks into Afghanistan. White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Thursday that President Obama has not spoken to Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari but a Pakistani delegation is due in Washington later this month as part of a continuing strategic dialogue. Other strains have added to the burden on U.S.-Pakistani ties recently. On Wednesday, the U.S. apologized for a Sept. 30 attack that killed two Pakistani border guards. Expressing condolences, the U.S. said the helicopters mistook them for insurgents being pursued across the border from Afghanistan (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** October 8, 2010

**Source:** The Times Of India

**Title/Headline:** *Red Corner Notice Against Five Pakistanis For 26/11*

**Abstract:** Interpol, at India's behest, has issued Red Corner Notices (RCN) against five people, including a retired and two serving Pakistani army majors, for their direct role in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. The RCNs have been issued against HuJI commander Ilyas Kashmiri, Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist Sajid Majid, serving Pakistani army officers Major Iqbal and Major Sameer Ali and retired officer Major Abdur Rehman on the basis of non-bailable warrants secured against them by the National Investigating Agency (NIA) through a Delhi court. The global arrest notice against Kashmiri comes at a time when intelligence agencies have found inputs about his involvement in other plots against India as well. **The names of the five men were disclosed by American terrorist David Coleman Headley during his interrogation by NIA and the FBI. "Besides the Mumbai terror attack, they were involved in a series of attacks in India from time to time,"** the RCNs issued against them said. Though Pakistan has a history of ignoring the world police body's notices against terrorists, the move may put some pressure on it to deliver on its promises to the international community. The case of Lashkar founder and JuD chief Hafiz Saeed -- against whom India had secured an RCN in the wake of 26/11 -- is a blatant example of Pakistan's stand over Interpol and UN Security Council notices against terrorists linked to al-Qaida. Saeed, despite being put on the list of global terrorists, has not only been moving freely in Pakistan but has also been making provocative anti-India and anti-America speeches in various public gatherings. **Another Lashkar commander and one of the 26/11 masterminds, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, is the other accused against whom Interpol had issued an RCN in the Mumbai attack case.**

All these terrorists along with others, including Zarah Shah, Abu al-Qama and Abu Kahafa, had closely worked with Headley in executing LeT's plot to attack Mumbai in November 2008 in which 160 people, including six US citizens, were killed. LeT's operational commander Sajid Majid alias Sajid Mir of Lahore had played a crucial role in planning and executing 26/11. He was also one of the handlers of Headley who was arrested by FBI at Chicago airport in October last year. **HuJI commander Ilyas Kashmiri is also a member of al-Qaida's deadly 313 Brigade, which is believed to be one of the outfits that trained the 10 Mumbai attackers, including the arrested Ajmal Kasab.** Headley's interrogation and subsequent investigation revealed that serving Pakistan army officers Major Sameer Ali and Major Iqbal, along with the retired Major Syed Abdur Rehman, had worked with Lashkar to carry out the 26/11 attack (The Times Of India, 2010).

**Date:** October 9, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Uganda World Cup Blasts: 36 Suspects, 7 Countries*

**Abstract:** Ugandan police investigators are right, the size of the conspiracy behind the twin bombings during July's World Cup finals could hardly have been bigger. **Ugandan police — with help from the FBI and Kenyan police — have arrested 36 people from seven countries in the wake of blasts that rocked Uganda's capital, killing 76 people. The suspects hail from at least three countries with known terror links: Somalia, Yemen and Pakistan.** At least one suspect said he was recruited and trained by al-Qaida. The Somali militant group that claimed responsibility for the blast, al-Shabab, has known links with the international terror group. Uganda's director of military intelligence, James Mugira, has said al-Qaida is at least partly responsible, although authorities believe the planning took place in Somalia. **A day after the blasts, al-Shabab, Somalia's most powerful militant group, said the bombings were retaliation for Ugandan troops' participation in the African Union peacekeeping mission in Mogadishu. The militant group promised more attacks, a threat Ugandan officials take seriously. "Uganda cannot say that what happened on July 11th, 2010 cannot happen again,"** said army spokesman Felix Kulayigye. "It has happened in countries with better technology and better-facilitated security organizations than ours. We can only minimize it but cannot stop it." The suspects in custody come from a wide background: businessmen, university students, and leaders of small mosques. Other suspects come from Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. **"The conspiracy is really very big,"** said James Okello, a senior police investigator told The Associated Press. "It involves many people who also seem to be well-funded." Edward Ochom, the head of Uganda's criminal investigations department, said the arrests show Uganda can successfully hunt down terrorists on its soil. **"It was not by mistake that we arrested those people," Ochom said. "Police have sufficient evidence that all those charged in courts of law with terrorism were somehow involved in the planting of the bombs." Human rights officials, though, say some of the suspects have nothing to do with the bombings and were taken in because they are people of interest to the FBI and Kenyan authorities. Lawyer Ladislaus Rwakafuuzi represents eight Kenyans charged in the attacks. He said there is no evidence against most of his clients. Ugandan authorities "are only interested in interrogating the bombers," Rwakafuuzi said. "The rest are being interrogated by the FBI and Kenyans."** At least 10 human rights organizations in Kenya dispute the arrest of Al-Amin Kimathi, an activist with the Muslim Human Rights Forum in Nairobi. A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Kenya said previously that no representative of any U.S. agency was involved in any way in Kimathi's arrest, detention or questioning. Private investigator Luswata Ntusi said the only reason authorities have been able to locate so many suspects is because a fourth bomb at a third venue — a dance club — did not go off. **The other bombs went off at a restaurant and an outdoor sports facility where people had gathered to watch the game. One suspect, Haruna Luyima, was supposed to set off a bomb at the dance club but changed his mind at the last minute. Luyima told a news conference in August that he did so because he didn't want to kill innocent people. Police later found his discarded mobile phone, a huge lead that helped unravel the plot. "After failing to set off the bomb, Luyima went and told some close relatives that he had been recruited to plant the bomb by his elder brother Isa Luyima and that he had not blasted his,"** Ntusi said. "The relatives are likely to have reported to police and that led to the arrest of many people involved. He made the work of police easy." Another suspect in custody, Mohamood Mugisha, has said he was given \$4,000 by al-Shabab militants to help plan the attacks, including renting a house in Uganda. Mugisha says he drove the bombs in from Somalia, via Kenya, and he hinted that ethnically Somali police in Kenya were in on the plot and helped with border crossings. For now, police in Uganda have increased their force's counter-terrorism training. There are more plain-clothes police on the streets and at government facilities. New bomb-scanning machines have been set up at shopping malls, bars, hotels and banks. James Kasolo lost a cousin in the July attack. Like many Ugandans, he is worried about a second bombing, but he also worries that Ugandan authorities may now be moving too close to a security state. **"My daily fear is that they might hit again. I am worried," he said. "But again, these security men are everywhere, and unfortunately they scare me as well"** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** October 10, 2010

**Source:** Reuters, David Alexander, Caren Bohan

**Title/Headline:** *Blunt US Warnings To Pakistan Prompted By Terrorism Fear: Officials Worry About Attack On US Soil By Pakistan Group*

**Abstract:** Washington's push on Pakistan to get tough on militants on its territory is prompted by worries about an attack on U.S. soil, a concern the United States will press in talks with Islamabad later this month. A U.S. official last week countered suggestions that the tougher approach is driven by the need to show progress ahead of the Oct. 22 talks by an Obama administration strategy review of the war in Afghanistan in December. The failed Times Square bombing in May and the recent terrorism alert for Europe fueled fears of an attack, prompting the stepped up drone attacks in Pakistan's rugged northwest and pointed U.S. comments pressing Islamabad's to pursue militants more aggressively. **"There is really mounting concern that we are extremely vulnerable to an attack from a group in Pakistan that could occur,"** the U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Such an attack would trigger a critical change in ties with Islamabad, the official warned. **"(An attack) will change the nature of the relationship, not because necessarily it makes sense to, but because the congressional outcry and the public outcry will be such that you will have to dramatically do things quite differently,"** the official added. Blunt words in Washington about Pakistan's failure to aggressively go after insurgents coincided with a

cross-border incursion by U.S.-led NATO forces that killed two Pakistani frontier guards and wounded several others. The incident ignited public outrage and prompted officials to close a key border crossing to NATO supply convoys for days. While Pakistanis burned trucks carrying war goods, U.S. officials publicly apologized to Islamabad for the incursion on one hand while holding their ground on the need for the Pakistani military to deal aggressively with insurgent groups. **"We have a very difficult and complicated situation in Pakistan. We have worked hard on this relationship. We understand it's important to our security,"** White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said last week.

**Talks Coming Up:** The latest tensions come just ahead of the U.S.-Pakistani Strategic Dialogue later this month, and the Washington talks would go more smoothly if the strains of the last two weeks were patched up by then. **"I think it's going to be critical in the next few weeks as they prepare for the strategic dialogue between Pakistan and the U.S. ... that they don't have any of these flare-ups, neither do they have any lingering doubts about each others intentions,"** said Shuja Nawaz, director of the South Asia Center at the Atlantic Council, a Washington think tank. That will require a lot of "direct communication," he added, and not dealing with each other via the media. The administration official agreed that "ratcheting up pressure on Pakistan ... is not the way to get them to do things." **"With Pakistan, as with most countries, the more public and vocal you are, the harder things get,"** he said. **But the United States will continue to deliver the message that Pakistan needs to do more against insurgent groups, even at the strategic review. "It doesn't need to be confrontational,"** the official said. "We will continue with this message," he said. "We have constant communications with the Pakistanis. They know where we're at." U.S.-Pakistani relations are dogged by suspicion and mistrust. Although it has repeatedly engaged with Pakistan over the years, the United States has just as frequently cut off aid and disengaged, to punish Islamabad for actions like pursuit of nuclear weapons or through disinterest. [nN09172943] **"It's been like a roller coaster going back nearly 60 years,"** said Teresita Schaffer, head of the South Asia program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

**Afghanistan Time Tables:** Some analysts said the most recent flare-up appeared to be driven by the U.S. need to show some progress ahead of President Barack Obama's December strategy review for the Afghanistan war, which is expected to set the stage for the start of a U.S. transition out of the country in July 2011. **"What seems to be driving all this is the shortening U.S. timetable for beginning the transition out of Afghanistan and the need to create some military momentum and space,"** Nawaz said. Unless Gen. David Petraeus, the top NATO commander in Afghanistan, can show significant movement toward U.S. objectives by July 2011, he will have difficulty justifying maintaining 100,000 U.S. troops in the country, a congressional aide said on condition of anonymity. A congressionally mandated White House report sent to Capitol Hill this week assessing the war strategy said Pakistan had failed to move aggressively against al Qaeda and the Afghan Taliban last spring, in part for political reasons. **The Obama administration official denied any "Machiavellian plan"** to put pressure on Islamabad to move more aggressively ahead of the U.S.-Pakistan Strategic Dialogue or Obama's December strategy review. **"The report was due when it was due,"** the official said, **calling it a candid assessment to help Congress understand the challenges. The remarks highlighted in news accounts were more negative than the overall report, including classified sections that remain secret,** he said. **"We were trying to tell Congress that the situation in Pakistan is rather dire and that we're concerned,"** the official said. **"We're worried that the day after tomorrow, there could be an attack that originates from Pakistan, from one of these groups, and that things will change dramatically"** (Reuters, 2010).

**Date:** October 11, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Mike Levine

**Title/Headline:** *New Qaeda Mag Features "Proud" U.S. Traitor*

**Abstract:** The group behind the failed Christmas Day bombing has released the second installment of its new English-language magazine, Inspire, featuring a North Carolina man who says he is "proud to be a traitor to America." **"I am a traitor to America because my religion requires me to be one,"** writes 24-year-old Samir Khan, a U.S. citizen now believed to be in Yemen. **"We pledge to wage jihad for the rest of our lives until either we implant Islam all over the world or meet our Lord as bearers of Islam."** Khan's piece strongly criticizes the United States for "kill[ing] millions of Muslims around the world" and "get[ting] away with it wearing a tuxedo." **It also describes how he become a devout Muslim and "could no longer reside in America as a compliant citizen."** After the first edition of Inspire was released in July, U.S. officials told Fox News that Khan was likely a key player behind the magazine, with his old website and blog's graphics bearing a strong resemblance to the graphics found in the magazine. **The latest edition of the magazine, 74 pages long, also features "exclusive" comments by radical cleric Anwar Awlaki on "The Mardin Declaration," a condemnation of terrorism issued in March by Muslim scholars meeting in the Turkish city of Mardin.** In his comments, the U.S.-born Awlaki, who is now hiding in Yemen and has been tied to the Fort Hood shootings and the failed Christmas Day plot, calls the declaration a "disgrace" and "not worth the ink and the paper it's written on." **The magazine's cover story, meanwhile, relates to operations taking place in Abyan, a region of Yemen where militants have carried out deadly attacks on Yemen's military forces. Yemen's government has been struggling to root out Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP, the group that trained and equipped Nigerian Umar F. Abdulmutallab for his bombing attempt over Detroit in December.** The latest edition of the magazine was obtained by the Washington-based Middle East Media Research Institute, which provided a copy of it to Fox News. In July, after the first edition of Inspire magazine was released, the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis issued a note to local law enforcement across the country warning them that the magazine "encourages Western readers to conduct attacks in the West and to join the 'jihad.'" The first edition included articles by Usama bin Laden and Awlaki. **What's more, in an article titled "Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom," the magazine provided "step-by-step instructions for constructing a pipe bomb using readily accessible items,"** according to the note. **In the most recent edition, the magazine suggests Muslims use pickup trucks "as a mowing machine, not to mow grass but [to] mow down the enemies of Allah." "DHS and the FBI are concerned ... that the sophisticated, colloquial English-language magazine could appeal to certain Western individuals and inspire them to conduct attacks in the United States in the future,"** the DHS note in July said. **"As AQAP's first official publication geared towards English-speaking readers, Inspire reflects the group's interest in reaching a Western audience and is a significant addition to the group's media campaign"** (Levine, 2010).



**Date:** October 20, 2010

**Source:** Daily Times

**Title/Headline:** *Osama Is Not In Pakistan, Says Haqqani*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's Ambassador to the US Hussain Haqqani rejected a NATO official's claim on Monday that al Qaeda Chief Osama bin Laden is living comfortably in a house in the northwest of Pakistan, saying there was no basis to it. "This is speculation because if he knew it, it would be actionable intelligence and we would act on it," he said on CNN, citing NATO official, who was not named. "I mean, we can speculate on certain people in NATO and Afghanistan living it up, but that's just speculation. Why should we get into the speculation?" "The reason why this statement is not made officially and publicly by NATO is because they do not have any basis to make that statement," ambassador Haqqani added. When asked whether some elements in ISI were protecting the al Qaeda leader and his deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri, he said, "If anybody who thinks that Pakistan or any other state, for that matter, has any interest in protecting Bin Laden, who has brought nothing but mayhem to the world, is smoking something they shouldn't be smoking." When pressed that the statement on Osama Bin Laden was made by a NATO official, the Pakistan envoy said, "They would say that so that no one asks them questions about what their own performance is in Afghanistan. But that said, if this would have been a serious matter, they wouldn't be saying it off the record or on background. They would say it publicly," he added. "Publicly, the fact remains that all the success that the US has had in apprehending al Qaeda personnel in Pakistan had been with the help of Pakistan's intelligence services, the same ISI that everybody insists on demonising." Responding to another question, Haqqani said that NATO and US had shared no intelligence with Pakistan about Osama Bin Laden over the past few years (Daily Times, 2010).

**Date:** November 2, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan PM Sees No Chance Of Military Coup*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's prime minister on Tuesday rejected calls by opposition politicians for midterm elections and said there was no chance of the country's powerful army seizing power as it has often done in the past. The government of President Asif Ali Zardari is unpopular among many Pakistanis and is under pressure from the Supreme Court over corruption allegations. It has been dogged by speculation and rumors that it is on its way out almost from the day it took office. Zardari, the husband of slain former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, insists he will see out his five-year term until it ends in 2013. His supporters note that his party has a majority in parliament, meaning there is no constitutional way of ending it early. Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani said in parliament on Tuesday that the army was "pro-democracy" and would not impose martial law. He said those calling for the dissolution of parliament and fresh elections were trying to break up the country. The army has seized power from civilian governments several times before in Pakistan's turbulent history, but many commentators say it does not currently have the appetite to stage a coup. However, it remains a powerful political force that would have to endorse any move to get rid of Zardari. Zardari is head of the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party, of which Gilani is also a member. Opposition spokesman Sadiqul Farooq said the government had failed to improve the economy, restore peace and provide even basic facilities to the people. "The government will not survive. You will see midterm elections soon," he predicted. Despite Farooq's remarks, opposition leader Nawaz Sharif has so far avoided directly calling for Zardari to step down or actively leading a campaign to destabilize the government. Many analysts say Sharif is well positioned to win the next elections but is no rush to take power, especially given the perilous state of the country. He may prefer to see the government limp along to 2013 and win those polls, untainted by charges of bringing down an elected government midterm (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, The Wall Street Journal

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda in Pakistan Aids Yemen Terror Plots*

**Abstract:** Usama bin Laden and other Al Qaeda leaders are believed to be providing strategic and philosophical guidance from Pakistan to Yemen-based Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP, the group Washington believes was behind last week's attempt to ship bombs in packages to the U.S. Increased communication and collaboration between Al Qaeda militants in Yemen and the group's central leadership have fueled alarm about terrorist plots which U.S. and European officials first detected months ago and which they believe remain active despite efforts to thwart them. Some officials said the release of a bin Laden audiotape last week might have been the signal for AQAP to set the package-bomb plot in motion, though others said it was too soon to tell whether there was a direct connection. Seen as Al Qaeda's most active and ambitious affiliate, AQAP has at times sought the blessing of Mr. bin Laden on leadership decisions. Direct command-and-control for terror operations is believed to rest chiefly with the local affiliate, officials said. Officials say their knowledge about suspected ongoing plots in Europe is limited. Security concerns have been heightened further by a spate of mail-bomb attempts this week that appeared to target European leaders and institutions, and the disclosure that Britain arrested a member of AQAP earlier this year for allegedly plotting a U.K. attack. U.S. officials have kept in place a broad travel alert issued on Oct. 3 advising Americans to show vigilance when traveling in Europe. One of the plots of concern, officials say, is a potential Al Qaeda attack in the U.K., Germany or France modeled after the siege on Mumbai in 2008 that killed over 160 people. "Nobody thinks last week was the whole enchilada," a senior counterterrorism official said of the cargo-bombing plot. "There are still things in play." Officials said counterterrorism operations in Pakistan don't appear to have disrupted the multiple plots, in part because sleeper cells may already be in place in European cities. European authorities have launched an expanded manhunt for individuals who may be involved (Wall Street Journal, 2010).



**Date:** November 23, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *New York Victims Of Mumbai Terror Attack Sue Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Family members of two New Yorkers gunned down during the 2008 Mumbai, India, terror attacks are suing Pakistan's intelligence agency along with a militant organization they say are responsible for the deaths. Rabbi Gavriel Noach Holtzberg and his pregnant wife, Rivka, were among the more than 160 people killed during the attacks. During the incident, 10 men stormed buildings such as the luxury Taj Mahal Palace and Tower, the Oberoi-Trident hotels, a train station and a Jewish cultural center. The only surviving gunman, Mohammed Ajmal Kasab of Pakistan, was convicted of murder, conspiracy and waging war. The Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, which has been blamed for the November 2008 siege, is also named in the suit. Holtzberg's relatives allege that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency aided the militant group in the attacks. The wrongful death lawsuit filed last week in federal court in New York says the intelligence agency "provided critical planning, material support, control and coordination for the attacks." Family members are seeking monetary damages but did not specify an amount. The families' lawyer, James Kreindler, was part of a successful lawsuit against Libya in connection with the 1988 explosion on Pan Am Flight 103 that killed 259 people over Lockerbie, Scotland, as well as 11 people on the ground (CNN, 2010).

**Date:** November 23, 2010

**Source:** The Hindu, Narayan Lakshman

**Title/Headline:** *ISI, LeT Sued In New York For 26/11*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba are being sued by the family of an American couple and their unborn child who were slain by militants during the Mumbai terror attacks of 2008. The lawsuit, filed in a federal court in Brooklyn, New York, on Friday afternoon last week, alleges wrongful death on behalf of Rabbi Gavriel Noah Holtzberg and his wife Rivka, who was pregnant at the time. Both were both gunned down at the Chabad Lubavitch in Mumbai. The Holtzbergs were killed even as their two-year-old son Moshe survived the attack, after being whisked off to safety by his nanny, Sandra Samuel. Reports said that the grandfather of Moshe, who now lives in Israel, was one of the plaintiffs. Media reports added that the plaintiffs, including the relatives of two other victims of the terror attack, alleged that the ISI had aided the 10 men carrying out the commando-style attacks that left more than 160 people dead. An extract from the lawsuit reportedly said that the ISI had "provided critical planning, material support, control and coordination for the attacks." Speaking to The Hindu, James Kreindler, lawyer representing the plaintiffs, said: "We have sued both the LeT, the leaders of LeT, the ISI and top ISI people, who have been identified as being involved in providing support to LeT." He clarified that the government of Pakistan had not been sued. Mr. Kreindler explained that under the United States' anti-terrorism law, the plaintiffs had the right to sue the defendants in the U.S. Noting that this lawsuit represented "nearly all of the U.S. victims," of the attack, Mr. Kreindler said that the civil suit sought compensatory and punitive damages of over \$75,000, the jurisdictional limit for filings in federal courts. Mr. Kreindler said: "Obviously, Pakistan is an ally of the U.S. in the war in Afghanistan and our efforts to fight Al-Qaeda... We know, however, that ISI has straddled some fences and while Pakistan is certainly cooperating with us, the ISI has used [LeT] for its own purposes." While the U.S. and Pakistan had a "complicated relationship," the case had been presented in a "responsible, non-inflammatory and low-key way," and it would also serve a public function in terms of the fight against terror, he said. Mr. Kreindler is renowned for his success in leading a civil suit against the government of Libya and its intelligence agencies following the 1988 Lockerbie bombing case, in which a bomb brought down Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland, killing 270 people on board (Lakshman, 2010).

**Date:** December 1, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Spain Arrests 7 Suspected Extremists*

**Abstract:** Spanish authorities arrested seven alleged Islamist extremists Wednesday who dealt in providing stolen travel documents to terrorist groups, the national police said. Police say the seven are linked to al Qaeda. Six suspects were from Pakistan and one from Nigeria, police said. Investigators arrested three others in Thailand; they are accused of directing the operation in Spain. According to police, the cell was dedicated to stealing travel documents, mostly passports, and sending them to Thailand, where they would be falsified and turned over to groups with links to al Qaeda, such as Lashkar-e-Taiba, a militant group based in Pakistan. The documents also ended up in the hands of the Tamil Tigers, a rebel force in Sri Lanka, police said. Since the March 11, 2004 commuter train bombings in Madrid that killed 190 and wounded 1800, Spanish police, working with other international police forces, have kept a close eye on suspected Islamic radicals living in or transiting through the country. There have been numerous previous arrests for alleged support work, like these arrests, involving forged documents (CNN, 2010)

**Date:** December 5, 2010

**Source:** BBC

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Police Face Arrest Over Benazir Bhutto Murder*

**Abstract:** An anti-terrorism court in Pakistan has ordered the arrest of two senior police officers accused of negligence in the killing of former PM Benazir Bhutto. She died in a 2007 gun and suicide attack in the city of Rawalpindi. A special prosecutor says the officers - who include Rawalpindi's ex-police chief - had failed to make proper arrangements and then ordered the crime scene to be prematurely hosed down. A UN report released in April said the killing could have been prevented. The report - the result of a United Nations commission of inquiry - accused the Pakistani authorities of severely hampering the investigation and said no credible inquiry should rule out the possibility of involvement of members of the country's military and security establishment. The

UN report also criticised the Pakistani police's decision to hose down the crime scene, and said its failure to collect and preserve evidence "inflicted irreparable damage to the investigation". On Sunday an anti-terrorism court issued warrants for the arrest of two senior police officers, said special prosecutor Chaudhry Zulfikar Ali. **"The court has issued warrants and these are non-bailable. They can be arrested anytime,"** he told Reuters news agency. **"I argued that they were responsible for Bhutto's security and they failed to make foolproof security arrangements and they ordered the crime scene to be hosed down despite resistance from other officials."** He named the two as Saud Aziz, the former Rawalpindi police chief, and Khurram Shahzad, one of his deputies. They were not immediately available for comment. The court will resume proceedings next Saturday. Ms Bhutto was killed after an election rally, where she was campaigning ahead of parliamentary elections, just weeks after returning from exile. A government investigation blamed the then supreme commander of the Taliban in Pakistan, Baitullah Mehsud. **He denied being involved in the assassination and was killed in a suspected US missile attack in August 2009. Five militants are already facing trial for alleged involvement in Bhutto's murder** (BBC, 2010).

**Date:** December 24, 2010

**Source:** CNN, Chris Lawrence

**Title/Headline:** *Son Of Notorious Insurgent Leader Is Arrested*

**Abstract:** A key member of an insurgent network in the Afghan-Pakistani region has been seized recent days, Pakistani military intelligence sources told CNN on Friday. He is Nasiruddin Haqqani, son of Afghan insurgent leader Jalaluddin Haqqani, whose notorious group, called the Haqqani Network, operates in Afghanistan and Pakistan and is closely tied to the Taliban. Nasiruddin Haqqani was detained in recent days while driving from Peshawar to the tribal region of North Waziristan, the sources said. **The United Nations says he is believed to be based out of Miram Shah in North Waziristan, where the network operates. The Pakistani military intelligence sources asked not to be named because they are not authorized to speak to the media.** This arrest comes amid concerns among U.S. officials that Pakistan has not been aggressively confronting militants operating in the tribal regions. **The Haqqani Network "has been at the forefront of insurgent activity in Afghanistan, responsible for many high-profile attacks,"** the United Nations says. Bill Roggio, managing editor of The Long War Journal, a website that tracks terror-related events and trends, calls the top leadership a "family business." The United Nations says it consists of Jalaluddin Haqqani's three oldest sons, one of whom is Nasiruddin, who operates as an emissary for the network and spends a lot of time fundraising, the United Nations says. He apparently speaks Arabic and is a close aide to his father, the United Nations says. His brother, Sirajuddin, is described by the U.S. Treasury Department as the overall leader of the network and the leader of the Miram Shah Regional Military Shura. **The United Nations says the Haqqani Network is believed to have three main sources of funds: Gulf region donations, drug trafficking, and al Qaeda payments. "In 2004, (Nasiruddin) Haqqani traveled to Saudi Arabia with a Taliban associate to raise funds for the Taliban. He also provided funds in 2004 to militants in Afghanistan for the purpose of disrupting the Afghan presidential election. "From at least 2005 to 2008, Nasiruddin Haqqani collected funds for the Haqqani Network through various fundraising trips, including during regular travel to the United Arab Emirates in 2007 and through a fundraising trip to another Gulf state in 2008,"** the United Nations said. And late last year, Nasiruddin Haqqani "received several hundred thousand dollars from al Qaeda-associated individuals in the Arabian Peninsula" for network activities. Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of the Treasury cited Nasiruddin Haqqani for supporting acts of terrorism. Sirajuddin Haqqani was designated a supporter of terrorism in 2008. Many observers say the North Waziristan-based group has backing in the Pakistani military. **"Elements within the Pakistani security establishment continue to view the Haqqani Network as a useful ally and proxy force to represent their interests in Afghanistan. To this end, Haqqani forces have repeatedly targeted Indian infrastructure and construction projects in Afghanistan,"** the Institute for the Study of War said in a report this year. **"The Pakistani Army has consistently refused to launch a military operation in North Waziristan despite the presence of al Qaeda senior leadership,"** it said. A report published earlier this year by the New America Foundation think tank calls the Pakistani agency of North Waziristan "the most important springboard for violence in Afghanistan today, much as it has been for decades." And it says the Haqqani Network is "the most important militant group" in North Waziristan's Miram Shah, where Jalaluddin Haqqani settled in the mid-1970s after leaving his native Khost province in Afghanistan. **"Jalaluddin quickly became the most important mujahedeen commander in eastern Afghanistan during the 1980s" when Afghan fighters took on the Soviet Union,** the report says. North Waziristan has been a "safe haven" for militants eluding U.S. and Pakistani military actions, it notes. **"Shortly after the fall of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan in late 2001, thousands of Taliban members associated with the regime flooded into North Waziristan,"** according to the report, titled "The Battle for Pakistan: North Waziristan." "Many took shelter in (North Waziristan's) treacherous and heavily forested Shawal Valley, which became a refuge for all sorts of foreign militants, including those from al Qaeda. Pakistani government forces subsequently targeted other Pakistani safe havens, including South Waziristan. In 2004, a wave of militants arrived in North Waziristan after being pushed out of South Waziristan's Shakai Valley. More recently, a variety of militants associated with the Mehsud tribe in South Waziristan is believed to have sought safe haven in North Waziristan." **Will the arrest make an impact in the war against the Taliban? Roggio doubts it. He says the Haqqanis are one of the Pakistani state's premier proxies and puts them on par with Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, the Pakistan-based group that was blamed for a violent siege on Mumbai in November 2008. He notes that there has been pressure to appease and deflect pressure from the United States and NATO. "When the heat gets turned up,"** he said, **Pakistan will make a gesture but "not a real sacrifice"** (Lawrence, 2010).

**Date:** January 09, 2011

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan's Release Of Militant Stirs Questions*

**Abstract:** He is a self-declared warrior against U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan. He allegedly ran terrorist training camps there when the Taliban was in power. He was suspected of involvement in the attempted assassination of two Pakistani leaders. And today, Qari Saifullah Akhtar is free. Punjab Law Minister Rana Sanaullah, the top judicial official in Akhtar's native Punjab

province, told The Associated Press he was released from four months of house arrest in early December because authorities finished questioning him in connection with the October 2007 attempted assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and found no grounds to charge him. Bhutto was killed in December the same year. However, one U.S. official said Akhtar has extensive ties to al-Qaida and other terrorist groups and is someone who should not be free to walk around the streets of Pakistan or any other country. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. **Former U.S. intelligence officials and analysts said Akhtar's release is yet another sign of Pakistan's reluctance or inability to crack down on the most dangerous terrorist organizations.** The leader of Lashkar-e-Taiba, Hafiz Saeed, was freed from custody on more than one occasion and is currently free. Lashkar-e-Taiba, headquartered in Punjab, is believed to be the mastermind behind the November 2008 Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people. As part of Pakistan's battle with neighbor India, the military and intelligence helped train and arm militant groups who fought in the disputed Kashmir region. **Many of those groups cut their teeth on guerrilla warfare in the U.S.-backed 1980s insurgent war against Russian soldiers in Afghanistan. But military and intelligence officials have told The AP their relationship with such groups was severed after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, which marked a turning point that moved Pakistan into a closer alliance with the U.S.** However there are lingering concerns that some links with militants remain. Pakistani military officials say the military and intelligence services fighting insurgents in the northwestern tribal regions along the border with Afghanistan are stretched too thin to open another front against militants in the Punjab. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not allowed to talk to the media. **A number of militant groups active within Pakistan are headquartered in Punjab, where 60 percent of Pakistan's 170 million people live. Religious tensions have been running so high in the province that its governor, Salman Taseer, was assassinated by one of his own bodyguards last week for criticizing blasphemy laws that impose the death penalty for a variety of religious offenses, including insulting Islam.** The bodyguard has been celebrated as a hero by many in Pakistan. Military officials said that gathering actionable intelligence in the tribal regions, where some al-Qaida's leaders are believed to be hiding, has been deadly. **A senior intelligence official told the AP Pakistan has lost more than 50 spies killed by militants. "I think it is clear that Akhtar is going to go back to the front lines of the fight against the United States,** which complicates our mission in Afghanistan, and threatens the stability and security of the region in general," says Charles Bacon a U.S.-based intelligence analyst. **Pakistani and U.S. analysts say Akhtar's release reflects a growing lack of control by the country's security agencies over one-time prodigies who have broken away and turned their weapons on the state.** Mohammed Amir Rana, who runs the Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies, said freeing Akhtar was a desperate attempt by the security agencies to reunite militant groups whose members have splintered into smaller groups and in some cases, turned against Pakistan because of its support for the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan and its attacks on the Taliban at home. **Bhutto had named Akhtar as a person she feared might try to kill her. To protest his innocence, Akhtar's lawyer has filed suit against Bhutto's widower, President Asif Zardari, complaining that Bhutto had referred to his client as her would-be assassin,** said author and defense analyst Ayesha Siddiqi. Bhutto named him as the bombmaker in the October attack on her in her posthumously released book. **"But the real reason is simply that there are elements in the (intelligence) agencies who are sympathetic to these guys,"** said Siddiqi, referring to militants. No charges were ever brought against Akhtar over Bhutto or his suspected involvement in an earlier assassination attempt against former president Gen. Pervez Musharraf, according to Jane's Defense. Akhtar's operational chief Ilyas Kashmiri had connections with some of the Mumbai conspirators. **He was linked to David Coleman Headley, the Pakistani American in jail in the United States for his involvement in the Mumbai attack. Akhtar, who ran al-Qaida linked training camps in Afghanistan during the Taliban rule, has also been linked to five American would-be jihadis arrested in 2008 in Pakistan. Akhtar was also alleged to have masterminded a plot to overthrow her government in 1995, according to Bhutto, but escaped to the United Arab Emirates. During her tenure she had issued a warrant for his arrest. "It is law that a man being investigated and interrogated in sensitive and high-profile cases should be under house arrest and strict vigilance by the police,"** said the Punjab Law Minister Sanaullah. But once the investigation is done and no charges brought, the suspect must be released, he said. Sanaullah, who has given tacit support to banned religious groups, dismissed allegations that the Punjab government, which is run by the conservative Pakistan Muslim League (PML), was afraid to take on militant organizations headquartered in the province. During local elections last year Sanaullah campaigned with the banned Sunni extremist group, the Sipah-e-Sahabah, a forerunner to the al-Qaida affiliated Lashkar-e-Janghvi organization, believed to provide the majority of suicide bombers who have attacked Pakistani targets. **"The one thing I can offer is that Pakistan has had trouble holding the leadership of banned terrorist organizations and extremist groups accountable for anything, either because of perceived legal constraints or concerns about stirring an extremist hornet's nest,"** said Juan Carlos Zarate, a top counterterrorism official in the Bush administration (Fox News, 2011).

**Conclusion:** Pakistan has been accused of almost every single terror attack on the planet, and should a nuclear terror attack occur, they will be blamed for it as well.

## The Nuclear Bible: Pakistan & World War III



**Intro:** While the United States arms Pakistan to the teeth with weapons, planes, and funding, they appear to be simultaneously destabilizing the government and country with an onslaught of attacks consisting of false-flag terror attacks, suicide bombings, relentless drone attacks, hijackings, and the full power of the weather weapon HAARP. Readers unfamiliar with HAARP should research this mega weapon, whose cover is Global Warming/Climate Change. Should a nuclear terror attacks transpire, a raging Pakistan will be further scapegoated, charged, and retaliated against with nuclear weapons.

**Date:** February 11, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Biden: Pakistan Is My Greatest Concern*

**Abstract:** US Vice President Joe Biden has expressed serious concerns over the growing militancy in Pakistan and the fate of that country's nuclear weapons. Biden said in an interview with CNN that his greatest concern is not Iraq or the standoff over Iran's nuclear energy program. The Vice President said he is most concerned about Pakistan, because it is a country that possesses nuclear weapons and has a significant radical minority. **"I think it's a big country. It has nuclear weapons that are able to be deployed. It has a real significant minority of radicalized population."** Biden added that Pakistan is not a completely functional democracy. **"It is not a completely functional democracy in the sense we think about it, and so that's my greatest concern."** His remarks came as the US Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair reassured that the Pakistani military is aware of the consequences of its nuclear arsenal falling into the wrong hands. Senior officials in Washington have long accused elements in the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) of supporting extremists. **President Barack Obama's administration has accused Pakistan of not doing enough to stem the flow of arms and support to the Taliban and Al-Qaeda across its borders.** Analysts say the US invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 has prompted militants to cross the border into Pakistan, turning the restive tribal belt between the two countries into scenes of deadly violence. **Pakistan has also dismissed US concerns, saying its armed forces have full control over the country's nuclear installations** (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** March 10, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Attack Kills Aid Workers*

**Abstract:** Attackers armed with grenades bombed the offices of an international aid group in north-west Pakistan today, killing six people working for the organisation, police said. The attack targeted World Vision, a large Christian humanitarian group helping survivors of the 2005 Kashmir earthquake in Mansehra district. The dead were all Pakistanis and included two women, said a police official, Mohammad Sabir. "It was a brutal and senseless attack," said Dean Owen, World Vision spokesman in Seattle, Washington. **"It was completely unexpected, unannounced and unprovoked."** Islamists often target Christian groups, which they accuse of trying to convert Muslims. Another World Vision spokesman said the group, which was founded 60 years ago in the US and is one of the world's largest and most well-funded Christian aid organisations, had suspended operations across Pakistan as a result of the attack. Al-Qaida, the Taliban and allied groups are strong in north-western Pakistan, but Mansehra lies outside the tribal belt next to Afghanistan where the militants have their main bases. Extremists have killed other people working for foreign aid groups in Pakistan and issued statements saying such organisations are working against Islam. The attacks have greatly hampered efforts to raise living standards in the desperately poor region. Militants see the aid groups as a challenge to their authority. **The aid groups often employ women and support women's rights initiatives, angering the extremists. Many foreign aid groups set up offices in Mansehra after the 2005 earthquake, which killed about 80,000 people.** In 2008 militants in Mansehra killed four Pakistanis working for Plan International, a British-based charity that focuses on helping children (Guardian, 2010).

**Date:** April 12, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *200,000 Civilians Flee Pakistan Military Offensive.*

**Abstract:** More than 200,000 people have fled Pakistan's latest offensive against Taliban militants in the northwest, the United Nations said Monday, as fresh clashes in the remote region killed 41 insurgents and six soldiers. Elsewhere in the northwest, a suspected U.S. missile killed five alleged militants in a house in North Waziristan, the latest in a series of strikes in the region, Pakistani officials said. North Waziristan is home to al-Qaida and Taliban commanders, many of whom play a role in the insurgency in neighboring Afghanistan. The military has pounded the Orakzai tribal region with airstrikes and artillery in an attempt to rout insurgents from the rugged, mountainous area near the Afghan border. Many Taliban fighters fled to Orakzai last year to escape a separate army offensive in their tribal stronghold of South Waziristan. **The exodus of civilians from Orakzai adds to the more than 1.3 million people driven from their homes by fighting in the northwest and unable to return.** The U.N. warned Monday it faces a severe shortfall in funding needed to aid those displaced, saying it has only received about \$106 million, or 20 percent, of the \$538



**million appeal it launched in February for the next six months.** Almost 210,000 people have fled Orakzai since the fighting first started at the end of last year, including nearly 50,000 people who left in the last month as the military has intensified its offensive in the area, said the U.N. **The latest violence in Orakzai occurred Monday when dozens of militants armed with rockets and automatic weapons attacked two security checkpoints in the villages of Shireen Dara and Sangrana, local administrator Saaid.** Security forces successfully repelled the attack, but six soldiers were killed and three others wounded, he said. **"More than 100 militants attacked the security checkpoint in Shireen Dara," Khan said. "They fought a gunbattle for two hours and fired several rockets." After the battles subsided, authorities found the bodies of 15 militants around the two checkpoints, said two intelligence officials. Insurgents removed the bodies of at least 26 others who were killed,** they said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. More than 300 suspected militants have been killed in Orakzai since mid-March, including 10 on Sunday when fighter jets destroyed three militant hide-outs in Sangram village, Khan said. **Government reports are almost impossible to independently verify because journalists are prohibited from traveling to the country's semiautonomous tribal areas** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** April 16, 2010

**Source:** USA Today, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan To Probe Bhutto Killing After U.N. Report*

**Abstract:** Pakistan said Friday police will launch a new probe into the assassination of Benazir Bhutto after a U.N. report blamed security forces for failing to protect her — accusations dismissed as a "pack of lies" by an aide to ex-President Pervez Musharraf. Bhutto, a former prime minister, was killed in a Dec. 27, 2007, gun and suicide-bomb attack as she was leaving a rally in Rawalpindi city, where she was campaigning to return her Pakistan People's Party to power in elections after returning from nearly nine years in self-imposed exile. **The slaying was the latest in a long line of high-profile political assassinations in Pakistan and convulsed the country, which was then ruled by unpopular military-backed ruler Musharraf and battered — as now — by al-Qaeda and Taliban violence. Supporters of Bhutto immediately hinted that Musharraf or his allies in the powerful and largely unaccountable security forces may have played a role.** The three-member U.N. panel, which was not tasked with unmasking the killers, said Bhutto's death could have been avoided if Musharraf's government and security agencies had taken adequate measures. **It also found that the probe into her death was deliberately hampered by intelligence agencies. The report, issued Thursday, was highly critical of a decision made within hours of the killing to hose down the crime scene and not to conduct an autopsy.** The report was hailed by the PPP, which now governs Pakistan and is led by President Asif Ali Zardari, Bhutto's widower. Zardari aide Farahnaz Ispahani said "the report will pave the way for a proper police investigation and possible penal proceedings." **Presidential spokesman Farhatullah Babar said the report backed up the PPP's belief that Musharraf or his allies were responsible for Bhutto's death.** But Musharraf aide Rashid Qureshi insisted the U.N. report was based on rumors and that Musharraf — currently living abroad — was not responsible. **"This chief U.N. investigator was not the relative of Sherlock Homes," Qureshi told The Associated Press. "It is a pack of lies." He added that Bhutto exposed herself to the risk even after the head of the country's most powerful spy agency, Inter-Services Intelligence, warned her not to attend the rally because of threats of an attack. Musharraf's government blamed Baitullah Mehsud, a Pakistani militant commander with links to al-Qaeda. Officials at the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency also reportedly said Mehsud, who was killed in a missile strike last August, was the chief suspect.** Bhutto was a secular politician with strong links to Western governments and a vocal critic of Islamist militants. The U.N. commission said Musharraf's government, though tracking threats against Bhutto, did little more than pass them on to her and provincial authorities and did not act to neutralize them or ensure "that the security provided was commensurate with the threats." Bhutto's party provided extra security, but the arrangements "lacked leadership and were inadequate and poorly executed," it said. **"Ms. Bhutto faced threats from a number of sources," the commission said. "These included al-Qaeda, the Taliban, local jihadi groups and potentially from elements in the Pakistani Establishment"** — the customary way people here refer to the country's powerful military and intelligence apparatus. The U.N. said the police probe lacked direction and commitment, and that it went after "lower level operatives," not higher-ups. The commission said Inter-Services Intelligence conducted parallel investigations, gathering evidence which was only selectively shared with the police. **"The commission believes that the failure of the police to investigate effectively Ms. Bhutto's assassination was deliberate," the report said. "These officials, in part fearing intelligence agencies' involvement, were unsure of how vigorously they ought to pursue actions, which they knew, as professionals, they should have taken."** Five people have been accused by authorities of involvement in the assassination — although they are not believed to be the masterminds. Officials have said a final charge-sheet against them would only be submitted in court after the U.N. report was examined. A hearing was scheduled for April 21 for the five, jail official Mohammed Zafar said. The commission urged Pakistani authorities to carry out a "serious, credible" criminal investigation that "determines who conceived, ordered and executed this heinous crime of historic proportions, and brings those responsible to justice." **The U.N. secretary-general agreed to appoint a commission to assist Pakistan by determining the facts and circumstances of Bhutto's death and it began work on July 1, 2009, conducting more than 250 interviews and reviewing hundreds of documents, videos, photographs and documentary material.** Under terms agreed to by the U.N. and the Pakistani government, Pakistani authorities would determine any criminal responsibility (USA Today, 2010).

**Date:** April 16, 2010

**Source:** Reuters, Stephanie Nebehay

**Title/Headline:** *Hospital Blast Kills 10 In SW Pakistan*

**Abstract:** A suicide bomber killed 10 people, including a TV journalist and senior police officials, in a suspected attack against Sh'ite Muslims inside a hospital in Pakistan's southwestern city of Quetta on Friday. A member of parliament from the ruling Pakistan People's Party was among the scores wounded in the attack outside the emergency ward of the hospital in Quetta, the provincial capital of Baluchistan, officials said. **"Ten people, including two senior police officials, were killed in the attack and another 47 wounded,"** provincial police chief Rehmatullah Niazi told reporters. **Police said 15 kg (33 lb) of explosives were used in the**



**bomb that badly damaged the emergency ward building. Broken window glass and pools of blood marked the scene of the attack.** Shi'ite Muslims are a minority in Pakistan, which is about 80 percent Sunni, and thousands of people have been killed in sectarian violence across the country in the past 30 years. **Pakistan has seen a wave of suicide bomb attacks in the past three years -- most of them in the country's northwest where troops are battling Pakistani Taliban militants, who are Sunni Muslims.** Pakistani security forces have largely cleared militants from at least three of their strongholds -- Swat, the tribal regions of South Waziristan and Bajaur on the Afghan border -- in offensives launched last year (Nebehay, 2010).

**Date:** May 8, 2010

**Source:** France 24, Asif Ali Zardari

**Title/Headline:** *"The [Pakistani] President's Absence Gives Fundamentalist Groups The Opportunity To Infiltrate The Region"*

**Abstract:** One of our Observers in Pakistan condemns Zardari's tour of France and Britain, asserting that the lack of civilian leadership in overseeing flood relief efforts is allowing militants to infiltrate the region and recruit new members. The flooding in the northern regions of Pakistan have killed around 15,000 people and left several thousand homeless. The people of northern Pakistan are awaiting much-needed aid whilst their president is on a diplomatic tour in Europe. **Meanwhile, charitable organisations affiliated with militant groups, notably Lashkar-e-Taiba and the Falah-i-Insaniat Foundation, are distributing aid.** Sana Saleem is a prominent blogger and social activist from Karachi. The President's absence is very symbolic - the people in the northern region feel abandoned. **The situation is exacerbated by the fact that the government's disaster management is abysmal and gives fundamentalist groups the opportunity to infiltrate the region.** NGOs are always the first to arrive because the government's civil response is so slow; this means that the conditions are ideal for the fundamentalist groups to recruit new people. **I don't blame the people - they are desperate. They were affected by the earthquake in 2005 (although aid and media attention was biased towards Kashmir), then by army clashes with the Taliban insurgents.** On each occasion the militants have infiltrated the civilian population. Already they feel neglected in that region as there is so little infrastructure - for many of the children, the only way to get an education is through the madrasas. **What choice do these people have if the government abandons them and doesn't do what it is supposed to? Zardari's actions are foolish and people here are angry. Although technically Pakistan is a democracy, the fact that the president is out of the country, the militants are dealing with the relief efforts, and the government response is not civilian but military speaks volumes about the state of our democracy. Who is running the country? Zardari should come back and his priority should be getting aid to the people who need it, because if the situation is not tackled soon then this could be a huge security problem in the future"** (Zardari, 2010).

**Date:** May 11, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Jane Perlez, Pir Zubair Shah

**Title/Headline:** *Drone Strikes Pound Western Pakistan*

**Abstract:** American drone aircraft fired 18 missiles at militants in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region on Tuesday, killing at least 14 fighters and wounding 4, a security official and a resident of the area said. The missiles struck a region known as Datta Khel on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border where Taliban and Qaeda fighters prepare for operations against United States and NATO troops in Afghanistan. **The unusually intense drone attack was the third since a failed car bombing in Times Square 10 days ago. Faisal Shahzad, a Pakistani-American charged in the attempted attack, has told American investigators that he visited North Waziristan to train with the Pakistani Taliban.** There was no indication that the strikes on Tuesday were retaliation for the bombing attempt. **The attack by the American drones, operated by the C.I.A., appeared to be a continuation of the air campaign to degrade the capabilities of Al Qaeda, the Pakistani Taliban and the Afghan Taliban fighters now working together in North Waziristan** (Perlez & Shah, 2010).

**Date:** May 19, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Rob Crilly

**Title/Headline:** *Facebook Blocked In Pakistan Over Prophet Mohammed Cartoon Row*

**Abstract:** Plans for the "Everybody Draw Mohammed Day" contest drew an angry reaction, provoking street demonstrations in the Muslim majority country. On Wednesday, Lahore High Court responded to a petition by the Muslim Lawyers Movement, ordering Pakistan's internet regulator to block the entire site. Users lost access to Facebook about two hours later. Rai Bashir, a lawyer involved in the case, said the site was blasphemous. **"There are so many insults to the Prophet on the internet and that's why we felt we had to bring this case," he said. "All Muslims in Pakistan and the world will be supporting us." It is widely considered offensive to visually depict the Muslim prophet.** The Koran does not explicitly forbid images of Mohammed, but a number of hadith, or interpretations of the Islamic holy book, forbid figural representations. **The court in Lahore ordered Facebook to be blocked until May 31 -- after the date of the contest -- when a longer hearing is expected. The contest was based on an idea by Seattle-based artist Molly Norris, who posted a cartoon on her website of a chair, cotton reel, cherry and other items each claiming to be Mohammed. However, she said her idea was only ever a spoof. It was meant as a protest against censorship of the television show South Park, she said. The US cartoon recently featured the Muslim prophet dressed in a bear suit. She added that she was horrified that her satire had been turned into a Facebook competition. It is not the first time Pakistanis have reacted angrily to depictions of the Prophet Mohammed. Tens of thousands of protesters took to the streets in 2006 when cartoons, which had originally been published in a Danish newspaper, were reprinted around the world. Five people died when the demonstrations turned violent. Lawyers for the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority had argued that only the offending page be removed, but Justice Ijaz Ahmad Chaudhry ordered the whole social networking site to be barred on Wednesday** (Crilly, 2010).

**Date:** May 28, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Suspected Militants Kill 80 At Minority Sect's Mosques In Eastern Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Islamist gunmen and a suicide squad lobbed grenades, sprayed bullets from atop a minaret and took hostages Friday in attacks on two mosques packed with worshippers from a minority sect in Pakistan. At least 80 people were killed and dozens wounded. The strikes — the deadliest against the Ahmadi community — highlight the threat to minority religious groups by the same militants who have repeatedly attacked Pakistan's U.S.-allied government and threatened to destabilize the nuclear-armed nation. The tactics echoed those militants have used against government, foreign and security targets in Pakistan, but they had never before been directed against a religious minority. Two teams of heavily armed attackers — seven men in total — staged the raids minutes apart, seizing hostages and apparently planning to fight to the death. Three died when they detonated their suicide vests. Two were captured. "It was like a war going on around me. The cries I heard sent chills down my spine," said Luqman Ahmad, a survivor. Shiite Muslims have borne the brunt of individual suicide bombings and targeted killings for years in Sunni-majority Pakistan, though Christians and Ahmadis have also faced violence. The long-standing sectarian violence in the country has been exacerbated by the rise of the Sunni extremist Taliban and al-Qaida movements. The attacks Friday took place in the Model Town and Garhi Shahu neighborhoods of Lahore. The eastern city is Pakistan's second-largest. It is a key political, military, and cultural center and has been the scene of some of the most spectacular militant attacks in the country over the past year. The assault at Model Town lasted about an hour, and involved four attackers spraying worshippers with bullets before exploding hand grenades, said Sajjad Bhutta, Lahore's deputy commissioner. Two attackers were caught and one was treated for his wounds, Punjab province police chief Tariq Saleem Dogar said. The fate of the two other gunmen was unclear. One of the detained suspects was from southern Punjab, but had studied at a religious school in the port city of Karachi, a major militant crossroads, Punjab's Law Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan said (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** June 9, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Times, Associated Press, Bahauddin Khan

**Title/Headline:** *Militants Attack NATO Convoy In Pakistan; 7 Killed*

**Abstract:** Militants attacked dozens of trucks ferrying vehicles for Western troops in Afghanistan early Wednesday near the Pakistani capital, a bold assault that killed seven people and illustrated the vulnerability of a crucial U.S. supply line. Militants and ordinary criminals have often attacks. NATO and U.S. supply convoys over the past two years, but Wednesday's strike was the first so close to the well-protected capital, something likely to cause particular unease. Much of the fuel and supplies for Western troops in Afghanistan travels through Pakistan after arriving in the port city of Karachi. An Associated Press photographer saw around 60 containers damaged at a truck depot on the main road leading to the border with Afghanistan, about six miles (10 kilometers) from Islamabad. Many carried military vehicles such as Humvees. Charred shells of the trucks were jumbled together at the depot, and firefighters were dousing small blazes. The pungent smell of smoke gripped the air as officials surveyed the damage. The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad said about 30 trucks contracted to transport supplies for NATO were damaged in the attack in Tarnol and the matter was under investigation by Pakistani authorities. A group of around 15 suspected militants first opened fire with automatic weapons and grenades before torching the trucks, police officer Kalim Imam said. Police official Shah Nawaz said Wednesday afternoon that seven people died. The victims' identities were not known, but they were believed to be Pakistanis employed as drivers or assistants. Seven people were also wounded. The convoy attacks have added impetus to American efforts to open new supply lines into Afghanistan, but commanders say they have not affected operations there. Guns, bombs and ammunition are not believed to be transported in the trucks, thousands of which make the journey each week. The attack near Islamabad followed clashes between the Pakistani military and insurgents in the northwest tribal belt bordering Afghanistan that killed 54 people, including eight soldiers, officials said. One clash occurred in Orakzai tribal region when dozens of militants attacked a security convoy, sparking a battle that killed six soldiers and 40 militants, government administrator Samiullah Khan said. The army had declared Orakzai cleared of insurgents earlier this month. Also Wednesday, government official Maqsood Khan said militants attacked two security checkpoints in Mohmand, another part of the tribal belt that has endured army operations. The overnight attack sparked gunbattles that killed two soldiers and six insurgents and wounded several from both sides. Information from the tribal areas is nearly impossible to verify independently because they are remote and dangerous, and access is severely restricted (Khan, 2010).



**Date:** June 26, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *US Delivers New F-16s To Pakistan*

**Abstract:** The US has delivered the first batch of eighteen F-16 Fighting Falcon jet fighters, branded new, to Pakistan as the two countries strengthen their military ties. According to the US Department of Defense, three F-16s were scheduled to arrive in Pakistan on Saturday. Fifteen more will be delivered later in 2010 and 2011. **"This is the most visible part of a strong and growing relationship between the two air forces that will benefit us both near-term and long-term,"** the department's website quoted as saying Air Force Maj. Todd Robbins, a senior official coordinating military ties between Washington and Islamabad. **Pakistan is paying \$1.4 billion for the new aircraft, in addition to \$1.3 billion in upgrades to its existing F-16 fleet.** Delivery of F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan was troubled in 1990 when the White House imposed sanctions on the country for its pursuit of nuclear arms. The sanctions failed to stop Islamabad. Washington was previously opposed to the deal, citing high tensions between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan in the volatile South Asian region. **The US says the aircraft will give the Pakistani Air Force an advantage against militancy. The new fighter is reportedly able to target precisely in all weather conditions, day and night. The developments come at a time when the Pakistani military says it has launched a series of operations against Pakistani militants.** Pakistan's lawless tribal belt on the Afghan border remains a safe haven for militants, who have fled the 2001 US-led invasion of Afghanistan. Pakistan has suffered a wave of violence since the former military ruler Pervez Musharraf joined the US-led war on terror following the 9/11 attacks (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** July 1, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *After Twin Suicide Bombs Kill 42 At A Sufi Shrine, Some Pakistanis Blame United States*

**Abstract:** Pakistanis lashed out Friday at the U.S., blaming its alliance with their government and its presence in Afghanistan for spurring two suicide bombers to kill 42 people at the country's most important Sufi shrine. The reactions showed the challenge facing Washington and the Pakistani government when it comes to rallying public support against the Islamist extremism that has scarred the South Asian nation, even after an audacious attack on the moderate, Sufi-influenced Islam most Pakistanis practice. Thousands of people had gathered late Thursday at the green-domed Data Darbar shrine in Lahore when bombs went off minutes apart. **The blasts ripped concrete from the walls and left the white marble floor awash with blood. There was no claim of responsibility, but Islamist extremists consider Sufism — a mystical strand of Islam — to be heretical.** But on Friday, few Pakistanis interviewed saw militants at the root of the problem. **"America is killing Muslims in Afghanistan and in our tribal areas (with missile strikes), and militants are attacking Pakistan to express anger against the government for supporting America,"** said Zahid Umar, 25, who frequently visits the shrine, where 180 people were also wounded. Pakistanis are suffering because of American policies and aggression in the region, said Mohammed Asif, 34, who runs an auto workshop in Lahore. He and others said the attacks would end if the U.S. would pull out of Afghanistan. Several other Pakistanis interviewed blamed the Ahmadi, a minority sect that has long faced discrimination in Pakistan. **On May 28 in Lahore, gunmen and a suicide squad targeted two Ahmadi mosques, massacring at least 93 people, and some Pakistanis claimed the sect must have been seeking revenge.** Others cast about for additional villains — though America's hand was seen there, too. **Washington "is encouraging Indians and Jews to carry out attacks" in Pakistan,** said Arifa Moen, 32, a teacher in the central city of Multan. Pakistani officials condemned the bombings, using language they have frequently used to try to convince the population that the fight against militancy is not one they can ignore. **"Those who still pretend that we are not a nation at war are complicit in these deaths,"** said Farahnaz Ispahani, a spokeswoman for Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari. **The U.S. Embassy issued a statement Friday condemning the attack and saying it "demonstrates the terrorists' blatant disregard for the lives of the Pakistani people and the future of this country."** The targeted shrine is that of Data Ganj Bakhsh Hajveri, who lived hundreds of years ago and traveled throughout the region spreading a message of peace and love. Some recent attacks in Punjab have been blamed on the "Punjabi Taliban." **The group is a relatively new network of al-Qaida-linked militants who have split off from other local insurgent groups but also has ties to the Pakistani Taliban, which has its bases in the northwest tribal regions** (Fox News, 2010)

**Date:** July 13, 2010

**Source:** The Times Of India

**Title/Headline:** *29 Pakistani Lawmakers Have Fake Degrees: Probe*

**Abstract:** At least 29 Pakistani lawmakers submitted fake degrees along with their nomination papers during the 2008 elections, a probe by country's main educational authority has established. The Supreme Court and parliament's standing committee on education directed the Higher Education Commission to verify the academic qualifications of members of provincial and national assemblies after over a dozen lawmakers were found in possession of fake degrees. **"We received 1,065 degrees of the lawmakers and verification of 511 degrees has been completed so far. Twenty-nine degrees were found to be fake,"** Mahmood Raza, Advisor to the Higher Education Commission, told a news conference. Raza refused to name the lawmakers who submitted fake certificates in order to qualify for the 2008 elections to the provincial and national assemblies. He said the commission will present its final report to the parliamentary panel and the Election Commission on July 16. The move to verify the degrees of lawmakers had sparked speculation about mid-term polls being held if action is taken against legislators and parliamentarians with fake degrees. **Former military ruler Pervez Musharraf had made it mandatory for persons contesting elections to hold a bachelor's degree. The condition was waived by President Asif Ali Zardari's**

government. Legal experts have said any lawmaker whose degree is found to be fake will be unseated and a bye-election held to replace him (The Times Of India, 2010).



**Date:** July 17, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *11,000 NATO Containers Go Missing*

**Abstract:** Reports say more than **11,000** containers bound for the US-led forces in Afghanistan have mysteriously gone missing over the past two years in Pakistan. The containers filled with food and military equipment worth USD 220 billion have been illegally unloaded in Pakistan, sources said on Friday. However, Pakistani officials put the number of missing containers at only 40 and blame corrupt customs department officials for the scam. **Reports say several Pakistani officials have been arrested over the missing containers. Many fear the items have been handed over the militants.** Pakistan, a US ally in the so-called war on terror, remains the main transit route for the NATO forces stationed in neighboring Afghanistan. **Trucks carrying supplies for foreign forces in Afghanistan frequently come under attack in Pakistan.** The developments also come after months after the disclosure that thousands of US weapons went missing in Afghanistan. US military officials failed to keep proper records on about 87,000 rifles, pistols, mortars and other weapons sent to Afghanistan between December 2004 and June 2008. Analysts say the weapons may have fallen in the hands of militants linked to the Taliban or Al-Qaeda (Press TV, 2010).

**The missing NATO containers are sure to carry weapons and equipment that will be used in the nuclear terror attack against America.**

**Date:** July 24, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Munir Ahmed

**Title/Headline:** *US Missiles Kill 16 Militants In NW Pakistan*

**Abstract:** U.S. missiles hit a suspected militant hide-out, killing 16 insurgents in a troubled Pakistani tribal region along the Afghan border before dawn Saturday, intelligence officials said. The strike came as the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Adm. Mike Mullen, met with top military officials in Pakistan, a key U.S. ally in the battle against Islamist extremists. The six missiles struck a compound in the Nazai Narai area of South Waziristan. The hide-out was known to be frequented by foreign fighters who were among the dead, two intelligence officials said. **The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to go on the record, said agents were trying to get more details about the identities and nationalities of the dead** (Ahmed, 2010).

**Date:** July 25, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Mark Mazzetti, Jane Perlez, Eric Schmitt, Andrew W. Lehren

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Aids Insurgency in Afghanistan, Reports Assert*

**Abstract:** The documents, made available by an organization called WikiLeaks, suggest that Pakistan, an ostensible ally of the United States, allows representatives of its spy service to meet directly with the Taliban in secret strategy sessions to organize networks of militant groups that fight against American soldiers in Afghanistan, and even hatch plots to assassinate Afghan leaders. Taken together, the reports indicate that American soldiers on the ground are inundated with accounts of a network of Pakistani assets and collaborators that runs from the Pakistani tribal belt along the Afghan border, through southern Afghanistan, and all the way to the capital, Kabul. Much of the information — raw intelligence and threat assessments gathered from the field in Afghanistan — cannot be verified and likely comes from sources aligned with **Afghan intelligence, which considers Pakistan an enemy, and paid informants.** **Some describe plots for attacks that do not appear to have taken place.** But many of the reports rely on sources that the military rated as reliable. While current and former American officials interviewed could not corroborate individual reports, they said that the portrait of the spy agency's collaboration with the Afghan insurgency was broadly consistent with other classified intelligence. **Some of the reports describe Pakistani intelligence working alongside Al Qaeda to plan attacks. Experts cautioned that although Pakistan's militant groups and Al Qaeda work together, directly linking the Pakistani spy agency, the Directorate for Inter-Services Intelligence, or ISI, with Al Qaeda is difficult.** The records also contain firsthand accounts of American anger at Pakistan's unwillingness to confront insurgents who launched attacks near Pakistani border posts, moved openly by the truckload across the frontier, and retreated to Pakistani territory for safety. **The behind-the-scenes frustrations of soldiers on the ground and glimpses of what appear to be Pakistani skullduggery contrast sharply with the frequently rosy public pronouncements of Pakistan as an ally by American officials, looking to sustain a drone campaign over parts of Pakistani territory to strike at Qaeda havens.** Administration officials also want to keep nuclear-armed Pakistan on their side to safeguard NATO supplies flowing on routes that cross Pakistan to Afghanistan. **This month, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in one of the frequent visits by American officials to Islamabad, announced \$500 million in assistance and called the United States and Pakistan "partners joined in common cause."** The reports suggest, however, that the Pakistani military has acted as both ally and enemy, as its spy agency runs what American officials have long suspected is a double game — appeasing certain American demands for cooperation while angling to exert influence in Afghanistan through many of the same insurgent networks that the Americans are fighting to eliminate. Behind the scenes, both Bush and Obama administration officials as well as top American commanders have confronted top Pakistani military officers

with accusations of ISI complicity in attacks in Afghanistan, and even presented top Pakistani officials with lists of ISI and military operatives believed to be working with militants. Benjamin Rhodes, deputy national security adviser for strategic communications, said that Pakistan had been an important ally in the battle against militant groups, and that Pakistani soldiers and intelligence officials had worked alongside the United States to capture or kill Qaeda and Taliban leaders. **Still, he said that the “status quo is not acceptable,” and that the havens for militants in Pakistan “pose an intolerable threat” that Pakistan must do more to address. “The Pakistani government — and Pakistan’s military and intelligence services — must continue their strategic shift against violent extremist groups within their borders,”** he said. American military support to Pakistan would continue, he said. Several Congressional officials said that despite repeated requests over the years for information about Pakistani support for militant groups, they usually receive vague and inconclusive briefings from the Pentagon and C.I.A. Nonetheless, senior lawmakers say they have no doubt that Pakistan is aiding insurgent groups. **“The burden of proof is on the government of Pakistan and the ISI to show they don’t have ongoing contacts,”** said Senator Jack Reed, a Rhode Island Democrat on the Armed Services Committee who visited Pakistan this month and said he and Senator Carl Levin of Michigan, the committee chairman, confronted Pakistan’s prime minister, Yousaf Raza Gilani, yet again over the allegations. **Such accusations are usually met with angry denials, particularly by the Pakistani military, which insists that the ISI severed its remaining ties to the groups years ago. An ISI spokesman in Islamabad said Sunday that the agency would have no comment until it saw the documents.** Pakistan’s ambassador to the United States, Husain Haqqani, said, “The documents circulated by WikiLeaks do not reflect the current on-ground realities.” **The man the United States has depended on for cooperation in fighting the militants and who holds most power in Pakistan, the head of the army, Gen. Parvez Ashfaq Kayani, ran the ISI from 2004 to 2007, a period from which many of the reports are drawn. American officials have frequently praised General Kayani for what they say are his efforts to purge the military of officers with ties to militants.** American officials have described Pakistan’s spy service as a rigidly hierarchical organization that has little tolerance for “rogue” activity. But Pakistani military officials give the spy service’s “S Wing” — which runs external operations against the Afghan government and India — broad autonomy, a buffer that allows top military officials deniability. **American officials have rarely uncovered definitive evidence of direct ISI involvement in a major attack. But in July 2008, the C.I.A.’s deputy director, Stephen R. Kappes, confronted Pakistani officials with evidence that the ISI helped plan the deadly suicide bombing of India’s Embassy in Kabul.** From the current trove, one report shows that Polish intelligence warned of a complex attack against the Indian Embassy a week before that bombing, though the attackers and their methods differed. The ISI was not named in the report warning of the attack. **Another, dated August 2008, identifies a colonel in the ISI plotting with a Taliban official to assassinate President Hamid Karzai. The report says there was no information about how or when this would be carried out. The account could not be verified.**

**General Linked To Militants:** Lt. Gen. Hamid Gul ran the ISI from 1987 to 1989, a time when Pakistani spies and the C.I.A. joined forces to run guns and money to Afghan militias who were battling Soviet troops in Afghanistan. After the fighting stopped, he maintained his contacts with the former mujahedeen, who would eventually transform themselves into the Taliban. And more than two decades later, it appears that General Gul is still at work. The documents indicate that he has worked tirelessly to reactivate his old networks, employing familiar allies like Jaluluddin Haqqani and Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, whose networks of thousands of fighters are responsible for waves of violence in Afghanistan. **General Gul is mentioned so many times in the reports, if they are to be believed, that it seems unlikely that Pakistan’s current military and intelligence officials could not know of at least some of his wide-ranging activities.** For example, one intelligence report describes him meeting with a group of militants in Wana, the capital of South Waziristan, in January 2009. **There, he met with three senior Afghan insurgent commanders and three “older” Arab men, presumably representatives of Al Qaeda, who the report suggests were important “because they had a large security contingent with them.”** The gathering was designed to hatch a plan to avenge the death of “Zamarai,” the nom de guerre of Osama al-Kini, who had been killed days earlier by a C.I.A. drone attack. **Mr. Kini had directed Qaeda operations in Pakistan and had spearheaded some of the group’s most devastating attacks.** The plot hatched in Wana that day, according to the report, involved driving a dark blue Mazda truck rigged with explosives from South Waziristan to Afghanistan’s Paktika Province, a route well known to be used by the insurgents to move weapons, suicide bombers and fighters from Pakistan. In a show of strength, the Taliban leaders approved a plan to send 50 Arab and 50 Waziri fighters to Ghazni Province in Afghanistan, the report said. **General Gul urged the Taliban commanders to focus their operations inside Afghanistan in exchange for Pakistan turning “a blind eye” to their presence in Pakistan’s tribal areas. It was unclear whether the attack was ever executed. The United States has pushed the United Nations to put General Gul on a list of international terrorists, and top American officials said they believed he was an important link between active-duty Pakistani officers and militant groups.** General Gul, who says he is retired and lives on his pension, dismissed the allegations as “absolute nonsense,” speaking by telephone from his home in Rawalpindi, where the Pakistani Army keeps its headquarters. **“I have had no hand in it.” He added, “American intelligence is pulling cotton wool over your eyes.”** Senior Pakistani officials consistently deny that General Gul still works at the ISI’s behest, though several years ago, after mounting American complaints, Pakistan’s president at the time, Pervez Musharraf, was forced publicly to acknowledge the possibility that former ISI officials were assisting the Afghan insurgency. Despite his denials, General Gul keeps close ties to his former employers. When a reporter visited General Gul this spring for an interview at his home, the former spy master canceled the appointment. According to his son, he had to attend meetings at army headquarters.

**Suicide Bomber Network:** The reports also chronicle efforts by ISI officers to run the networks of suicide bombers that emerged as a sudden, terrible force in Afghanistan in 2006. The detailed reports indicate that American officials had a relatively clear understanding of how the suicide networks presumably functioned, even if some of the threats did not materialize. It is impossible to know why the attacks never came off — either they were thwarted, the attackers shifted targets, or the reports were deliberately planted as Taliban disinformation. **One report, from Dec. 18, 2006, describes a cyclical process to develop the suicide bombers. First, the suicide attacker is recruited and trained in Pakistan. Then, reconnaissance and operational planning gets under way, including scouting to find a place for “hosting” the suicide bomber near the target before carrying out the attack.** The network, it says, receives help from the Afghan police and the Ministry of Interior. **In many cases, the reports are complete with names and ages of bombers, as well as**



license plate numbers, but the Americans gathering the intelligence struggle to accurately portray many other details, introducing sometimes comical renderings of places and Taliban commanders. In one case, a report rated by the American military as credible states that a gray Toyota Corolla had been loaded with explosives between the Afghan border and Landik Hotel, in Pakistan, apparently a mangled reference to Landi Kotal, in Pakistan's tribal areas. The target of the plot, however, is a real hotel in downtown Kabul, the Ariana. **"It is likely that ISI may be involved as supporter of this attack," reads a comment in the report. Several of the reports describe current and former ISI operatives, including General Gul, visiting madrasas near the city of Peshawar, a gateway to the tribal areas, to recruit new fodder for suicide bombings.** One report, labeled a "real threat warning" because of its detail and the reliability of its source, described how commanders of Mr. Hekmatyar's insurgent group, Hezb-i-Islami, ordered the delivery of a suicide bomber from the Hashimiye madrasa, run by Afghans. The boy was to be used in an attack on American or NATO vehicles in Kabul during the Muslim Festival of Sacrifices that opened Dec. 31, 2006. According to the report, the boy was taken to the Afghan city of Jalalabad to buy a car for the bombing, and was later brought to Kabul. It was unclear whether the attack took place. The documents indicate that these types of activities continued throughout last year. **From July to October 2009, nine threat reports detailed movements by suicide bombers from Pakistan into populated areas of Afghanistan, including Kandahar, Kunduz and Kabul. Some of the bombers were sent to disrupt Afghanistan's presidential elections, held last August.** In other instances, American intelligence learned that the Haqqani network sent bombers at the ISI's behest to strike Indian officials, development workers and engineers in Afghanistan. Other plots were aimed at the Afghan government. Sometimes the intelligence documents twin seemingly credible detail with plots that seem fantastical or utterly implausible assertions. **For instance, one report describes an ISI plan to use a remote-controlled bomb disguised as a golden Koran to assassinate Afghan government officials. Another report documents an alleged plot by the ISI and Taliban to ship poisoned alcoholic beverages to Afghanistan to kill American troops. But the reports also charge that the ISI directly helped organize Taliban offensives at key junctures of the war.** On June 19, 2006, ISI operatives allegedly met with the Taliban leaders in Quetta, the city in southern Pakistan where American and other Western officials have long believed top Taliban leaders have been given refuge by the Pakistani authorities. At the meeting, according to the report, they pressed the Taliban to mount attacks on Maruf, a district of Kandahar that lies along the Pakistani border. The planned offensive would be carried out primarily by Arabs and Pakistanis, the report said, and a Taliban commander, "Akhtar Mansoor," warned that the men should be prepared for heavy losses. "The foreigners agreed to this operation and have assembled 20 4x4 trucks to carry the fighters into areas in question," it said. While the specifics about the foreign fighters and the ISI are difficult to verify, the Taliban did indeed mount an offensive to seize control in Maruf in 2006. Afghan government officials and Taliban fighters have widely acknowledged that the offensive was led by the Taliban commander Mullah Akhtar Muhammad Mansour, who was then the Taliban shadow governor of Kandahar. Mullah Mansour tried to claw out a base for himself inside Afghanistan, but just as the report quotes him predicting, the Taliban suffered heavy losses and eventually pulled back. **Another report goes on to describe detailed plans for a large-scale assault, timed for September 2007, aimed at the American forward operating base in Managi, in Kunar Province. "It will be a five-pronged attack consisting of 83-millimeter artillery, rockets, foot soldiers, and multiple suicide bombers," it says. It is not clear that the attack ever came off, but its planning foreshadowed another, seminal attack that came months later, in July 2008. At that time, about 200 Taliban insurgents nearly overran an American base in Wanat, in Nuristan, killing nine American soldiers. For the Americans, it was one of the highest single-day tolls of the war.**

**Tensions With Pakistan:** The flood of reports of Pakistani complicity in the insurgency has at times led to barely disguised tensions between American and Pakistani officers on the ground. Meetings at border outposts set up to develop common strategies to seal the frontier and disrupt Taliban movements reveal deep distrust among the Americans of their Pakistani counterparts. On Feb. 7, 2007, American officers met with Pakistani troops on a dry riverbed to discuss the borderlands surrounding Afghanistan's Khost Province. According to notes from the meeting, the Pakistanis portrayed their soldiers as conducting around-the-clock patrols. Asked if he expected a violent spring, a man identified in the report as Lt. Col. Bilal, the Pakistani officer in charge, said no. His troops were in firm control. The Americans were incredulous. Their record noted that there had been a 300 percent increase in militant activity in Khost before the meeting. "This comment alone shows how disconnected this particular group of leadership is from what is going on in reality," the notes said. **The Pakistanis told the Americans to contact them if they spotted insurgent activity along the border. "I doubt this would do any good," the American author of the report wrote, "because PAKMIL/ISI is likely involved with the border crossings." "PAKMIL" refers to the Pakistani military. A year earlier, the Americans became so frustrated at the increase in roadside bombs in Afghanistan that they hand-delivered folders with names, locations, aerial photographs and map coordinates to help the Pakistani military hunt down the militants the Americans believed were responsible. Nothing happened, wrote Col. Barry Shapiro, an American military liaison officer with experience in both Afghanistan and Pakistan, after an Oct. 13, 2006, meeting. "Despite the number of reports and information detailing the concerns," Colonel Shapiro wrote, "we continue to see no change in the cross-border activity and continue to see little to no initiative along the PAK border" by Pakistan troops. The Pakistani Army "will only react when asked to do so by U.S. forces," he concluded (Mazzetti, Perlez, Schmitt, & Lehren, 2010).**

**Date:** July 25, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Declan Walsh

**Title/Headline:** *Afghanistan War Logs: Clandestine Aid For Taliban Bears Pakistan's Fingerprints*

**Abstract:** A stream of US military intelligence reports accuse Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) spy agency of arming, training and financing the Taliban insurgency since 2004, the war logs reveal, bringing fresh scrutiny on one of the war's most contentious issues. At least 180 files contain allegations of dirty tricks by the powerful agency with accounts of undercover agents training suicide bombers, bundles of money slipping across the border and covert support for a range of sensational plots including the assassination of President Hamid Karzai, attacks on Nato warplanes and even poisoning western troops' beer supply. They also link the ISI to some of the war's most notorious commanders. In April 2007 for instance, the ISI is alleged to have sent 1,000 motorbikes to the warlord Jalaluddin Haqqani for suicide attacks in Khost and Logar provinces. But for all their eye-popping details, the intelligence files, which are mostly collated by junior officers relying on informants and Afghan officials, fail to provide a convincing

smoking gun for ISI complicity. **Most of the reports are vague, filled with incongruent detail, or crudely fabricated. The same characters – famous Taliban commanders, well-known ISI officials – and scenarios repeatedly pop up.** And few of the events predicted in the reports subsequently occurred. A retired senior American officer said ground-level reports were considered to be a mixture of "rumours, bullshit and second-hand information" and were weeded out as they passed up the chain of command. **"As someone who had to sift through thousands of these reports, I can say that the chances of finding any real information are pretty slim,"** said the officer, who has years of experience in the region. If anything, the jumble of allegations highlights the perils of collecting accurate intelligence in a complex arena where all sides have an interest in distorting the truth. "The fog of war is particularly dense in Afghanistan," said Michael Semple, a former deputy head of the EU mission there. "A barrage of false information is being passed off as intelligence and anyone who wants to operate there needs to be able to sift through it. The opportunities to be misled are innumerable." **The shaky intelligence does not mean the US does not believe the ISI is supporting the Taliban. The spy agency nurtured the Taliban in the 1990s and, although it purported to sever its ties after 9/11, is believed to maintain the relationship. The British and US governments have repeatedly urged Pakistan to root out the Taliban from their sanctuary inside the border, with little effect.** In July 2008 the deputy head of the CIA, Stephen Kappes, flew to Islamabad to reportedly confront the ISI with evidence that the agency orchestrated a suicide attack on the Indian embassy in Kabul that month which killed 54 people including the Indian defence attache. **The CIA claimed to have intercepted phone conversations between ISI officers and the militants who carried out the attack.** Pakistani strategists see the Taliban as a useful proxy to marginalise the influence of arch-rival India. Indeed plots to attack Indian facilities in Afghanistan provide some of the most plausible allegations in the files. **One report from November 2007 said the ISI was plotting an attack on the Indian consulate in Jalalabad; another, titled "ISI order murder and kidnappings", has the agency offering between \$15,000 and \$30,000 for the assassination of Indian road workers. But many of the 180 reports appear to betray as much about the motivation of the sources than those of the alleged foreign puppet-masters.** Some US officers were aware of this. One report from 2006 notes that an informant "divulges information for monetary remuneration and likely fabricated or exaggerated the above report for just that reason". Some of the most striking claims come from the National Directorate of Security, Afghanistan's foremost spy agency and a bitter rival to the ISI. **In July and August 2008 the NDS passed information to the US that three Pakistan-trained militants plotting to kill Karzai had been groomed by a named ISI officer and had trained at the Zarb Momen camp outside Karachi. The attackers were Palestinian and Arab, the report said, and intended to strike during a visit by Karzai to a Kabul mosque or the luxury Serena hotel.** But the report's strong assertions fade under retrospective scrutiny. The predicted assault on Karzai never took place (the last reported attempt was in April 2008, four months earlier), and there is no known militant camp called Zarb Momen in Karachi, a city with hundreds of hardline madrasas. The al-Rashid Trust, a charity with militant links, publishes a magazine by the same name, said Amir Rana, an Islamabad-based militancy expert. The military's grading system offers one way of sifting the ISI file. Some 27 of the 180 reports are graded as C3 and above, meaning they come from a "fairly reliable source" and are "possibly true". But many such reports appear highly implausible. **In February 2007 the ISI and insurgents planned "to buy alcoholic drinks from markets in Miranshah [in Pakistan's tribal belt] and Peshawar [in order to] mix them with poison and use them for poisoning ANSF and ISAF troops" according to a C3 report.** The Karzai plot is assessed to be "probably true". Apparently more credible reports of ISI skulduggery are marked SEWOC, or Signals Intelligence Electronic Warfare Operations Centre, signifying they come from intercepted communications. **One SEWOC report, in December 2007, accused the ISI of deploying children as suicide bombers.** But the military source said that such intelligence was also prone to distortion, and that its value depended on whose conversation was being eavesdropped. **"If we ever found out anything that the ISI or Pakistani military were somehow complicit in the insurgency, it never came from these sources. Never," he said. One name that frequently surfaces is that of General Hamid Gul, director general of the ISI between 1987 and 1989, who is referenced in eight reports. One has him smuggling magnetic mines into Afghanistan to attack Nato troops; in another he is plotting to kidnap United Nations staff to bargain for imprisoned Pakistani militants. A report from January 2009 has Gul meeting Arab militants in Pakistan's tribal belt to send suicide vehicles into Afghanistan. "It was not known whether Hamid Gul was acting with the knowledge or consent of the ISI," the report states. But while Gul, 73, is a well-known fundamentalist ideologue in Pakistan, experts say he is unlikely to play a frontline role in the fighting. Afghan informers may have used his name – he is notorious in Afghanistan – to spice up their stories, said Semple. "There's a pattern of using a dramatis personae of famous ISI officers and Afghan commanders, and recurring reports of dramatic developments such as the delivery of surface-to-air missiles, to give these reports credibility," he said. "But most of them are simply fabricated."** Afghanistan has a long history of intelligence intrigues that stretches back to the early 19th century. Afghans have learned to use intelligence as a tool to influence the foreign powers occupying their land. In the past quarter century it has become a lucrative source of income in a country with few employment opportunities. Since 2001 intelligence has become a tool to influence US policymakers, who enjoy the greatest military clout in the region but are poorly informed about its intricacies. **The retired US officer said some NDS officials "wanted to create the impression that Pakistani complicity was a threat to the US".** And more broadly speaking, "there's an Afghan prejudice that wants to see an ISI agent under every rock". US generals are aware of the problem. **In January Major General Michael Flynn said foreign newspaper articles about Afghanistan were more useful than the information collected by his own soldiers in the field.** The huge intelligence apparatus in Afghanistan was "only marginally relevant" to Nato's overall war plan, he said. **"We're no more than fingernail-deep in our understanding of the environment"** (Walsh, 2010).

**Date:** July 28, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph

**Title/Headline:** Wikileaks Afghanistan: Former Pakistani General Blames US For War Leak

**Abstract:** Hamid Gul, a former Pakistan general accused of helping the Taliban, says United States orchestrated the mass leak of war files to scapegoat him for its imminent withdrawal from Afghanistan. The former chief of the ISI intelligence agency was accused in several of the leaked documents of regularly meeting al-Qaeda and Taliban commanders to order suicide attacks. **Gen Gul, 74, told the Financial Times that the US had a hidden role in the publication of thousands of classified reports through the WikiLeaks website. He told the newspaper: "I am a very favourite whipping boy of America. They can't imagine the Afghans can win wars on their own. "It would be an abiding shame that a 74-year-old general living a retired life manipulating the Mujahedeen in Afghanistan**

results in the defeat of America. "What are they going to do to the history books for their own posterity?" The files also link active and retired ISI officers to some of the conflict's most notorious leaders. According to the reports, in 2007, they sent also 1,000 motorbikes for use in suicide attacks. The Financial Times said Mr Gul's name appears in about 10 of roughly 180 classified US files that allege Pakistan's intelligence service supported Afghan militants fighting Nato forces. Mr Gul told the newspaper his main occupation in retirement was spending time with his grandchildren and pursuing his horticultural hobby of refining mango and peach species. **He said the US had lost the war in Afghanistan, and that the leak of the documents would help the Obama administration deflect blame by suggesting that Pakistan was responsible.** His comments are unlikely to be taken seriously in Washington, which has long suspected Gen Gul of being a dangerous influence in Pakistan politics, but there is concern in Islamabad that the early withdrawal of American and British troops starting next summer might destabilise the region's politics. **July has fuelled concerns in Pakistan that a rapid US withdrawal will sow further turmoil in its neighbour** (Telegraph, 2010).

**Date:** July 28, 2010

**Source:** BBC

**Title/Headline:** *No Survivors As Pakistan Plane Crash Kills 152*

**Abstract:** The plane, a domestic flight from Karachi operated by the private company Airblue, came down in hills just north of the city as it was about to land. There is no word on the cause of the crash. At the time the area was shrouded in fog. Pakistani TV showed images of smouldering wreckage on a foggy hillside, with helicopters overhead. The government has declared Thursday a day of national mourning for the victims. Imtiaz Elahi, chairman of the Capital Development Authority, which deals with emergencies, said the crash was "heartbreaking". "It is a great tragedy, and I confirm it with pain that there are no survivors," he told the Associated Press news agency.

**The plane, reported to be an Airbus A321 with 146 passengers and six crew on board, is thought to have left Karachi at 0750 (0350 GMT).** Two Americans were among the victims, a US embassy spokesman said, but gave no further details. Pakistan's interior ministry initially said at least five survivors had been taken to hospital, but local officials later said those reports were wrong. The flight data recorder has been found. Recovery operations are being hampered by bad weather and the crash site, on a steep hill, has no roads. The BBC's Lyse Doucet in Islamabad says helicopters found it hard to land in the midst of heavy fog, and smoke rising from the fire of the wreckage. Aamir Ali Ahmed, a senior city government official, told Reuters news agency: **"It's a very difficult operation because of the rain. Most of the bodies are charred."** Rescue worker Dawar Adnan told Associated Press from the crash site: "I'm seeing only body parts. This is a very horrible scene." Express 24/7 television journalist Sabur Ali Sayed said: **"The plane is totally destroyed, the pieces and parts scattered over a large distance." It is the deadliest air disaster in Pakistan's history.** Airblue spokesman Raheel Ahmed told reporters that the crash was "an extremely tragic incident", adding that an investigation had been launched. **The plane had no history of technical problems, he added. It was leased by Airblue in January 2006 and had accumulated about 34,000 flight hours.** The BBC's Haroon Rashid in Islamabad saw the plane flying low over the capital. "I was surprised to see the plane, because the area where I live is called a no-fly zone as it is close to some of Islamabad's most important official buildings, including President House and parliament," he said. **Other witnesses saw the plane flying towards the hills, and shortly after that heard a loud explosion and smoke billowing into the air.** Express 24/7 TV reporter Anjum Rahman said she saw the plane flying over the rooftops of houses where she lives. **"I wondered why the plane wasn't flying higher as it was flying towards the hill. Then within three or four minutes I heard a loud explosion,"** she told the channel. Initial reports said the flight had originated in Turkey. But officials later said it was a domestic flight (BBC, 2010).

**Date:** July 31, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Riaz Khan

**Title/Headline:** *UN Says Deadly Floods Affect 1 Million Pakistanis*

**Abstract:** Rescuers trying to reach thousands of Pakistani flood victims were hampered by deluged roads and damaged bridges Saturday, though there were signs that waters were receding in parts of the country. **Floods killed more than 430 people in one week, left some 400,000 people stranded in far-flung villages and severely damaged the nation's already-weak infrastructure.** The U.N. estimated Saturday that some 1 million people were affected, though it didn't specify exactly what that meant. In the northwest, the hardest-hit region, it was the worst flooding since 1929. People clung to fences and each other as water gushed over their heads, TV footage showed. Scores of men, women and children sat on roofs. **"There are very bad conditions," said Amjad Ali, a rescue worker in the Nowshera area. "They have no water, no food."** Rescuers were using army helicopters, heavy trucks and boats to try reaching flood-hit areas, the U.N. said. **It reported that thousands of homes and roads were destroyed, and at least 45 bridges across the northwest were damaged.** The destruction is slowing the rescue effort, said Luther Rehman, a government official in Khyber-Pakhtoonkhwa, the northwest province. Floodwaters were receding in some areas in the northwest, he said. "Our priority is to transport flood-affected people to safer places. **We are carrying out this rescue operation despite limited resources,**" he said, adding they needed more helicopters and boats (Khan, 2010).

**Date:** July 31, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Amy Fallon

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Security Officers Cancel UK Visit*

**Abstract:** Talks between ISI officials and UK security experts called off after David Cameron accused Pakistan of exporting terrorism. Pakistan's ISI intelligence agency has cancelled planned talks with British security experts in protest at **David Cameron's comments that elements within the country are responsible for exporting terrorism abroad,** it was reported last night. ISI officers were due in London for discussions on counter-terrorism co-operation with British security services. But the talks have been scrapped after the prime minister's remarks while on a visit to India on Wednesday, the Times reported. **"The visit has been cancelled in reaction to the comments made by the British prime minister against Pakistan,"** an ISI spokesman was quoted as saying. "Such irresponsible

statements could affect our co-operation with Britain." Cameron sparked outrage in Islamabad when he said: "We cannot tolerate in any sense the idea that this country is allowed to look both ways and is able, in any way, to promote the export of terror, whether to India, whether to Afghanistan, or to anywhere else in the world." The comments were made during a visit to Delhi. Neither Downing Street nor the Foreign Office would comment on the reported decision by the ISI, which also comes days before a UK visit by the Pakistani president Asif Ali Zardari. He is expected to stay with Cameron at his country retreat, Chequers. Last night, officials said that Zardari's visit was still expected to take place. "Our understanding is that the visit is on," a Foreign Office spokeswoman said. Following Cameron's remarks, Pakistani politicians pointed to the country's offensive against militants on the border with Afghanistan and the many victims of terrorist bombs in Pakistan. Cameron defended his comments a day later, saying: "I don't think the British taxpayer wants me to go around the world saying what people want to hear" (Fallon, 2010).



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**11<sup>th</sup> Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari**

**Date:** July 31, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Mohammed Hanif

**Title/Headline:** *In Pakistan, Echoes of American Betrayal*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's premier intelligence agency, the Directorate for Inter-Services Intelligence, has been accused of many bad things in its own country. It has been held responsible for rigging elections, sponsoring violent sectarian groups and running torture chambers for political dissidents. More recently, it has been accused of abducting Pakistanis and handing them over to the United States for cash. But last week — after thousands of classified United States Army documents were released by WikiLeaks, and American and British officials and pundits accused the ISI of double-dealing in Afghanistan — the Pakistani news media were very vocal in their defense of their spies. On talk show after talk show, the ISI's accusers in the West were criticized for short-sightedness and shifting the blame to Pakistan for their doomed campaign in Afghanistan. Suddenly, the distinction between the state and the state within the state was blurred. It is *our* ISI that is being accused, we felt. How, we wondered, can the Americans have fallen for raw intelligence provided by paid informants and, in many cases, Afghan intelligence? And why shouldn't Pakistan, asked the pundits, keep its options open for a post-American Afghanistan? More generally, the WikiLeaks fallout brought back ugly memories, reminding Pakistanis what happens whenever we get involved with the Americans. In fact, one person at the center of the document dump is our primary object lesson for staying away from America's foreign adventures. **Hamid Gul, now a retired general, led the ISI during the end years of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and together with his C.I.A. friends unwittingly in the 1990s spurred the mujahedeen to turn Kabul — the city they had set out to liberate — into rubble.** According to the newly released documents, Mr. Gul met with Qaeda operatives in Pakistan in 2006 and told them to "make the snow warm in Kabul ... set Kabul aflame." This would seem highly sinister except that, today, Hamid Gul is nothing more than a glorified television evangelist and, as the columnist Nadir Hassan noted, "known only for being on half a dozen talk shows simultaneously." **He is also, for Pakistanis, a throwback to the lost years of our American-backed military dictatorships, a stark reminder of why we distrust the United States. The ISI and the C.I.A. have colluded twice in the destruction of Afghanistan.** Their complicity has brought war to Pakistan's cities. After every round of cloak-and-dagger games, they behave like a squabbling couple who keep getting back together and telling the world that they are doing it for the children's sake. **But whenever these two reunite, a lot of children's lives are wrecked. In the West, the ISI is often described as ideologically allied to the Taliban. But Pakistan's military-security establishment has only one ideology, and it's not Islamism. It's spelled I-N-D-I-A. It will do anybody's bidding if it's occasionally allowed to show India a bit of muscle.** Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, the Pakistani Army chief, has just been given an unexpected three-year extension in his office, due in large part, it is said, to American pressure on Islamabad. Yet General Kayani headed the ISI during the period that the WikiLeaks documents cover. **Since he became the head of the Pakistan Army — and a frequent host to Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — the number of drone attacks on Pakistani territory have increased substantially. It seems he has found a way to overcome his ISI past.** While he generally keeps a low profile, General Kayani in February gave an off-the-record presentation to Pakistani journalists. His point was clear: Pakistan's military remains India-centric. His explanation was simple: we go by the enemy's capacity, not its immediate intentions. This came in a year when Pakistan lost more civilians and soldiers than it has in any war with India. **Yet it has become very clear that an overwhelming majority of Pakistani people do not share the army's India obsession or its yearning for "strategic depth" — that is, a continuing deadly muddle — in Afghanistan.** They want a peaceful settlement with India over the disputed territory of Kashmir and a safer neighborhood. None of the leading parties in Parliament made a big deal about India, Afghanistan or jihad in their election campaigns. They were elected on promises of justice, transparency and reasonably priced electricity. Lately, Americans seem to have woken up to the fact that there is something called a Parliament and a civil society in Pakistan. But even so, it seems that Americans are courting the same ruling class — the military elite's civilian cousins — that has thrived on American aid and obviously wants an even closer relationship with Washington. A popular TV presenter who interviewed Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during her visit later jibed, "What kind of close relationship is this? I don't even get invited to Chelsea's wedding?" **Pakistan's military and civil elite should take a good look around before they pitch another marquee and invite their American friends over for tea and war talk. There are a lot of hungry people looking in, and the strung lights are sucking up electricity that could run a small factory, or illuminate a village. Besides, they're not likely to know what WikiLeaks is — they've been too busy cleaning up after their masters' guests (Hanif, 2010).**



**Date:** August 1, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Dean Nelson, Javed Siddiq

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Army 'Encouraging Cameron Protests'*

**Abstract:** Allies of Pakistan's president have accused the Army of encouraging street protests, in which effigies of David Cameron were burned by Islamic militants, as part of a campaign to sabotage his planned visit to Britain this week. Friends of Asif Zardari said he has come under intense pressure from military chiefs to cancel his visit since British Prime Minister David Cameron accused Islamabad of promoting international terrorism during a trip to India last week. **Mr Cameron won many friends in India, when he said Pakistan could not be allowed to "look both ways" in the war on terrorism or promote the export of terror to other countries.** But his comments caused widespread anger in Pakistan where conservative Islamic political parties led public protests and the prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani complained he had overlooked Pakistan's sacrifices in the fight against Taliban militants. **Sources close to Mr Zardari said Mr Cameron's comments had sparked a campaign by senior army figures who want him to cancel his visit to meet the Prime Minister at Chequers next week.** The head of the ISI intelligence agency Lt. Gen Ahmed Shuja Pasha, had earlier cancelled a delegation of senior officials to meet their security counterparts in London. **"The ISI cancellation is a signal of their displeasure and that they do not want him [Zardari] to go," said a friend of the president. "The army sends these signals and then the demonstrators are on the streets."** Mr Zardari has appeared increasingly isolated over his determination to press ahead with the visit amid calls from both opposition leaders and his own coalition allies to cancel. Shabbaz Sharif, chief minister of Punjab province and a leader of the main opposition Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz was joined by Altaf Hussein, the leader of the coalition's MQM party in urging the president to abandon the visit. Mr Cameron's comments, and the fact that they were made during his visit to regional enemy India had weakened President Zardari's position and strengthened the hand of Islamic militants, said the source. **"It gave a boost to the Taliban and all these militant organisations. They say it shows that these countries, Britain and America, are not our friends, that they are harming rather than helping. Having suffered so much in the war against terrorism, civilian and military casualties, and on top of that we get this kick up the backside from Cameron,"** he added. Despite intense pressure from his army chiefs, opponents and coalition partners, President Zardari is going ahead with the planned visit, which aides said he will now use to explain Pakistan's position and seek an expression of appreciation for the country's sacrifices. Retired Lt Col Talat Masood said the army's dignity had been offended by Mr Cameron's comments, but that while it feels obliged to cancel the visit of its ISI leaders to register its anger, long-term co-operation in the fight against terrorism will continue. He said: **"The interests of both countries are so intertwined that this can't continue for more than a short period, things will normalise after they apply some balm"** (Nelson & Siddiq, 2010).

**Date:** August 2, 2009

**Source:** The Guardian, The Observer, Ben Quinn

**Title/Headline:** *Six Christians Burned Alive In Pakistan Riots*

**Abstract:** Six Christians were burned alive in Pakistan yesterday when hundreds of Muslims attacked and looted their homes, sparked by rumours that pages from the Qur'an had been desecrated. The dead, including four women and a child, were killed when Christian homes were torched by hundreds of supporters of a banned Muslim organisation in the Punjabi village of Gojra, in eastern Pakistan. Tensions have been running high between the two communities over allegations that Christians had defiled pages from the Muslim holy book, despite authorities insisting that the rumours were unfounded. **Television footage from the area showed houses burning and streets strewn with debris and blackened furniture as mobs ran at each other. There were reports in the local media of exchanges of gunfire between Christian and Muslim communities and that rioters had blocked a railway line.** Pakistani authorities named the Muslim group involved in the violence as Sipah-e-Sahaba, which has been accused of launching attacks against security forces and carrying out bomb attacks in public places in recent years. **Rana Sanaullah, Punjab's law minister, said that an investigation had been carried out into allegations made during the week that a copy of the Qur'an had been defaced but that no such incident was found to have taken place.** Although the situation had calmed down by Friday, he said yesterday that "some miscreants and extremists entered the city [on Saturday] and pushed people toward armed clashes". **Pakistan's federal minister for minorities, Shahbaz Bhatti, said he had visited Gojra on Friday and asked police to provide protection for Christians who were facing threats, but accused them of ignoring his efforts.** Pakistan is a predominantly Muslim nation although religious minorities, including Christians, account for about 4% of its population of 170 million. **The communities generally live peacefully alongside one another, but Muslim militants have periodically targeted Christians and churches in recent years** (Quinn, 2009).



**Date:** August 3, 2010

**Source:** Forbes, Associated Press, Ashrak Khan

**Title/Headline:** *Officials: 37 Gunned Down In Pakistan's Karachi*

**Abstract:** Gunmen killed at least 37 people in Pakistan's largest city after the assassination of a lawmaker, officials said Tuesday. Dozens of vehicles and shops were set on fire as security forces struggled to gain control of Karachi. The southern city of more than 16 million has a history of political, ethnic and religious violence, and has long been a hide-out for al-Qaida and Taliban militants.



Its stability is important for Pakistan because it is the country's main commercial hub. The latest unrest came after Raza Haider, a provincial lawmaker, was shot dead along with his bodyguard in a mosque in Nazimabad area while preparing to offer prayers Monday. **Haider was a member of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, the political party that runs the city and represents mainly descendants of migrants from India who settled in Pakistan when it was created in 1947.** The MQM's main nemesis is the Awami National Party, a secular nationalist party whose main power center is Pakistan's northwest and whose base is the ethnic Pashtun community. **Independent analysts say followers of all political parties in Karachi are heavily involved in criminal activities such as protection rackets and illegal land dealings. In certain neighborhoods, armed men linked to political parties stand guard at checkpoints.** Officials from different hospitals put the total death toll by Tuesday morning at 37. Some 80 additional people had suffered gunshot wounds, they said. **A furniture market was among the places set ablaze. Sindh province spokesman Jamil Soomro said at least 10 people were arrested, and police and Army Rangers were dispatched throughout the city to impose order. But gunfire could still be heard Tuesday morning, and fires were still being set in some areas.** Schools and colleges in Karachi and other urban centers in the province were ordered to stay closed by the government Tuesday. **Some officials blamed unspecified "invisible hands" for the violence. "It is very sad, and we believe that it is the work of those forces who want to destabilize the elected government," Soomro said (Khan, 2010).**

**Date:** August 4, 2010

**Source:** Bloomberg, Farhan Sharif, Khurram Anis

**Title/Headline:** *Karachi Streets Grow Calmer After 63 Gunned Down Over Two Nights Of Riots*

**Abstract:** Karachi shops and businesses began reopening as calm returned to the streets of Pakistan's commercial capital after two nights of killings triggered by the shooting of a Muslim Shiite politician. **The death toll climbed to 63 overnight as protesters burned cars and shops and gunned people down as police and paramilitary troops sought to restore order, hospital officials said. The violence comes on top of floods across much of Pakistan that left more than 1,500 dead and millions stranded. Karachi, a city of 18 million people, is home to the nation's stock exchange and contributes more than 70 percent of Pakistan's tax revenue, according to the local government.** The shootings broke out after Raza Haider, a lawmaker with the city's main party, the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, was assassinated at a mosque on Aug. 2. About a quarter of the city's factories and markets opened today and some public transport services were restored, Abdul Majeed, president of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, said by telephone. **Losses to the local economy today may amount to 7 billion rupees (\$82 million) down from 10 billion rupees yesterday, he said. Several gas stations, schools and colleges have reopened. Trading at the Karachi Stock Exchange will close at the normal time of 3:30 p.m. after ending an hour early yesterday,** Haroon Askari, manager of operations, said by telephone. The benchmark Karachi stock exchange 100 index rose 0.9 percent to 10,478.17 at 11:14 a.m. local time after turnover was less than half this year's average yesterday. Seventeen more bodies were brought to three major hospitals overnight. **"Judging by the bullet wounds we're seeing, these are trained shooters," said Aftab Ahmed Channar, an official at the Civil Hospital in Karachi, who is a retired army captain. "They are using very few bullets and their aim is deadly."** Interior Minister Rehman Malik accused a banned militant group, Sipah-e-Sahaba, of killing Haider as part of its campaign of violence against members of the minority Shiite sect, the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan reported yesterday. **Haider's killing was the latest in a series of attacks in Karachi this year against Shiites, who comprise as much as 15 percent of Pakistan's population. Political and communal killings have escalated this year in Karachi, which is used as a hiding place by militants fleeing army attacks on the Taliban in the country's northwest.** Members of the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party, the MQM and the Awami National Party have died in multiple gun battles in the city since the start of the year (Sharif & Anis, 2010).



**Date:** August 6, 2010

**Source:** Pakalert Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Flood: HAARP Used In Pakistan? – Urgent*

**Abstract:** All started suddenly and thousands died, millions displaced, hundreds of villages vanished in the matter of just 4 days! Strangely there were no weather warnings, no alarms. None of the global met offices was able to predict torrential downpours that precipitated the worst floods in Pakistan's history. Was HAARP involved? We have investigated this matter and concluded that HAARP is being used in Pakistan and of course how can we ignore India's Baglihar & Kabul's Sarobi Dams contribution in this perfect plan! **This Flood Disaster is More Manmade than Natural. The choice of starting point was perfect.. all the flood is going in downstream i.e. Khyber (Hills) to Karachi (Sea)... it is designed to submerge entire Pakistan and bring up the worst crises and chaos ever happened.. they know they cant win a war with Nuclear armed Pakistan – it would be a mutual destruction, so they have other ways to do it!** Andrei Areshev a renowned Russian Scholar and the deputy head of the Strategic Culture Foundation warns that the current devastating fires raging throughout Russia could have been triggered by American weather weapons what is now becoming the infamous HAARP Technology.

**"It isn't just conspiracy theorists who are concerned about HAARP. The European Union called the project a global concern and passed a resolution calling for more information on its health and environmental risks. Despite those concerns, officials at HAARP insist the project is nothing more sinister than a radio science research facility."** ~Quote from a TV-documentary on HAARP by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).

**HAARP (High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program)** is a little-known, yet critically important U.S. military defense program which has generated quite a bit of controversy over the years in certain circles. Though denied by HAARP officials, some respected researchers allege that secret electromagnetic warfare capabilities of **HAARP are designed to forward the US military's stated goal of achieving full-spectrum dominance by the year 2020.** Others go so far as to claim that HAARP can and has been used for weather modification, to cause earthquakes and tsunamis, to disrupt global communications systems, and more. I have noticed a trend. Now, many skeptics will come in here and make gratuitous claims that what we are experiencing weather wise is simply mother nature, and others will claim that global warming is taking its affect. I am under a different impression. **For instance, has anyone noticed that almost every other year there is a new weather crisis that stays focused merely on that particular phenomenon?** For instance, in 2005, the only thing that was occurring was Hurricanes. You didn't hear about tornadoes, mudslides, tsunamis or volcanoes...it was simply Hurricanes. Let's take a look at some of this stuff...shall we? 2005: **We had Hurricane Katrina, Dennis, Emily, Rita and Wilma. Hurricane Katrina was especially strange since it was the only Hurricane on record EVER to sit for 2 days inland without any movement.** This is an anomaly since it takes movement in order to keep the storm active. Not only was this the most active season in recorded history, but, it also had two of the strongest measured Hurricanes in recorded history. **2004 marked the year of the Tsunami. Remember the non-stop media coverage?** It was as if nothing else existed, and the only real weather was tsunami weather. **2007 brought one of the worst flood seasons in the history of mankind.** No one was discussing Hurricanes, tornadoes, or earthquakes...this year was all about floods. **2008 brought the most and deadliest tornadoes in the past decade. There were no floods that year.** There weren't any Hurricanes happening, and if there were, no one cared because Tornadoes were the main topic of interest. In almost every place in the Midwest, there were tornadoes popping up in every back alley crevice you could find. The media was all over it, and these storms were steadily increasing in power. **Now let's look at the end of 2009 into 2010. EARTH QUAKES.** This seems to be a fad like no other. Not only are they increasing in power, but, they are also increasing in frequency. Chicago as well as Indiana, Chile (twice), Haiti, Turkey, Afghanistan, China, Okinawa, etc., etc. Now, skeptics will tell you..."No big deal. Earthquakes happen all the time."...and, for all intents and purposes, they're right. But, there aren't too many average people out there who haven't noticed that there seems to be a weird trend with all of these earthquakes that just keep popping up. **So...here's my point. We've been through all this before in many threads discussing the possibilities of whether there are governments who have the capabilities of weather control.** After looking at these trends that continue to occur, it seems that every year, or every other year, a new phenomenon of weather jumps out, and consistently pounds the earth until another one takes its place. **You could look at this as something that is merely seasonal and that, indeed, there are natural weather changes that are taking place on the planet that are increasingly getting worse (some love this idea and grip to it as if it were the only possibility), or, you could look at it as someone playing with a toy that they are trying to perfect. And each year they pick a new disaster to play with until they've honed it into a finely tuned instrument.** Now, if you haven't noticed these trends, or put them together in this sort of order and fashion, you might want to entertain the possibility that there are things being manipulated right in front of your very eyes. **Folks...there was purple snow in Russia. PURPLE. We recently had a never before seen sky spiral in Norway on the day Obama accepted the peace prize, and I don't care how you try to rationalize it, that was pretty screwed up.** There was a tetrahedron floating above the Kremlin on the same day, although the favorite thing to say is...HOAX!!! **People in Chile saw the sky changing colors in the middle of the night as the earthquake destroyed their city...it was 3am out there, so in the blackness of night, they were watching the sky change colors where there is an absence of color (Black).** The same thing was viewed about 20-30 minutes before the earthquake in China. In Antarctica right now, there is some sort of microbe that is giving the landscape the appearance as if it were bleeding. (And the rivers shall turn red with blood) But, I'm sure someone is going to try to tell me that its perfectly normal. **A bunch of birds, 100 exactly, recently were flying in a flock together and somehow, they died in the same place in the sky, and then fell in the same yard, within the same space, curled up and with blood leaking from their beaks and nasal passages.** There is something going on folks.

**Here's a brief list: HAARP PATENTS (Assigned to APTI, Inc.):**

**U.S. Patent 4686605:**

Method And Apparatus For Altering A Region In The Earth's Atmosphere, Ionosphere, And/Or Magnetosphere  
Inventors: Eastlund; Bernard J., Spring, TX  
Assignees: APTI, Inc., Los Angeles, CA  
Issued: Aug. 11, 1987  
Filed: Jan. 10, 1985

**U.S. Patent 5038664:**

Method For Producing A Shell Of Relativistic Particles At An Altitude Above The Earth's Surface  
Inventors: Eastlund; Bernard J., Spring, TX  
Assignees: APTI, Inc., Washington, DC  
Issued: Aug. 13, 1991  
Filed: Jan. 10, 1985

**U.S. Patent 4712155:**

Method And Apparatus For Creating An Artificial Electron Cyclotron Heating Region Of Plasma  
Inventors: Eastlund; Bernard J., Spring, TX  
Ramo; Simon, Beverly Hills, CA  
Assignees: APTI, Inc., Los Angeles, CA  
Issued: Dec. 8, 1987  
Filed: Jan. 28, 1985

**U.S. Patent 5068669:**

Power Beaming System  
Inventors: Koert; Peter, Washington, DC  
Cha; James T., Fairfax, VA  
Assignees: APTI, Inc., Washington, DC  
Issued: Nov. 26, 1991  
Filed: Sep. 1, 1988

**U.S. Patent 5218374:**

Power Beaming System With Printer Circuit Radiating Elements Having Resonating Cavities  
Inventors: Koert; Peter, Washington, DC  
Cha; James T., Fairfax, VA  
Assignees: APTI, Inc., Washington, DC  
Issued: June 8, 1993  
Filed: Oct. 10, 1989

**U.S. Patent 5293176:**

Folded Cross Grid Dipole Antenna Element  
Inventors: Elliot; Paul G., Vienna, VA  
Assignees: APTI, Inc., Washington, DC  
Issued: Mar. 8, 1994  
Filed: Nov. 18, 1991

**U.S. Patent 5202689:**

Lightweight Focusing Reflector For Space  
Inventors: Bussard; Robert W., Manassas, VA  
Wallace; Thomas H., Gainesville, FL  
Assignees: APTI, Inc., Washington, DC  
Issued: Apr. 13, 1993  
Filed: Aug. 23, 1991

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Artificial Ionospheric Mirror Composed Of A Plasma Layer Which Can Be Tilted  
Inventors: Koert; Peter, Washington, DC  
Assignees: APTI, Inc., Washington, DC  
Issued: Aug. 20, 1991  
Filed: May. 17, 1990

**U.S. Patent 4999637:**

Creation Of Artificial Ionization Clouds Above The Earth  
Inventors: Bass; Ronald M., Houston, TX  
Assignees: APTI, Inc., Washington, DC  
Issued: Mar. 12, 1991  
Filed: May. 14, 1987

**U.S. Patent 4954709:**

High Resolution Directional Gamma Ray Detector  
Inventors: Zigler; Arie, Rishon Le Zion, Israel  
Eisen; Yosset, Rishon Le Zion, Israel  
Assignees: APTI, Inc., Washington, DC  
Issued: Sep. 4, 1990  
Filed: Aug. 16, 1989

**U.S. Patent 4873928:**

Nuclear-Sized Explosions Without Radiation

Inventors: Lowther; Frank E., Plano, TX

Assignees: APTI, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

Issued: Oct. 17, 1989

Filed: June 15, 1988

**And, William Cohen, ex-secretary of the DOD**, made a specific statement about electromagnetic weapons that could be used for weather terrorism. In April 1997, the then U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen publicly discussed the dangers of HAARP-like technology, saying **“others are engaging even in an eco-type of terrorism whereby they can alter the climate, set off earthquakes, volcanoes remotely through the use of electromagnetic waves... So there are plenty of ingenious minds out there that are at work finding ways in which they can wreak terror upon other nations... It’s real, and that’s the reason why we have to intensify our efforts”** (Pakalert Press, 2010).

**Date:** August 17, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Steve Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Former Pakistani Intel Chief Fears World War Three Is Imminent*

**Abstract:** Former Pakistani General and intelligence chief Hamid Gul appeared on the Alex Jones Show yesterday for a full hour in what turned out to be a fascinating extended interview, addressing the major geopolitical issues that are shaping modern history. **Gul, who served as the director general of Pakistan’s Inter Services Intelligence during 1987-89 and worked with the CIA in the covert war against the Soviets in Afghanistan, is a wealth of knowledge on the so called ‘war on terror’.** Gul spoke on a host of issues, beginning with his version of events surrounding the recent Wikileaks expose of US and Afghan military intelligence. **“My version (of events) is not going out to America, I’ve been denied the visa to travel to America. These people will not let me into America because they are afraid that I will speak the truth. People will listen to the truth...”** Gul stated in response to the claims that he is personally **“quarter backing” attacks on US forces in Afghanistan and Pakistan.** “Fareed Zakaria (of CNN), he recorded me for twenty minutes and he put out only six minutes of my version.” Gul continued. “That is not fair, because I was informed, and especially the things I said which were stark realities, and he wanted obviously to keep the American people in dark about these things.” Gul asserted that Afghan intelligence is “still infested by the old Communist die hards”, who have an axe to grind against him, owing to his role in ousting the Soviet Union from the region. Gul added that it is a ridiculous notion to believe that he, at 74 years of age and retired, has any role in the military failures of the US in Afghanistan and Pakistan. **“Speak the truth, you have failed because your own policy makers have not come up with the recipe that was required. Your own Generals were not up to the tasks which were given to them, so why don’t you accept the failure rather than rub the blame on someone else?”** he said. **“This is diabolical nonsense, and if this is the kind of intelligence that America is basing its policies on in this region, then God help America.** This is false, it is totally fabricated and I’ll tell you who are the elements involved in it.” Gul said. The retired General blamed the fact that the military is heavily dependent on private contractors, even for intelligence gathering – contractors who only have an incentive to expand the wars and further profit from them. **“How can they be so foolish, the CIA, the FBI, and to top it all there is this Task Force 373, which has been indulging in massive civilian casualties. They have been killing people left right and centre.** Every time they are given the information, they have bombed wedding parties, they have bombed funeral processions, they have bombed innocents, and they have even bombed the hospitals.” **“So you can imagine that the intelligence based on the information provided by security contractors has resulted in this massive violation of human rights, it has been anti-human, it has destroyed everything that the American people and the American Constitution ever stood for.”** Gul urged. “They think that anyone criticizing their policy is the enemy. This is totally wrong, this is a misconception. We work together with the CIA, we work together with the Americans, I have a lot of friends there, I respect them and my advice could also be useful.” Gul said. The former ISI chief, who trained with British intelligence officers, spoke of an “ultra-Imperial club” of British, Israeli and Indian intelligence that is “leading American policy making by the nose” and “does not want America to flourish inside their hearts”. **“The American people are exploited for this dark agenda. It is only a handful of people, they a clique only by my assessment, who are indulging in this exercise.”** Gul added. Gul also noted that the real agenda in the middle east is multifaceted. Gul says the global clique’s ‘war on terror’ on one hand allows for the corporate empire that now controls America to establish itself in the centre of the region to tap the Caspian oil basin. Secondly, Gul believes it is an operation to prevent China from moving into the region. Thirdly, it functions to prevent any new power from emerging in the region based on the Islamic principles of egalitarianism, equality and freedom. **“If these principles are adopted then Imperial powers will really have no place to hide.”** Gul stated. And finally, it seeks to provide a security shield to the State of Israel by promoting destabilization inside neighbouring countries. **“This is going to hurt them more than it is going to hurt us.”** Gul said, speaking of how the actions of the global cabal are running against the grain of ancient codes of honour for the people of the region. “This evokes even stronger sentiments than the religion,” Gul stated. “Therefore these people are not going to forgive all this, and I’m afraid that we will have lost this region forever to America, to the West... and this struggle is going to end with a very big disaster for American reputation, for their honour, for their self respect, and we don’t want to have this done, I can assure you I am genuinely telling you this.” Gul added. **“If they get embroiled in Pakistan they will keep on staying here for a long time. If they expand this war, a fight is going to be put up against America, whether in Afghanistan, Pakistan or Iran. The larger the area of conflict and the longer the period of conflict, the established power, the one that is equipped with more firepower, cannot win – this is a lesson from history – it is immutable.”** “My fear is that if Pakistan is put to the corner and pushed against the wall – Pakistan being an Islamic state – could also declare international jihad.” Gul noted with great trepidation. “Now if that Islamic state declares international jihad, it becomes binding on the muslims of the rest of the world to come out in support of jihad. It will change modern history altogether if that call is given.” “They would have us believe that Iran is our enemy. Iran is not our enemy. There has been no hostility between Iran and Pakistan... This is an utter lie, it is only to malign Iran. But I tell you Israel is hell bent to draw America into a wider war attacking Iran. If they go in unilaterally to attack some targets, even drop a few bombs here and there, I think it will flare up a conflict that it will not be able to control.” Gul stated, following up with a harrowing prediction of what will follow. “America is

likely to get sucked into this war, and this may turn out to be the third world war. It would be a disaster of the first order, it must be avoided at all costs.” “I don’t know if Russia or China could be held back. This could be an inferno that would consume so many things, and corporate America would be the biggest sufferer – where are they going to sell their gold and how are they going to pick up the oil?” Gul stated. The General urged that if the world is to avoid such devastating conflict, people everywhere must not accept the propaganda being thrown at them by the elite clique attempting to shape global affairs. **“There is no clash of civilizations, this is a mindset that has been created unfortunately. ...As far as Islam is concerned, why is it being looked upon as an enemy, as an adversary? Islam encompasses Christianity and Judaism, it is not an entity in itself, but actually it encompasses all the three religions of the book, so there has to be amicable peace among us.”** **“There is no need for the dark impulse in the American system. I won’t say the American people, because they are so good, it is in the American system that the dark impulse has to be removed – and it can only be removed by the American people.”** Gul previously appeared on the Alex Jones show to share his contention that the 9/11 attack was an inside job, laying out details that were censored during a CNN interview on the same week. Gul reiterated his stance on the 9/11 attacks, that it was a black operation to be used as a pretext for entering Afghanistan and using it as a launch pad to enter Pakistan and dominate the region. Gul also spoke about the evidence that the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks were a Western controlled intelligence operation that was to be blamed on Pakistan, a claim he made shortly after the attacks which has since been vindicated by mainstream reports that US and Indian undercover agents were involved in the attacks. The General also spoke on the death of former Pakistan leader Benazir Bhutto, reasserting his previous analysis that Bhutto was eliminated by a neocon controlled assassination squad after she “became rebellious” toward globalist interests (Watson, 2010).

**Date:** August 18, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan President, Kerry Warn Militants Could Exploit Flooding Chaos*

**Abstract:** Islamist terrorists may exploit the chaos and misery caused by the floods in Pakistan to gain new recruits, the country's president warned Thursday — remarks echoed by a leading U.S. senator who said America would stand by its vital wartime ally during the crisis. The floods have affected 20 million people and about one-fifth of Pakistan's territory, straining its civilian government as it also struggles against al-Qaida and Taliban violence. Aid groups and the United Nations have complained that foreign donors have not been quick or generous enough given the scale of the disaster. **"All these catastrophes give strength to forces who do not want a state structure,"** President Asif Ali Zardari said during a press conference with John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, after the two visited some of the country's hardest-hit areas and a relief camp. **"There is a possibility that the negative forces would exploit the situation," Zardari said. "Like they would take the babies who have been made orphans and take them to their camps and train them as the terrorists of tomorrow."** Zardari's government has been criticized for failing to respond quickly enough, and Islamist charities — at least one of which has alleged links to terrorism — have been active in the flood-hit areas. **Islamist terrorists may exploit the chaos and misery caused by the floods in Pakistan to gain new recruits, the country's president warned Thursday — remarks echoed by a leading U.S. senator who said America would stand by its vital wartime ally during the crisis. The floods have affected 20 million people and about one-fifth of Pakistan's territory, straining its civilian government as it also struggles against al-Qaida and Taliban violence.** Aid groups and the United Nations have complained that foreign donors have not been quick or generous enough given the scale of the disaster. **"All these catastrophes give strength to forces who do not want a state structure,"** President Asif Ali Zardari said during a press conference with John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, after the two visited some of the country's hardest-hit areas and a relief camp. **"There is a possibility that the negative forces would exploit the situation," Zardari said. "Like they would take the babies who have been made orphans and take them to their camps and train them as the terrorists of tomorrow."** Zardari's government has been criticized for failing to respond quickly enough, and Islamist charities — at least one of which has alleged links to terrorism — have been active in the flood-hit areas (Fox News, 2010)

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**Source:** Financial Times, Michael Peel, Ben Fenton, Amer Malik

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Cricket Hit By Betting Scandal*

**Abstract:** The Pakistani cricket team and the sport's governing authorities were on Sunday struggling to deal with new corruption allegations that have echoes of the worst match-fixing scandals of the previous decade. British police were questioning a man suspected of conspiring to defraud bookmakers through a scheme involving Pakistani players deliberately bowling no-balls – illegal deliveries – during a Test match against England in London that ended on Sunday. **The allegations will add to concerns that corruption remains a serious problem at a time when cricket is becoming more lucrative as tournaments such as the Indian Premier League tap into the large fanbase in south Asia.** Police made the detention after a “sting” operation in which reporters from the News of the World newspaper allegedly paid a middle-man £150,000 (\$231,000, €187,500) in return for details of three occasions when Pakistani players would deliberately bowl no-balls by overstepping a white line on the pitch. Detectives interviewed four Pakistani players – Salman Butt, the captain, Mohammed Amir and Mohammed Asif, both bowlers, and Kamran Akmal, the wicketkeeper – according to Yawar Saeed, Pakistan team manager. He told Sky television that police had taken mobile phones belonging to the captain and the two bowlers. Asked about his alleged role in the affair, Mr Butt told a press conference: **“These are just allegations and anybody can stand out and say anything about you. It doesn’t make them true.”** The International Cricket Council, the England and Wales Cricket Board and the Pakistan Cricket Board said no players or team officials had been arrested. Scotland Yard, which the News of the World and the ICC said had arrested the middle man, could not be reached by phone. The ICC declined to make further comment. **The alleged scam would have hit bookmakers in south Asia, where so-called spot-betting is common and wagers can be placed on all aspects of the game, including timings and frequencies of no-balls.** Andrew Strauss, England's cricket captain, said the allegations had “taken the gloss off” the comprehensive win his side achieved on Sunday against Pakistan in the Test match at Lord's. He told the BBC: **“We have seen things that put cricket on the front pages for the wrong reasons before and nobody likes it.”** The match's closing ceremony after



Pakistan's heaviest defeat in Test history took place behind closed doors, emphasising both the gravity of the allegations and their potential impact on the game (Peel, Fenton, & Malik, 2010).

**Date:** August 31, 2010

**Source:** Seattle Times, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Army Cancels US Trip Amid Search Dispute*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's military canceled a trip by officers to an annual meeting at U.S. Central Command after they were taken off a plane and subjected to "unwarranted security checks" at Dulles International Airport in Washington, a spokesman said Wednesday. The row appeared to be a sign of the mistrust between the U.S. and Pakistani militaries, which are nominally allies in the fight against Taliban and al-Qaida but have long had an uneasy relationship. The nine-member delegation was headed by a two-star Navy rear admiral. Its members were awaiting take off on a United Airlines flight to Tampa, Fla. - where Central Command is based - when the incident took place Monday, said army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas. **The delegation was taken off the plane and subjected to "unwarranted security checks" that resulted in them missing their flight. They called military authorities in Pakistan who instructed them to return home,** Abbas said. United Airlines officials were not immediately available for comment. Dawn newspaper reported that the delegation was taken off the plane after a passenger voiced concerns they may have posed a security threat. Increased airport checks at U.S. airports in response to the threat from Islamist militants after the Sept. 11 attacks are a sensitive issue for many Pakistanis, who frequently complain they are being unfairly singled out. **A group of Pakistani lawmakers on a State Department sponsored visit to the United States in March returned home early after complaining of excessive security checks and were hailed as heroes by sections of the media on their return** (Seattle Times, 2010).



**Date:** September 4, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Bombing Death Toll Hits 65*

**Abstract:** The death toll from a bombing at a Shia Muslim rally in southwestern Pakistan has reached 65, after several seriously injured individuals passed away overnight at hospitals. Earlier reports had put the death toll at 53 with nearly 200 injured. The Friday attack came as thousands of people were attending a rally in Quetta in support of the Palestinian cause, marking the international Quds day. **According to the medics, over a dozen people succumbed to their injuries overnight at hospitals across the city on Saturday. The death toll is expected to rise further as some of the injured are reported in critical condition. The attack was the second assault against Pakistani Shia Muslims in three days. Three bombs went off in quick succession during a crowded mourning procession in the eastern city of Lahore on Wednesday. Nearly 40 people were killed and 300 more were injured in the carnage.** The attacks came as Shia Muslims were marking the martyrdom of the first Shia Imam, Ali Ibn-Abi Taleb (PBUH). Pro-Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for both of these attacks which have also killed several children. Since the 1980s, thousands of people have been killed in the sectarian-related incidents in Pakistan (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** September 18, 2010

**Source:** Tehran Times

**Title/Headline:** *Karachi Shuts Down After Politician Killed In London*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's financial hub and largest city, Karachi, shut down Friday after the killing in London of a leading figure in a regional Pakistani political party. Police in the British capital said a major investigation had been launched into the murder of Imran Farooq, who was found with stab wounds and head injuries outside his London home late Thursday. **However, police said it was 'too soon' to say whether the attack was a 'politically-motivated crime.'** Farooq, a senior member of the Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM), had been living in London since 1999 after leaving Pakistan when he was charged with criminal offences in connection with the alleged strong-arm tactics of the party he co-founded in Karachi (Tehran Times, 2010).

**Date:** September 23, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Girl Schools Blown Up In NW Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Unknown assailants have blown up two girls' school on the outskirts of the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar. Suspected Taliban-linked militants destroyed two government-run girls' primary and high schools late on Wednesday by detonating explosives in the Budhbir area of Shooru Kheel village, *The Nation* daily newspaper reported. The explosion ripped through the schools, leveling both buildings. There were no reported casualties since the schools were empty at the time, local officials said. **Taliban-linked militants have opposed female education in the northwest Pakistan valley of Swat, depriving more than 40,000 girls of schooling. In the past several years, the Taliban have destroyed many schools, especially in the areas of Swat Valley and the North-West Frontier Province as part of their radical campaign that most Muslims have censured as anti-Islamic terrorism** (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** September 24, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Massive Anti-US Rallies Held In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Thousands of people have held anti-US demonstrations across Pakistan to protest an American court's verdict against a female Pakistani scientist. The protests on Friday come after a New York court sentenced 38-year-old Aafia Siddiqui to 86 years in prison. Hundreds of police officers were deployed across the capital Islamabad to stop angry protesters from marching into the US Embassy. In Siddiqui's hometown of Karachi, police fired tear gas to prevent protesters from moving towards the US consulate. In Multan, scores of activists including lawyers blocked traffic. Siddiqui has been found guilty of allegedly trying to kill FBI agents and US military service members in Afghanistan. **Human rights groups argue that she was kidnapped and held in secret US prisons abroad. Political activists and Siddiqui's relatives have strongly criticized the US justice system for its handling of the case.** The Islamabad government says it will petition Washington to secure the repatriation of the mother of three on humanitarian grounds (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** September 24, 2010

**Source:** Fox News (Australian), Associated Press (U.S.)

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan United In Outrage At Sentencing Of Neuroscientist For Attacking US Agents*

**Abstract:** The country's leaders were quick to show their outrage at the sentence handed down to a Pakistani woman convicted of attacking U.S. agents, as were opposition politicians. By the time weekly prayers rolled round, protesters were battling police and the Pakistani Taliban had offered its support. The sentencing of Aafia Siddique to 86 years in an American jail left enemies and political opponents reading from the same script Friday, riding a wave of anger on behalf of a woman widely believed to be an innocent victim of a vengeful, post 9/11 American justice system. **The reaction was a reminder of the deep mistrust many Pakistanis have of the United States nine years after the two countries formed an uncomfortable alliance in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. While Washington tries to impress on the country it is a long-term partner, many Pakistanis persist on seeing it as a threat.** Siddique, a 38-year-old American-educated neuroscientist, was detained in Afghanistan in 2008 by Afghan authorities. She was convicted of seizing an M4 rifle weapon from one of her U.S. interrogators there and attempting to kill them. **She was severely wounded in the incidents. Siddique and her defense lawyers deny she ever fired a weapon. Her family and supporters say she disappeared along with her three children five years before she turned up in Afghanistan and allege she was either held in a secret jail by American authorities or Pakistan's spy agency.** U.S. and Pakistani officials have denied that, and there has been little evidence to support their claims. But they have been repeated so often they are taken as the standard version by many of her supporters and much of the media, which has largely rallied in her defense. **The claims of secret detention have resonance because Pakistani security forces have rounded up many terror suspects and handed them over to the United States in the aftermath of Sept. 11. Under a military ruler at the time, its government has never admitted how many people it arrested at the behest of Washington.** Such is the perceived force of public opinion, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani and other leading officials have had to stress their efforts over the last three years to try and get her back to Pakistan. The government spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to give her quality legal representation in New York. Gilani said he had lobbied U.S. officials for Siddique's release to "improve the U.S. image in Pakistan." "We all are united, and we want the daughter of the nation to come back to Pakistan," he told parliament, which unanimously adopted a resolution demanding Siddique's repatriation after her sentencing Thursday. **"I fought for her, my lawyer fought for her and now I will take up this matter on a political level."** Despite his remarks, there is little the government can do to get bring Siddique home. Islamabad has no agreement with the United States that allows Pakistanis convicted of crimes there to serve part of their sentences at home. A presidential pardon for Siddique looks very unlikely. Much of the criticism over the last 24 hours has been directed at the government, which is already unpopular in many circles because of its failure to improve the economy, its alliance with the United States and faltering efforts to respond to this summer's floods. **"Due to the shameless rulers of Pakistan, the United States got the courage to take Aafia to the United States and punish there,"** said Munawar Hassan, the chief of Jamat-i-Islami, the country's largest Islamist party, in a rally attended by around 8,000 people in the northwestern city of Peshawar. Fauzia Siddique, Aafia's sister, has led a tireless and vocal campaign for her release since 2008 and looked after two of her children. **"This verdict is a test for the Muslim global community and the Pakistanis,"** Fauzia told a gathering of Jamat-i-Islami female activists in Karachi. **"It is mandatory on all Muslims to get the daughter of the Muslims free from the prison of the infidels."** Before her arrest in Afghanistan, Siddique had been accused by the U.S. of links to al-Qaida. **Prosecutors said they found her carrying notes referencing a "mass casualty attack" on New York City landmarks and a stash of sodium cyanide. But she was only ever tried in relation to the attack on her captors in Afghanistan.** Her loudest supporters have been Pakistan's Islamist political parties and groups, which have embraced the opportunity to be seen defending a Pakistan Muslim woman as well as accusing the government of collaborating in her arrest and trial. **In Karachi, police fired tear gas to disburse rock-throwing protesters trying to march to the U.S. Consulate. At least five people were arrested. In Islamabad, 100 people attempting to reach the U.S. Embassy scuffled with police near a five-star hotel, witnesses said. "Down with America! Jihad, Jihad!" the protesters shouted.** The Pakistani Taliban, which is waging war against the Pakistani government and has killed scores of innocent men, women and children in bombings over the last three years, also spoke out in support of Aafia. **"We will not appeal or beg to America for the release of Aafia Siddique,"** said Taliban spokesman Azam Tariq by phone from an undisclosed location. **"We will bring her back by using the power of the gun"** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** September 25, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Bomb Scare Interrupts Flight Carrying 273 People, But May Have Been A Hoax*

**Abstract:** Canadian police are investigating whether a phoned-in hoax caused a Pakistani jet to be diverted to Stockholm for several hours Saturday for fear that one of its passengers was carrying explosives. Police evacuated 273 people from the jet, and briefly detained a Canadian man, after an anonymous caller in Canada tipped-off authorities that the suspect was carrying explosives. **However, no explosives were found on the man, who was released after questioning by police, or on the Boeing 777 from Pakistan**

**International Airlines, which had been bound from Toronto to Karachi, Pakistan.** The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said it was investigating whether the incident was a "terrorism hoax." **"If the information is deemed to be a hoax, the person who passed along that information can be charged for public mischief,"** said spokeswoman Sgt. Julie Gagnon in Ottawa. All passengers — except the suspect — were allowed back on the plane at Stockholm's Arlanda airport nine hours later. It took off for Manchester, England, from where the passengers would continue their journey to Karachi, said Jan Lindqvist, a spokesman for airport operator Swedavia. **Swedish police described the suspect as a Canadian citizen born in 1982. Initially they said he was of Pakistani background but later said they were not sure.** A spokesman for the state-owned Pakistan International Airlines said the suspect was a 25-year-old Canadian national. A prosecutor decided to release the man after questioning, and police were trying to help him continue his journey to Karachi either late Saturday or Sunday, police spokesman Erik Widstrand said, adding the man had cooperated with investigators. "He was calm but irritated," Widstrand said. The pilot asked to land the plane in Stockholm after Canadian authorities said they received a tip-off by phone the man was carrying explosives. **Passengers were told there was a technical problem with the aircraft and didn't find out the real reason until they were on the ground, Widstrand said. A SWAT team detained the suspect as he was evacuated from the aircraft along with the other passengers.** An Associated Press reporter at the airport saw the passengers boarding yellow airport buses parked near the aircraft. **The tip was "called in by a woman in Canada," police operation leader Stefan Radman said, adding that Swedish police took the threat seriously. Royal Canadian Mounted Police spokesman Sgt. Marc LaPorte said an anonymous caller called twice Friday saying a man on the flight had explosives. "The first call provided vague information. It did lay out that there was an individual on that specific flight in possession of explosives and then the second call provided more details with regards to the identity of the person,"** LaPorte said. He declined to elaborate on the caller, saying there was potentially a criminal offense involved. "On its face" it appears someone had an ax to grind against the man, LaPorte said, but couldn't elaborate on the motive. **"If the Swedish authorities are saying that they released him and there is no investigation on their end, we will obviously pursue this as a hoax,"** LaPorte said, adding there could be a terrorism hoax charge as well as a public mischief charge. In Washington, the FBI was assisting Swedish and Canadian authorities in their investigation, FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said Saturday. Swedish police said the man was not on any international no-fly lists and had cleared a security check in Canada. **He didn't resist when the SWAT team took him into custody. In Pakistan, a spokesman for state-run PIA confirmed the incident involved Flight PK782 to Karachi.** The passengers waited at the "international holding area" at the airport as they and their luggage were scanned and searched, airline spokesman Sultan Hasan said. Pakistani diplomats were at the airport to coordinate with the security officials. **PIA said there were 255 passengers and 18 crew members on the plane. Of the passengers, 102 were Canadian nationals, 139 Pakistanis, eight U.S. citizens, three Indians and one each from Japan, Malaysia and Bangladesh.** The Canadian Embassy in Stockholm was in contact with local authorities to gather additional information, Foreign Affairs spokesman Alain Caccione said (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** September 25, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph

**Title/Headline:** *Pervez Musharraf To Return From Exile In Britain As 'Saviour' Of Pakistan*

**Abstract: Pakistan's former military leader, Pervez Musharraf, tells Colin Freeman why his country needs him again - and why British troops must stay the course in Afghanistan. For the last two years he has earned a lucrative living on the global lecture circuit, enlightening select audiences on what it was like to have a ringside seat in the war on terror.** As the military ruler of Pakistan in the turbulent period after 9/11, former president Pervez Musharraf has no shortage of ideas on how to fight extremists and pacify both his homeland and neighbouring Afghanistan. **Now the former general is about put his theories to the test - quitting his comfortable retirement pad in London, where he has lived since stepping down in 2008, and returning to Pakistan to launch his own political party.** The All Pakistan Muslim League will have its opening manifesto launch in London on Friday, aiming for nothing less than to "change the political culture" of his home nation, where last month's devastating floods have added to already crippling problems with terrorism and weak government. **Indeed, given the scale of the challenges he now plans to grapple with, it is perhaps no surprise to learn that the public speaking firm to which Mr Musharraf is signed with, the elite Harry Walker agency, also has anti-poverty campaigner Bono, climate change guru Al Gore and several other stars of the "how-to-save-the-world" school of motivational speaking on its books. "I am very comfortable travelling around the world on lectures, but I am going into politics for the greater cause of Pakistan," Mr Musharraf told *The Sunday Telegraph* in an interview last week. "The people have reached the end of their hopes, and I want to try to rekindle their faith in both themselves and Pakistan itself. It would be better to try and fail rather than not to try at all."** The former special forces soldier was also vocal on the military challenges in neighbouring Afghanistan, saying that the escalating bodycount of British, US and other Nato soldiers should be no excuse for an early pull-out. US-led plans to start drawing down troops by the middle of next year would, he warned, lead to the region becoming a "nexus for terrorists" all over the Muslim world. **"I am not trying to portray a doomsday scenario unnecessarily, but the implications would be very serious for Afghanistan, Pakistan and the rest of world," he said. "It would encourage and strengthen the Taliban and al-Qaeda, giving them a country to fall back on. Quitting cannot be time related, it has to be effect related."** In a blunt comment on what he called "bring the boys home" sentiment in Britain, he added that soldiers should not sign up for military service if they did not expect to face combat. "I don't understand why there is this issue when an army suffers casualties. Of course you try to keep them to a minimum, and I offer my deep condolences to the family of any soldier is killed, but I would also ask their parents: 'Why was it that they joined the army?' All voluntary armies face occasions where they have to maybe fight for their country and sacrifice their lives." **Mr Musharraf, 67, was speaking at his flat off London's Edgware Road, where he lives in a smart three-bedroom apartment in London's Arab district.** Handy for the smart restaurants of nearby Mayfair, where he and his wife are regular faces, it is also close to reminders of the turbulence in his homeland. Nearby Edgware Road tube station was among those hit by the July 7 bombers, carried by British-born Pakistani radicals, while last week, a few miles away in Edgware itself, Imran Farooq, the exiled leader of Pakistan's MQM party, was murdered in what may have been a turf war linked to events in Karachi. **Mr Musharraf, who receives occasional Scotland Yard protection himself, declined to speculate on the motive for the killing, but said: "It is terrible that such an assassination could happen in a place like London."** His self-rebranding as his homeland's civilian saviour is in marked contrast to how his political career began in 1999, when he became the latest in a long line of Pakistani military leaders to seize power from a civilian government seen as incompetent and corrupt. **As the title of his recent biography *In the***

*Line of Fire* suggests, he then came under huge US pressure to clamp down on the Taliban and al-Qaeda in the wake of 9-11, much to the fury of religious hardliners in his own country. His star faded further as he clung to power for a further seven years, culminating in calls from political rivals for him to face criminal charges when he finally stepped down. Since then, though, his reputation has recovered somewhat, not least because the civilian administration of President Ali Asif Zardari, who was elected in late 2008, is seen to have done little better. Widespread public anger at his government's lacklustre response to the floods, which have left 12 million in need of emergency food aid, could well prove a filip to Mr Musharraf's new party. While he declined to comment on Mr Zardari's performance, Mr Musharraf said: "There is a hell of a lot of disappointment among the people over the way the flood relief was tackled." He added: "What is required is unity of thought and action between three elements; the political forces, the army and the bureaucracy. They need an individual who can get them to think and act alike." Whether Mr Musharraf will find politics as easy in civilian clothes remains to be seen though. His fledgling party may struggle against the more established political groupings like Mr Zardari's Pakistan Peoples Party, which has enjoyed a mass following for several decades. He is, however, looking forward to one advantage that he lacked during his previous stints in power - legitimacy. "Personally I never saw myself as a dictator, even though people called me that, but now when I come back I will be a politician on normal terms. I am also a born optimist, which helps. We have everything going in Pakistan - the failure is only of leadership, not the people" (Telegraph, 2010).

**Date:** September 27, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *NATO Forces Kill More Than 50 Insurgents In 2 Airstrikes In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** NATO helicopters based in Afghanistan carried out at least two airstrikes in Pakistan that killed more than 50 militants after the insurgents attacked a small Afghan security outpost near the border, spokesmen said Monday. NATO justified the strikes based on "the right of self-defense." Pakistan is sensitive about attacks on its territory, but U.S. officials have said they have an agreement that allows aircraft to cross a few miles into Pakistani airspace if they are in hot pursuit of a target. **The first strike took place Saturday after insurgents based in Pakistan attacked an Afghan outpost in Khost province, which is located right across the border from Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area,** said U.S. Capt. Ryan Donald, a spokesman for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. "The ISAF helicopters did cross into Pakistan territory to engage the insurgents," said Donald. "ISAF maintains the right to self-defense, and that's why they crossed the Pakistan border." The strike killed 49 militants, said U.S. Maj. Michael Johnson, another ISAF spokesman. The second attack occurred when helicopters returned to the border area and were attacked by insurgents based in Pakistan, said Donald. "The helicopters returned to the scene and they received direct small arms fire and, once again operating in self-defense, they engaged the insurgents," said Donald. The strike killed at least four militants, said Johnson. The tribal area where the strikes took place is largely controlled by militants who regularly carry out attacks against NATO troops in Afghanistan. **The U.S. rarely uses manned aircraft to carry out strikes in North Waziristan and instead relies on drone attacks that American officials refuse to acknowledge publicly. Pakistani intelligence officials said two NATO helicopters carried out a third strike inside Pakistani territory on Monday morning, killing five militants and wounding nine others.** The strike occurred in the village of Mata Sanger in the Kurram tribal area, which is directly across the border from the Afghan provinces of Paktia and Nangarhar, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media (Fox News, 2010).



**Telegraph**

**Date:** September 30, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Damien McElroy

**Title/Headline:** *Gen Musharraf Warns Of Pakistan Coup After Crisis Meeting In London*

**Abstract:** Gen Musharraf warns of Pakistan coup after crisis meeting in London. Pakistan's former military dictator has warned of a new army-led coup against the government as he prepared to launch a new political party in London on Friday. Gen Pervez Musharraf said the army should be given a constitutional role in the government of the Muslim state. **Pakistan's former military dictator has warned of a new army-led coup against the government as he prepared to launch a new political party in London on Friday. Gen Musharraf warns of Pakistan coup after crisis meeting in London.** "The situation in Pakistan can only be solved when the military has some role," he said. "If you want stability, checks and balances in the democratic structure of Pakistan, the military ought to have some sort of role." Rumours of an imminent coup have swept through Pakistan since an angry confrontation between the unpopular president and the army chief earlier this week. Gen Ashfaq Kayani, the hand-picked successor of Gen Musharraf, criticised President Asif Ali Zardari and Yusuf Gilani, the prime minister, for the government's response to the floods that devastated the country in July, leaving at least 2,000 dead and millions displaced. Gen Musharraf said the circumstances that forced him to launch a coup against the civilian government in 1999 had re-emerged. **"In that one year, Pakistan was going down and a number of people, including politicians, women, men came to me, telling me 'Why are you not acting? Are you going to act for Pakistan's good?'" "You see the photographs of the meeting with the president and the prime minister and I can assure you they were not discussing the weather,"** he said. "There was a serious discussion of some kind or other and certainly at this moment all kinds of pressures must be on this army chief." The 67-year-old former president, who was forced out of office in 2008, will launch the All Pakistan Muslim League, in Whitehall on Friday as he looks to contest the next elections in 2013 as a civilian. **Mr Gilani said Gen Musharraf would face trial in front of Pakistan's supreme court on corruption charges if he returned to Pakistan from his London exile** (McElroy, 2010).



**Date:** October 3, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Toby Harnden

**Title/Headline:** *US Secretly Shifts Armed Drones To Fight Terrorists In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Predator and Reaper drones have been lent by the US military to the CIA as part of a shift in strategy that underlines the Obama administration's view that Pakistan is unable or unwilling to target Islamist sanctuaries on its own soil. Tensions between the US and Pakistan have flared after a key route used to supply American troops in Afghanistan was shut after three Pakistani soldiers were killed in an attack by a Nato helicopter gunship. Predator and Reaper drones have been lent by the US military to the CIA as part of a shift in strategy that underlines the Obama administration's view that Pakistan is unable or unwilling to target Islamist sanctuaries on its own soil. **Tensions between the US and Pakistan have flared after a key route used to supply American troops in Afghanistan was shut after three Pakistani soldiers were killed in an attack by a NATO helicopter gunship** (Harnden, 2010).

**Date:** October 5, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, The Wall Street Journal

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Slams Pakistani Effort Against Militants*

**Abstract:** A new White House assessment steps up criticism of Pakistan's campaign against militants, stating bluntly that its government and military have been unwilling to take action against Al Qaeda and like-minded terrorists. The aggressive language of the report—which also criticizes the leadership of President Asif Ali Zardari—could further strain difficult relations with a key ally and undercut support in Congress for providing billions of dollars in aid to Islamabad. **The report, viewed by The Wall Street Journal, also raises questions about the U.S.-led coalition's progress battling the Taliban and improving governance in Afghanistan two months before the White House will review its war strategy.** The administration and Pentagon have until now tried to keep their harshest criticisms of Pakistan private to avoid a public rift, but the report shows growing U.S. frustration, officials said. **"The report reflects that there are real challenges we have with Pakistan," said an Obama administration official. Officials at all levels are in talks with Pakistan to address these issues, the official added.** President Barack Obama, in a letter to Congress accompanying the report, said he doesn't see the need for any adjustments in Afghanistan-Pakistan strategy "at this time." While administration officials have publicly played down the need for adjustments in strategy, they have made some changes, including a recently stepped-up campaign of strikes in Pakistan by Central Intelligence Agency drones against militants whom the U.S. sees Islamabad as unable or unwilling to attack. Pakistani officials have said they don't lack the will and that they have generally stepped up their efforts in response to U.S. requests, getting too little credit for it. But they say their army is already stretched thin—a problem exacerbated when soldiers were diverted to respond this summer to the worst flooding in the country's history. **"The Pakistan military continued to avoid military engagements that would put it in direct conflict with Afghan Taliban or Al Qaeda forces in North Waziristan," the White House concludes, referring to the Pakistani tribal region that U.S. officials say is being used as a staging ground for attacks on troops in Afghanistan, as well as to plot attacks on targets in Europe** (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** October 6, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, The Wall Street Journal

**Title/Headline:** *Report: Pakistan Spy Agency Urging Taliban To Fight U.S.*

**Abstract:** Members of Pakistan's spy agency are pressing Taliban field commanders to fight the U.S. and its allies in Afghanistan, U.S. officials and Afghan militants have told The Wall Street Journal, a development that undercuts a key element of the Pentagon's strategy for ending the war. The explosive accusation is the strongest yet in a series of U.S. criticisms of Pakistan, and shows a deteriorating relationship with an essential ally in the Afghan campaign. **The U.S. has provided billions of dollars in military and development aid to Pakistan for its support. The U.S. and Afghanistan have sought to persuade midlevel Taliban commanders to lay down their weapons in exchange for jobs or cash.** The most recent Afghan effort at starting a peace process took place this week in Kabul. But few Taliban have given up the fight, officials say. Some Taliban commanders and U.S. officials say militant leaders are being pressured by officers from Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency not to surrender. **"The ISI wants to arrest commanders who are not obeying [ISI] orders," said a Taliban commander in Kunar province.** U.S. officials say they have heard similar reports from captured militants and those negotiating to lay down their arms. A senior Pakistani official dismissed the allegation, insisting Islamabad is fighting militants, not aiding them. **"Whenever anything goes wrong in Afghanistan, ISI is to be blamed," said the senior Pakistani official. "Honestly, they see ISI agents behind every bush in Afghanistan."** The Taliban commander in Kunar, like others interviewed in recent days, said he remained opposed to the presence of foreign troops in Afghanistan and had no plans to stop fighting them. **But "the ISI wants us to kill everyone—policemen, soldiers, engineers, teachers, civilians—just to intimidate people," the commander said** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** October 6, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *US Blames Pakistan For Afghan Failure*

**Abstract:** A new White House report says the Pakistani military is avoiding "direct conflict" with militants near its border with



**neighboring Afghanistan.** The report, sent to Congress by President Barack Obama, accuses the Pakistani army of pursuing its own interests in the volatile region. **"The Pakistani military continued to avoid military engagements that would put it in direct conflict with Afghan Taliban or al-Qaeda forces in North Waziristan," the report read.** The report comes as a non-UN-sanctioned US strike killed at least six people and wounded several others in the country's troubled northwestern tribal region on Wednesday. **The US has stepped up its non-UN-sanctioned drone attacks on Pakistani soil in recent days resulting in significant civilian casualties.** The development coincides with Islamabad shutting a major crossing along the border with Afghanistan in reaction to a NATO incursion into its territory. **Experts say the US is looking for scapegoats and shifting blames on regional countries for its failure in the Afghan war.** The rising number of civilian casualties in Afghanistan and the failure of foreign forces to subdue the Taliban and restore peace and security in the country have resulted in public outrage in the US and NATO member states. **The US led the invasion of Afghanistan allegedly to eradicate terrorism; nine years on, however, it has yet to ameliorate the situation** (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** October 6, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Unauthorized US Attack Kills 6 Pakistanis*

**Abstract:** **A non-UN-sanctioned US strike has killed at least six people and wounded several others in Pakistan's troubled northwestern tribal region.** Local officials say an unmanned plane has fired two missiles into a residential compound in North Waziristan. **The attack has triggered fire in the building; its smoke was seen from as far as a half a kilometer away. The death toll is expected to rise as some of the injured are reported to be in critical condition.** Unauthorized airstrikes in Pakistan, initiated by former US president George W. Bush, have continued under President Barack Obama, contributing to the death of hundreds of Pakistani civilians. While Washington says the attacks target militants, reports show that mostly civilians bear the brunt. **The US military has launched record numbers of such attacks this year. The attacks have turned into a source of tension between Islamabad and Washington.** Islamabad has condemned the airstrikes, describing them as a violation of its sovereignty. In retaliation to the surge in cross-border attacks, Pakistan has closed its borders with Afghanistan to NATO supply trucks. **The recent Pakistani move against the US-led forces has not stopped the US military from carrying out such attacks inside Pakistani territory** (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** October 6, 2010

**Source:** USA Today

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Apologizes For Attack On Pakistani Soldiers*

**Abstract:** **The U.S. apologized Wednesday for a recent helicopter attack that killed two Pakistani soldiers at an outpost near the Afghan border, saying American pilots mistook the soldiers for insurgents they were pursuing.** The apology, which came after a joint investigation, could pave the way for Pakistan to reopen a key border crossing that NATO uses to ship goods into landlocked Afghanistan. Pakistan closed the crossing to NATO supply convoys in apparent reaction to the Sept. 30 incident. **Suspected militants have taken advantage of the impasse to launch attacks against stranded or rerouted trucks, including two Wednesday where gunmen torched at least 55 fuel tankers and killed a driver. "We extend our deepest apology to Pakistan and the families of the Frontier Scouts who were killed and injured,"** said the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan, Anne Patterson. Pakistan initially reported that three soldiers were killed and three wounded in the attack, but one of the soldiers who was critically injured and initially reported dead ended up surviving, said Maj. Fazlur Rehman, the spokesman for the Frontier Corps. Pakistani soldiers fired at the two U.S. helicopters prior to the attack, a move the investigation team said was likely meant to notify the aircraft of their presence after they passed into Pakistani airspace several times. **"We believe the Pakistani border guard was simply firing warning shots after hearing the nearby engagement and hearing the helicopters flying nearby,"** said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Tim Zadalis, NATO's director for air plans in Afghanistan who led the investigation. **"This tragic event could have been avoided with better coalition force coordination with the Pakistan military."** The head of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, Gen. David Petraeus, also expressed his condolences, saying in a statement that "we deeply regret this tragic loss of life and will continue to work with the Pakistan military and government to ensure this doesn't happen again." Pakistan moved swiftly after the attack to close the Torkham border crossing that connects northwestern Pakistan with Afghanistan through the famed Khyber Pass. **The closure has left hundreds of trucks stranded alongside the country's highways and bottlenecked traffic heading to the one route into Afghanistan from the south that has remained open. There have been seven attacks on NATO supply convoys since Pakistan closed Torkham, including those Wednesday.** NATO officials have insisted that neither the attacks nor the border closure have caused supply problems for NATO troops since hundreds of trucks still cross into Afghanistan each day through the Chaman crossing in southwestern Pakistan and via Central Asian states. **But reopening Torkham is definitely a priority for NATO because it is the main crossing in Pakistan, the country through which NATO ships the majority of its supplies into Afghanistan. Other routes are more expensive and logistically difficult. Both U.S. and Pakistani officials have predicted Torkham would reopen soon, and the apologies issued Wednesday could provide Pakistan with a face-saving way to back down.** Reopening the border could reduce the frequency with which militants have attacked NATO supply convoys in recent days, although such attacks occurred regularly even before Torkham was closed. **The first attack Wednesday came early in the morning when an unidentified number of gunmen in two vehicles attacked trucks as they sat in the parking lot of a roadside hotel on the outskirts of Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province. They were making their way to the Chaman crossing. One driver was killed in the attack and at least 25 trucks were destroyed by fire that spread quickly from vehicle to vehicle, senior police official Hamid Shakil said.** On Wednesday night, suspected militants armed with assault rifles opened fire on oil tankers parked along the road in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province as they were making their way to Torkham. **At least 30 tankers were engulfed in flames, said local police officer Nisar Khan. It was unclear if there were any casualties.** Of the seven attacks on convoys bringing supplies in from the port city of Karachi since the Torkham closure, five were on trucks heading to that crossing and two were on their way to Chaman. The convoys bring fuel, military vehicles, spare parts, clothing and other non-lethal supplies for foreign troops in Afghanistan. It was unclear who was behind the latest attacks, but the Pakistani Taliban have claimed responsibility for similar assaults on NATO supplies. **The helicopter attack and the border closure have exposed the frequent strains in the alliance between Pakistan and the United States. But Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell downplayed**

the possibility of any lasting effects. "There are incidents which create misunderstandings, there are setbacks, but that does not mean the relationship — this crucial relationship to us — is in any way derailed," Morrell said Tuesday. Even if the border is reopened, underlying tensions will remain in the U.S.-Pakistan relationship, especially over Pakistan's unwillingness to go after Afghan Taliban militants on its territory with whom it has strong historical ties and who generally focus their attacks on Western troops, not Pakistani targets. (USA Today, 2010).



**Date:** October 6, 2010

**Source:** BBC, Riaz Sohail

**Title/Headline:** *Nato Contractors 'Attacking Own Vehicles' In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Nato supply convoys travelling through Pakistan to Afghanistan have regularly come under attack in the past, but following Pakistan's decision to block their route through the Khyber Pass, they now face an even bigger security threat. Hundreds of tankers and trucks have been left stranded on highways and depots across Pakistan, with little or no security. Taliban militants have regularly been targeting the convoys, even when they are heavily protected. But many believe it is not just the militants who pose a security threat to the convoys. **The owners of oil tankers being used to supply fuel to Nato in Afghanistan say some of the attacks on their convoys are suspicious. They say there is evidence to suggest that bombs have been planted in many of vehicles by the "Nato contractors" - individuals or companies who have been contracted by Nato to supply fuel and goods to forces in Afghanistan.** The contractors subsequently hire the transporters who then carry the goods. Dost Mohammad, an oil tanker owner from Nowshera district, said a Nato contractor had recently been caught trying to plant a bomb in an oil tanker. **Contractors say there is little of no security for the supply convoys. "This happened in the area of Paiyee, when he was putting the bomb under the vehicle." "At that time, a few men also opened fire on the tankers. The deputy later told the police that he had been told to plant the bomb by the contractor."** Dost Mohammad said the contractor had apparently sold off the fuel first. **"Only 2,000 litres from the original 50,000 litres had been left in the tanker to cover up the crime," he said. Dost Mohammad said it is a win-win situation for the contractors. "If an old vehicle is burnt, Nato gives them money for a new vehicle. In addition, they receive compensation for all the fuel lost as well."** "We are very scared at the moment - we are an open target for the militants" said Israrullah Shinwari of the All Pakistan Oil Tankers Association. But the Deputy Minister for Interior, Tasneem Ahmed, dismissed the transporters' claims. "We have no such information that the Nato contractors are themselves setting the tankers on fire," he told the BBC. "No such complaints have been lodged, to my knowledge." **The BBC also spoke to a Nato contractor, who was similarly dismissive of the allegations. Speaking on condition of anonymity, he said Nato insured all the goods being transported and the vehicles carrying them. "Nato pays the premium and bears the relevant charges with the local companies who provide the schemes. The transporters are then reimbursed on the basis of their actual losses," he said. But he said the policies were only valid within Pakistan. But Nowshera's police chief, Nisar Tanoli, had a different account of events.**

### **Khyber Pass:**

- 1) Up to 80% of Nato supplies for Afghanistan pass through Pakistan
- 2) Majority are driven 1,200 miles (1,931km) from port of Karachi to Kabul via Khyber Pass
- 3) 1,000 container lorries and tankers travel daily through the pass to Kabul
- 4) Khyber Pass is 53km long (33 miles) and up to a height of 1,070m (3,444ft)
- 5) About 150 lorries go via the southern supply route through Chaman to Kandahar

Talking to the BBC, he confirmed that at least two attempts to blow up oil tankers had taken place in the district. "One took place in Paiyee, and the other in the area of Watak near Akora Khattak," he said. **"In both incidents the tankers were parked in the area for a couple of days. During this time, bombs were made in nearby houses and then used on the tankers." He said the contractors were "in a hurry" to get a copy of the initial police reports into the incident and were "not interest in prolonging the investigations".** "The insurance agents also showed up a few days later," he said. Mr Tanoli says the police carried on their investigations and the facts eventually came to light. **"We have now arrested some drivers and their helpers," he said. "The people behind them are not residents in the district, but we have issued warrants for their arrest." He added that there have been incidents in which fuel for aircraft has been sold off. "The contractors later said it had leaked, or the tanker caught fire."** All, then, is not as straight forward as it seems, as far as the threat to the Nato supply route is concerned. "Pakistan's intelligence and security apparatus may be encouraging the attacks by looking the other way" said a Security analyst. But despite these additional concerns, the main danger continues to come from the Taliban. **"We are very scared at the moment - we are an open target for the militants," said Israrullah Shinwari, a spokesman for the All Pakistan Oil Tankers Association. "Since the blockade was enforced, we have 3,000 tankers stranded across Pakistan." "The blockade itself has cost us tens of millions of rupees in losses. This does not include the damages suffered in the attacks. "The Taliban have openly declared they will target the tankers, but we have been provided with no security."** Since 2007, the militants have destroyed or captured dozens of Nato transport vehicles, especially in the Khyber tribal region. But a security analyst said the latest move was "tantamount to encouraging the militants to have a real go at the convoys". **"The fact that government ministers are calling the attack an expression of public anger shows that some may just be payback," he said. "Pakistan's intelligence and security apparatus may be encouraging the attacks by looking the other way. In fact, there are suggestions that agencies may themselves be behind some themselves" (Sohail, 2010).**

**Date:** October 7, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Alleged Suicide Bombs Kill 8 At Pakistan Sufi Site*

**Abstract:** Two suspected suicide bombers have attacked the most beloved Sufi shrine in Pakistan's largest city, killing at least eight people, wounding 65 others, and sending a stark reminder of the threat posed by Islamist militants to this U.S.-allied nation. Angry mobs burned tires and torched buses in the aftermath of the bombings in Karachi late Thursday. The attack came amid tensions between Washington and Islamabad over NATO helicopter incursions that have led Pakistan to close a key border crossing used to ferry supplies to Western troops in Afghanistan. Despite U.S. apologies over the incursions, one of which left two Pakistani soldiers dead, Islamabad said Thursday it had yet to decide when to reopen the crossing. **The explosions at the Abdullah Shah Ghazi shrine in southern port city of Karachi happened at the busiest time of the week when thousands typically visit to pray, distribute food to the poor and toss rose petals on the grave of the saint. The dead included two children.** Ghazi was an 8th century saint credited with bringing Islam to the region along the coast. Local legend has it that his shrine protects Karachi from cyclones and other sea-related disasters. **Pakistani Sufi sites have frequently been the target of Islamist militant groups, whose hardline interpretations of the religion leave no room for the more mystical Sufi practices that are common in this Sunni Muslim-majority nation of 175 million.** The first explosion took place as the suspected bomber was going through the metal detector before a long staircase leading to the main shrine area, said Babar Khattak, the top police official in Sindh province. **The second blast took place about 10 seconds later, farther ahead of the metal detector, he said. In the aftermath, an Associated Press reporter saw blood, flesh and shoes splattered at the shrine compound.** Mohibullah Khan, a 38-year-old manual laborer, was about to visit the shrine after evening prayers at a nearby mosque when the explosions occurred. **"I heard a huge bang and smoke billowed from there," Khan said. "I ran back toward the mosque and seconds after heard another big explosion. Then I moved to help the wounded and put six or seven of the crying ones in ambulances and police vehicles. "Gunshots could be heard throughout the chaotic city of 16 million-plus after the attack, while angry mobs torched at least two buses in the downtown area and burned tires on some roads.** Sindh province Home Minister Zulfiqar Mirza said all city shrines were being sealed off. Condemnations poured in from Pakistani leaders, including President Asif Ali Zardari, who was staying elsewhere in the city at the time. **"We remain committed to fighting these murderers and expelling them from our land," Zardari aide Farahnaz Isphani said in an e-mail. In July, twin suicide bombers in the eastern city of Lahore attacked Data Darbar, Pakistan's most revered Sufi shrine, killing 47 people and wounding 180** (Fox News, 2010).



**Telegraph**

**Date:** October 8, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Decan Walsh

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan To Investigate Execution Video*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's army chief orders inquiry into mobile phone footage that purports to show soldiers shooting dead blindfolded men. Pakistan's army chief, General Ashfaq Kayani, has ordered an inquiry into a video that purports to show a group of soldiers gunning down six blindfolded men in the country's troubled north-west. **The video, which has been circulating on the internet for weeks has renewed long-standing concerns about military human rights violations during operations against the Taliban.** If authenticated it could jeopardise \$2bn (£1.2bn) in US military subsidies to Pakistan, under a law that prohibits funding of foreign armies with a record of gross human rights abuses. **Announcing the board of inquiry this morning, Kayani said it would determine the veracity of the video, including the identity of the executioners wearing Pakistani army soldiers' uniforms. Appearing to take a tough stance, he said: "It is not expected of a professional army to engage in excesses against the people whom it is trying to guard against the scourge of terrorism," he said. But he added that in the past Pakistani militants have posed as soldiers.** In the graphic five-and-a-half minute video, a group of soldiers wearing flak jackets line up six blindfolded men wearing salwar kameez, some apparently teenagers, before a wall in a wooded area. A bearded helmet-less soldier, his hands in his pockets, strolls up to the men and addresses them individually. **Moments later a shooting squad of at least six soldiers, standing in a rough line, unleashes a volley of automatic gunfire. The detainees fall to the ground, some moaning in pain. Two soldiers approach and open fire at close range, apparently finishing them off.** A state department spokesman last week described the images as "horrifying". One Pakistani website claimed the video, which appears to have been shot on a mobile phone, had been recorded in the Swat valley, where Pakistan conducted a sweeping military operation in 2009. **However, the video contains no proof of this, and others have suggested it was recorded in the Orakzai Agency tribal area.** There is also no information about when the video was recorded, or the identity of those killed. **The film quality is grainy but some soldiers' faces are identifiable. They appear to be carrying G3 rifles, the standard issue Pakistani military weapon. The video first surfaced on jihadist websites, where they were being touted as a militant recruiting tool, and was later picked up by the US-based Search for international terrorist entities (Site) Intelligence Group that monitors extremist websites. News of the inquiry received a cautious welcome from human rights activists who have long accused the army of illegal detention, torture and execution during operations in the Swat valley and the tribal belt.** "While we welcome the announcement from Gen Kayani it remains to be seen whether this inquiry will be meaningful or is just a sop to the international community," said Ali Dayan Hasan of Human Rights Watch. Hasan said he could not confirm the Swat video but that in general terms "credible grounds exist for the Leahy amendment to be invoked", referring to the 1997 US law that prohibiting funding of armed forces with a record of human rights abuse. **"The fact is that HRW and others have documented scores of executions, collective punishment and other abuses by the Pakistani military in Swat. To date nobody in the Pakistani military has been held accountable."** The US has previously used the Leahy amendment to sanction Colombia and Indonesia.

But the Bush administration refused to apply its provisions to Iraqi military units implicated in human rights abuses after 2003. Pakistan's army, a difficult but essential partner in the fight against Islamist extremism, may also find a way of avoiding sanctions. **A senior Pakistani official said that if the tape is verified the inquiry will probably shift blame on to the individual unit involved, shirking any institutional responsibility** (Walsh, 2010).

**Date:** October 8, 2010

**Source:** The Independent, Patrick Cockburn

**Title/Headline:** *Is Pakistan Falling Apart*

**Abstract:** **Is Pakistan disintegrating? Are the state and society coming apart under the impact of successive political and natural disasters? The country swirls with rumours about the fall of the civilian government or even a military coup. The great Indus flood has disappeared from the headlines at home and abroad, though millions of farmers are squatting in the ruins of their villages. The US is launching its heaviest-ever drone attacks on targets in the west of the country, and Pakistan closed the main US and Nato supply route through the Khyber Pass after US helicopters crossed the border and killed Pakistani soldiers. Pakistan is undoubtedly in a bad way, but it is also a country with more than 170 million people, a population greater than Russia's, and is capable of absorbing a lot of punishment. It is a place of lop-sided development. It possesses nuclear weapons but children were suffering from malnutrition even before the floods. Electricity supply is intermittent so industrialists owning textile mills in Punjab complain that they have to use their own generators to stay in business. Highways linking cities are impressive, but the driver who turns off the road may soon find himself bumping along a farmer's track. The 617,000-strong army is one of the strongest in the world, but the government has failed to eliminate polio or malaria. Everybody agrees that higher education must be improved if Pakistan is to compete in the modern world, but the universities have been on strike because their budgets had been cut and they could not pay their staff. The problem for Pakistan is not that the country is going to implode or sink into anarchy, but that successive crises do not produce revolutionary or radical change. A dysfunctional and corrupt state, part-controlled by the army, staggers on and continues to misgovern the country. The merry-go-round of open or veiled military rule alternates with feeble civilian governments. But power stays in the hands of an English-speaking elite that inherited from the British rulers of the Raj a sense of superiority over the rest of the population. The present government might just squeak through the post-flood crisis because of its weakness rather than its strength. The military has no reason to replace it formally since the generals already control security policy at home and abroad, as well as foreign policy and anything else they deem important to their interests. The ambition of the Prime Minister, Yousuf Raza Gilani, in the next few weeks is to try to fight off the demand by the Chief Justice, Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, that the legal immunity of President Asif Ali Zardari should be lifted. Mr Zardari, who owes his position to having been the husband of Benazir Bhutto, assassinated in 2007, has a well-established (though unproven) reputation for corruption during his pre-presidential days. Whatever the outcome of the struggle with the Supreme Court, Mr Zardari is scarcely in a position to stand up to the military leaders who may find it convenient to have such a discredited civilian leader nominally in power. The military have ruled Pakistan for more than half the time since independence in 1947, but their control has never been quite absolute. The soldiers have never managed to put the politicians and the political parties permanently out of business, so the balance between military and non-military still counts. But there is no doubt about which way the struggle is going. A decisive moment came on 24 July this year when General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, the army chief of staff, was reappointed for another three-year term. The US embassy in Islamabad is said by foreign diplomats and Pakistani officials to have protested vigorously but unavailingly to Washington. It said that keeping General Kayani in place would inflict a fatal wound on democracy and demonstrate that the civilian government could not get rid of its own army commander. In the event, Washington, always a crucial influence in Islamabad, decided that it would prefer to deal with a single powerful figure able to deliver in negotiations over Afghanistan. This was in keeping with US policy towards Pakistan since the 1950s. "We were put under intense pressure to keep Kayani," said an aide of President Zardari's. "We were left with no choice." In one sense, the army never really left power after the fall of General Pervez Musharraf in 2008. It has continued to allocate to itself an extraordinarily high proportion of Pakistan's limited resources. Military bases all over the country look spruce and well cared-for, while just outside their razor-wire defences are broken roads and slum housing. At the entrance of a base just west of Islamabad last week was an elderly but effective-looking tank as a monument, the ground around it parade-ground clean. A few hundred yards away, a yellow bulldozer was driving through thick mud to make a flood-damaged road passable two months after the deluge, while a side street nearby was closed by a pool of stagnant grey-coloured water. At the other end of the country in northern Sindh, a local leader, who like many critics of the Pakistani military did not want his name published, pointed to a wide canal. He said: "This canal is not meant to be taking water from the Indus, but it is allowed to operate because it irrigates land owned by army officers." The army projects a messianic image of itself in which it selflessly takes power to save the nation. It likes to contrast its soldierly virtues of incorruptibility and efficiency with the crookedness and ineptitude of civilians. "The army is very good at claiming to be the solution to problems which it has itself created," • complained a local politician in Punjab. "It is also good at ascribing all failures to civilian governments, which cannot act because the army monopolises resources." He added caustically that in his area, the floods had arrived on 6 August and the first army assistance on 26 August. Politicians and journalists criticising the army often employ code words where more is implied than stated. But last month, a government minister made a pungent attack on the army that astonished listening journalists. The minister for defence production, Abdul Qayyum Jatoi, directly accused the army of being behind the killing of the opposition leader, Benazir Bhutto, in 2007, and the revered Baluchi leader Nawab Bugti, a year earlier. "We did not provide the army with uniforms and boots to kill their own countrymen," • Mr Jatoi said bluntly, suggesting that the army leaders do their duty by going to defend Pakistan's frontiers and end rumours of a coup. He added: "Not only politicians should be blamed for corruption, rather [army] generals and judges should be held responsible." Mr Jatoi's words reflect what Pakistanis say about the army in private, but seldom dare do so in public. He paid a price for his forthrightness, since Mr Gilani promptly sacked him and he is being accused of high treason in a petition before the courts. He says he does not miss his job very much because all the important decisions in his ministry were in any case taken by the military. Pakistanis are unhappy because every week seems to bring another piece of bad news. The country is highly politicised with millions of people observing with acute interest the struggles for power at the central and local level. Taxi drivers discuss the make-up of the Supreme Court and its future composition. When it comes to open and lively political disputes, Pakistan is more like Lebanon, with its tradition of weak government but free expression of opinion, than Russia or**



Egypt with their supine and intimidated populations. Political parties in Pakistan are powerful and, given an ineffectual and corrupt administrative apparatus, everybody believes he or she needs somebody of influence to protect their interests. **The army likes to denigrate civilian politicians as "feudalists", but in practice, big landowners have limited political power. Politicians gain influence through helping "clients" who need their support and that of their parties. "All politics here is really about jobs,"** says National Assembly member Mir Dost Muhammad Mazari. Pakistan may not be falling apart, but the floods and the economic crisis – the government is bankrupt and inflation is at 18-20 per cent – means that every Pakistani I meet, be they small farmers, generals, industrialists or tribal leaders, is gloomy about the future. **Each negative incident is interpreted as a sign of Pakistan's decline and a menacing omen of worse to come. Two recent scandals, both filmed as they happened and shown on as many as 26 cable television news channels, appear to confirm that the country is saturated with corruption and violence. This explosion of news channels has happened only in the past few years and makes it far more difficult to censor information.** One scandal was the notorious allegation of match-fixing in return for bribes made against Pakistani cricketers touring England. Commentators noted acidly that it was typical of the political system that the highly unpopular head of the Pakistan Cricket Board, Ijaz Butt, could not be dismissed by the defence minister, Ahmad Mukhtar, because he is the latter's brother-in-law. **The scandal was peculiarly damaging because it broke in August just as the government was trying to persuade the world to give it large sums of money for flood relief. A second scandal, which may have horrified Pakistanis even more than the bribery case in England, took place a few days earlier. News out of Pakistan at the time was all about the devastating floods and it received little international attention, but the gory events were again played endlessly on television.** They took place on 15 August in the city of Sialkot, north of Lahore, where two wholly innocent teenagers called Hafiz Sajjad, 18, and Mohammed Muneeb Sajjad, 15, were misidentified as robbers and lynched by a crowd in the middle of a city street. **Uniformed police stood nonchalantly by as men with iron rods and sticks took turns over a period of hours to beat the boys to death. Their mangled bodies were finally hung upside down in the market and the case only became known because a courageous television reporter had accidentally witnessed and secretly filmed what happened. The Sialkot lynching shows Pakistani society at its worst.** It also illustrates what happens when there is a breakdown in the administration of justice. In this case, the local police are reported to have routinely killed alleged criminals or handed them over to lynch mobs. This breakdown in the administration of justice is general. **I asked Pashtun tribal elders in a town near Lakki Marwat in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province what they most needed. They all said governance: some form of effective local government administration.** In south Punjab I went to a tribal court where 100 tough-looking Baluchi tribesmen had submitted a land dispute to a respected leader of their tribe. It was a complicated case involving a grandfather's will written in 1985 that left 12 acres of land unequally to the sons of his two marriages. The will was not very precise but nobody cared at first because the land was in the desert. But then one member of the family started to irrigate it and made it productive, leading to a rancorous dispute about ownership. The claimants to the land had chosen binding arbitration by a respected local leader, because a decision would be swift and free. They said that if they went through the state courts, the case could take years and the judges and police could be bribed. But incidents such as the Sialkot lynching do not mean that the country is slipping into primal anarchy like Somalia. **The Western world looks at Pakistan primarily in relation to Afghanistan, the Taliban, extreme jihadi Islam and the "war on terror". In a country of 170 million people there are always episodes that can be used as evidence to illustrate any trend, such as the belief that Pakistan is filled with bloodthirsty Islamic militants bent on holy war.** Earlier this year, Foreign Policy magazine in Washington, which compiles an annual list of failed states, placed Pakistan 10th on the list, claiming that it showed more signs of state failure than Haiti and Yemen, and is only slightly more stable than Somalia and Yemen. The country's high ranking in the survey tells one more about the paranoid state of mind of Washington post-9/11 than what is actually happening. **There is no incentive to play down the "Islamic threat to Pakistan" on the part of any journalist who wants his or her story to be published, think-tankers who need a grant, or diplomats who seek promotion. The influence and prospects for growth of small jihadi organisations are systematically exaggerated.** Over-attentive reading of the Koran is seen as the first step on the road to Islamic terrorism. Overstated claims about their activities by fundamentalist Islamic groups are happily lapped up and repeated. Stories acquire a life of their own, regardless of their factual basis. **During the recent floods, the foreign media reported on how militant Islamic groups were prominent and energetic in distributing aid to victims, the suggestion being that they will use their enhanced status to recruit more young men for holy war. This is supposedly what they did during the Kashmir earthquake of 2005, which killed 75,000 people whom it was difficult to reach because they lived high in the mountains.** Christine Fair, an expert on Pakistan at Georgetown University in Washington, eloquently demolishes this and other spurious stories about the growth of militant Islam in Pakistan. She cites a survey of 28,000 households in 126 villages in Kashmir in which one-quarter of the inhabitants said they had received aid from international agencies, 7 per cent from non-militant Islamic charities, and just 1 per cent from the Islamic militant groups. Of course, the militantly religious of all kinds are likely to be to the front in helping survivors of any disaster, because most faiths adjure their adherents to help others in a crisis. The only person I met during a visit to flooded areas who could in any way be described as a religious militant engaged in relief work was an amiable German Pentecostalist waiting for a flight in Lahore airport. **Another hardy-perennial story about Pakistan claims that because of the undoubted inadequacy of the Pakistani public education system, madrasahs, or religious schools, provide free education to the needy. Once enrolled, the children are supposedly brainwashed to turn them into the future foot soldiers of jihadi Islam. In reality, Pakistani educational specialists say that just 1.3 per cent of children in school go the madrasahs, 65 per cent to public schools, and 34 per cent to non-religious private schools.** In recent years, it is the small and affordable private schools that have expanded fastest, mainly because jobs in them are open to educated women prepared to accept low pay. Most jihadis turn out to have been educated at public schools. Extreme Islamists have seldom done well in elections in Pakistan. Widespread popular support for the Afghan Taliban stems primarily from the conviction that they are essentially a Pashtun national liberation movement fighting a foreign occupation. **The Pakistani Taliban was once said to be "60 miles from Islamabad", but such scaremongering ignored the fact that there were three mountain ranges and one of the world's most powerful armies in between the Taliban's rag-tag fighters and the capital. The Pakistani state may not function very well but it is not failing, and – a pity – current crises may not even change it very much (Cockburn 2010).**



**Date:** October 9, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Gunmen Torch 29 More NATO Oil Tankers In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Gunmen armed with a rocket torched 29 NATO oil tankers in southwestern Pakistan before dawn Saturday, the latest attack on the supply line for international troops in Afghanistan since Pakistani authorities closed a key border crossing amid a dispute with the United States. Two responding police officers were wounded. Local government official Abdul Mateen said Saturday's attack occurred in the area of Mithri, about 120 miles east of Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province. **He said the attackers used guns and fired a rocket to destroy the tankers. "We are facing problems in extinguishing the fire,"** he said. At least 10 gunmen were involved in the attack, police official Jamil Khan said. The oil tankers were parked near a roadside restaurant. When local police responded, the gunmen fired on them before fleeing. **One officer was wounded by a bullet, while another suffered slight burns as he tried to stop the blaze,** Mateen said. Pakistan shuttered the border in Torkham on Sept. 30, following a NATO helicopter strike that killed two Pakistani border guards. Since then, there have been several attacks on supply convoys, including two in which militants torched 70 fuel tankers and killed a driver. **The Pakistani Taliban have claimed responsibility for such previous attacks and have demanded that the government permanently bar NATO and the U.S. from using its soil to transport supplies to Afghanistan.** The U.S. has apologized for the cross-border helicopter strike, but Islamabad has yet to open the border crossing at Torkham. Still, officials believe it could be reopened next week. A smaller crossing in the southwest has stayed open (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** October 14, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Arrests 7 Militants, Foil Plot To Kill PM*

**Abstract:** Pakistani police said Thursday they have foiled a plot to kill the country's prime minister, foreign minister and other senior police, army and government officials by arresting a group of seven militants in central Pakistan. Senior police official Abid Qadri said authorities learned about the plot during an initial interrogation of militants, who were arrested late Wednesday after a shootout near a village in central Pakistan. **The militants opened fire when police tried to pull the suspects' car over for a routine check, Qadri said. Nobody was wounded or killed in the shooting, but two men managed to escape,** he said. "We have averted several high-profile attacks by arresting these terrorists," he told The Associated Press. **The men are all part of Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, which is a banned Sunni Muslim militant group linked to both the Taliban and al-Qaida,** Qadri said. The group has been blamed for attacking minority Shiite worship places and killing Shiites across Pakistan. Some of the suspects arrested Wednesday are believed to have taken part in last year's attack on the main Pakistani spy agency in the central city of Multan that killed 12 people, Qadri said. **He did not say how far along the men were in their alleged plot to kill Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and the others.** Qadri said the suspects also had plans to attack a key dam, a bridge and military installations (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** October 21, 2009

**Source:** Telegraph

**Title/Headline:** *Pictured: The Gaping Hole Left By Suicide Bombs At Pakistan University That Killed Eight*

**Abstract:** Two suicide bombers targeted the Islamic International University today at 3 15 pm killing 6 and injuring 15 according to initial reports. Both the bombers detonated explosive simultaneously. One bomber exploded himself at the University Women Cafeteria while the other attacked the Faculty of Shariat Building. 2 women are among the dead. The Interior Minister visited hospitals to inquire about those injured in the blast but had to cut short his visit to the university because of the presence of protesting students who pelted his motorcade with stones. **It merits a mention here that almost all of the educational Institutions were already closed due to security threats but some Universities including Islamic University didn't close down their campuses** (Telegraph, 2009).

**Date:** October 22, 2010

**Source:** CBS News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Cuts Funding for Pakistan Military Units: About 6 Army Units Linked to Alleged Extrajudicial Killings, Torture Will Lose American Cash-Flow*

**Abstract:** The Obama administration is withholding assistance to some Pakistani military units over concerns they may have been involved in human rights abuses, including extrajudicial killings and torture, a senior U.S. official said Thursday. The official said aid to a handful of Pakistani units believed to have committed, encouraged or tolerated abuses had been suspended under 1997 legislation championed by Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy. The so-called Leahy Amendment bars U.S. military assistance from going to foreign armed forces suspected of committing atrocities. **"In accordance with the Leahy Amendment, we have withheld assistance from a small number of units linked to gross human rights violations,"** the official said. "At the same time, we have encouraged Pakistan to improve its human rights training, and it is taking steps in that direction." The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter. It was not immediately clear when the decision to withhold the assistance was first taken or exactly how many Pakistani military units were affected. The New York Times first reported the withholding of aid late Thursday. **The news comes just several days after India claimed Pakistan's intelligence agency was deeply involved in planning the 2008 terror attack on Mumbai, and even funded reconnaissance missions to the Indian city. Grainy video showing alleged atrocities by Pakistani soldiers was first posted about three weeks ago on a jihadist web forum.** CBS News' Khaled Wassef, who found the videos, says the story likely started gaining traction in Pakistan after al Qaeda's media operation, **as-Sahab, included clips apparently showing Pakistani troops shooting to death at least six men in civilian clothes in a video production highlighting alleged atrocities committed by Pakistani forces.** As-Sahab disseminated the material to Pakistani media outlets, raising the profile of the alleged killings and likely

helping to prompt the official Pakistani military investigation into the videos, says Wassef. The person who posted the clips in question claimed the footage was from Pakistan's Swat Valley, the scene of a major army offensive against Taliban militants in 2009. **The Pakistani army has been accused of carrying out extrajudicial killings in Swat ever since launching the offensive in May 2009 - allegations it denies. Halting assistance to certain units will not affect broader U.S. support for Pakistan's military, which is considered key to counterterrorism efforts in the region.** On Friday, the U.S. announced a new military aid package for Pakistan worth about \$2 billion over the next five years as it presses the country to do more to fight extremists there and in neighboring Afghanistan. That announcement is planned at the end of three days of high-level strategic talks in Washington between top U.S. and Pakistani officials, including Pakistani army chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani. Kayani has pledged to improve the Pakistani military's human rights record in numerous discussions with U.S. officials. "As General Kayani has said repeatedly in public and in private, professional standards and enforcement of those standards are the hallmark of a modern and successful military," White House spokesman Tommy Vietor said in a statement. **"These issues are part of our conversations with all militaries around the world with whom we work"** (CBS News, 2010).

**Date:** October 22, 2010

**Source:** France 24, AFP

**Title/Headline:** *US Offers Pakistan 2 Billion-Dollar Military Package*

**Abstract:** The United States on Friday pledged two billion dollars in military aid to Pakistan and hailed its efforts to battle extremists, seeking to bolster an uneasy alliance with the frontline nation. The five-year assistance plan, which replaces an earlier package that expired, meets a key request of Pakistan's leaders but comes amid signals the United States will deny aid to units accused of human rights violations. **Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the US administration would ask Congress to approve two billion dollars in military aid from 2012 to 2016 as part of the United States' "enduring commitment to help Pakistan plan for its defense needs."** "The United States has no stronger partner when it comes to counter-terrorism efforts against the extremists who threaten us both than Pakistan," Clinton said at high-level, three-day talks between the two nations. **The military package would be in addition to 7.5 billion dollars which Congress last year committed over five years in civilian aid, including building schools and roads, in a bid to dent the allure of extremists. Pakistan, which had been the main backer of Afghanistan's Taliban regime, dumped its support overnight after the September 11, 2001 attacks and became the pivotal US partner offering access into its northwestern neighbor.** US officials have long questioned whether Pakistan has fully cut off ties to Afghanistan's Taliban or acted against extremists at home. But Pakistan last year launched a major offensive on homegrown Taliban, who moved perilously close to the nuclear power's capital Islamabad. Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi, who is accompanied by the army chief to the strategic dialogue in Washington, denounced criticism of his country's efforts against extremism. **"There are still tongue-in-cheek comments, even in this capital, about Pakistan's heart not really being in this fight. I do not know what greater evidence to offer than the blood of our people,"** Qureshi said, sitting next to Clinton. **"Prophets of doom are back in business painting doomsday scenarios about our alliance. They are dead wrong,"** he said. But a White House report to Congress this month faulted Pakistan for not working against Afghanistan's Taliban, in what experts say is an attempt by Islamabad to preserve influence in its neighbor if and when US troops leave. **The United States has also been alarmed by reports of summary executions by Pakistani troops and, in accordance with US law, is said to be looking at barring training for some units involved in abuses. The United States and India have also said that Pakistan should do more to rein in fervently anti-Indian groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba, which is blamed for orchestrating the bloody 2008 siege of Mumbai** (France 24, 2010).

**Date:** October 22, 2010

**Source:** Global Times

**Title/Headline:** *43 Taliban Suspects Arrested In SW Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Pakistani police arrested at least 43 suspects on charges of keeping connection with Taliban militants in the southwest Balochistan province, police sources told Xinhua. The arrest had been made by security forces on Thursday evening during a raid in Kuchlak, an outskirt of provincial capital Quetta, in an attempt to ensure security in the province plagued by insurgency and terrorism. **The suspects were allegedly involved in extortion, land mafia and other petty crimes, and they are being questioned,** an official said. A senior police officer confirmed that majority of the detained are Afghan refugees. Balochistan shares a long border with Afghanistan and Iran. Similar search operations are also underway in different parts of northwest tribal areas and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province which is the frontline in the war against terror (Global Times, 2010).

**Date:** November 2, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan PM Sees No Chance Of Military Coup*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's prime minister on Tuesday rejected calls by opposition politicians for midterm elections and said there was no chance of the country's powerful army seizing power as it has often done in the past. The government of President Asif Ali Zardari is unpopular among many Pakistanis and is under pressure from the Supreme Court over corruption allegations. **It has been dogged by speculation and rumors that it is on its way out almost from the day it took office. Zardari, the husband of slain former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, insists he will see out his five-year term until it ends in 2013.** His supporters note that his party has a majority in parliament, meaning there is no constitutional way of ending it early. Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani said in parliament on Tuesday that the army was "pro-democracy" and would not impose martial law. **He said those calling for the dissolution of parliament and fresh elections were trying to break up the country. The army has seized power from civilian governments several times before in Pakistan's turbulent history, but many commentators say it does not currently have the appetite to stage a coup.** However, it remains a powerful political force that would have to endorse any move to get rid of Zardari. Zardari is head of the ruling Pakistan People's Party, of which Gilani is also a member. Opposition spokesman Sadiqul Farooq said the government had failed to improve the economy,

restore peace and provide even basic facilities to the people. **"The government will not survive. You will see midterm elections soon," he predicted.** Despite Farooq's remarks, opposition leader Nawaz Sharif has so far avoided directly calling for Zardari to step down or actively leading a campaign to destabilize the government. Many analysts say Sharif is well positioned to win the next elections but is no rush to take power, especially given the perilous state of the country. He may prefer to see the government limp along to 2013 and win those polls, untainted by charges of bringing down an elected government midterm (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** November 21, 2010

**Source:** Los Angeles Times, Alex Rodriguez

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Rejects U.S. Drone Expansion*

**Abstract:** Pakistan has rejected a request from the United States to expand its drone missile campaign against Al Qaeda and Taliban militants, a decision that limits Washington's use of one of its most effective tools against insurgents hiding out in the country's northwest. Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman Abdul Basit said the government would not allow the U.S. to carry out drone strikes outside the tribal belt along the Afghan border and repeated Islamabad's request that Washington abandon its use of drones in Pakistan on the grounds that the program violates the nation's sovereignty. Basit did not say which additional areas the U.S. wanted to target. However, the Washington Post reported Saturday that the request focused on areas outside the southern city of Quetta, in Baluchistan province, where Afghan Taliban leaders have hideouts. **"We are allies of the United States in the war against terror," Basit said. "However, Pakistan will not compromise on sovereignty."** Islamabad's refusal comes as little surprise, given the animosity among Pakistanis that the drone campaign has stirred for years, but even as the government publicly condemns the drone program, it tacitly allows the missile strikes to take place. Pakistan even provides intelligence to facilitate the targeting of the strikes. **The drone missions are deeply unpopular in Pakistan, where they are viewed as an illustration of President Asif Ali Zardari's willingness to acquiesce to most of Washington's demands. Allowing an expansion of the drone program could further aggravate the vulnerability of Zardari's government, already weakened by its mishandling of this summer's catastrophic floods and the country's economic troubles.** Any expansion of the drone campaign into Baluchistan would also be a dramatic departure in policy for Islamabad because it is not part of the semiautonomous tribal region where the strikes are permitted. In addition, the Quetta region is heavily populated; the city has a population of 900,000. The core leadership of the Afghan Taliban insurgency, known as the Quetta Shura and is headed by Mullah Muhammad Omar, has used Quetta and its outlying regions as a sanctuary for years. **The U.S. has dramatically stepped up its use of drone strikes in the tribal areas. So far this year, it has carried out 101 drone missile strikes in northwest Pakistan, compared with 53 in 2009.** The attacks have focused largely on North Waziristan, a primary stronghold of militants and commanders with the Haqqani network, an Afghan Taliban wing regarded by the U.S. as one of the biggest threats facing coalition forces in Afghanistan. **According to the Long War Journal website, which keeps track of drone missile strike statistics, 92 of the attacks this year occurred in North Waziristan** (Rodriguez, 2010).

**Date:** November 22, 2010

**Source:** Newsweek, Pervez Musharraf

**Title/Headline:** *Don't Mess With Pakistan*

**Abstract:** The world is watching Pakistan and rightfully so. It's a happening place. Pakistan is at the center of geostrategic revolution and realignments. The economic, social, and political aspirations of China, Afghanistan, Iran, and India turn on securing peace, prosperity, and stability in Pakistan. Our country can be an agent of positive change, one that creates unique economic interdependencies between central, west and south Asian countries and the Middle East through trade and energy partnerships. Or there's the other option: the borderless militancy Pakistan is battling could take down the whole region. **Recently, terrorists on both sides of the Pakistan-Afghanistan border have plotted, unsuccessfully, to unleash terror as far away as Copenhagen and New York City.** Pakistan's role for a safe, secure world cannot be overemphasized. To appreciate the complex history of Pakistan's internal and external challenges is to understand how the 21st century could well play out for the world. **Our country was born of violence, in August 1947. Just months after the partition of the subcontinent and the creation of the Dominion of Pakistan, we were at war with India over Kashmir.** Pakistan and India's mutual animosity and history of confrontation remain powerful forces in South Asia to this day. Because of its sense of having been wronged by India—and feeling that it faced an existential threat from that country—Pakistan cast its lot with the West. **We became a strategic partner of the U.S. during the Cold War, signing on to the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) and Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) in the 1950s, while India tilted toward the Soviet Union. As part of our inalienable right to self-preservation, we formulated a "minimum defensive deterrence" strategy to maintain Army, Navy and Air Force numbers at levels proportional to India's.** In 1965 we again went to war over Kashmir, and in 1971 over East Pakistan (I fought in both). Our suspicions about India were proved right when it became clear that the creation of Bangladesh was only made possible through Indian military and intelligence support. Among Pakistanis in general, and the Army in particular, attitudes against India hardened. **The adversarial relationship between our Inter Services Intelligence and their Research and Analysis Wing worsened, both exploiting any opportunity to inflict harm on the other.** India's "Smiling Buddha" nuclear tests in 1974 changed everything. Pakistan was forced to resort to unconventional means to compensate for the new imbalance of power. **Prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto initiated Pakistan's atomic program, and thus began the nuclearization of the subcontinent.** India's pursuit of nuclear weapons was an effort to project power beyond its borders; Pakistan's was an existential and defensive imperative. **The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 presented Pakistan with a security threat from two directions: Soviets to the west, who wanted access to the Indian Ocean through Pakistan, and Indians to the east. Once again Pakistan joined hands with the United States to fight Moscow. We called it jihad by design, this effort to attract mujahideen from all over the Muslim world. And from Morocco to Indonesia, some 25,000 of them came. We trained and armed Taliban from the madrassahs of the then North West Frontier Province, and pushed them into Afghanistan. By this time, the liberal and intellectual Afghan elite had left for the safer climes of Europe and the U.S., leaving behind a largely poor, religious-minded population to fight the 10-year jihad. We—Pakistan, the U.S., the West, and Saudi Arabia—are equally responsible for nourishing the militancy that defeated the Soviet Union in 1989, and which seeks now to defeat us all. The Soviets**

quit Kabul, and the Americans abandoned Islamabad. Washington rewarded its once indispensable ally by invoking the Pressler Amendment and imposing military sanctions, and by choosing to foster a strategic relationship with India. Pakistan was left alone to deal with the nearly 4 million Afghans who had streamed into our country and became the world's largest refugee population. The people of Pakistan felt betrayed and used. **For Pakistan, the decade of disaster had begun.** No efforts were made to deprogram, rehabilitate, and resettle the mujahideen or redevelop and build back war-ravaged Afghanistan. This shortsightedness led to ethnic fighting, warlordism, and Afghanistan's dive into darkness. The mujahideen coagulated into Al Qaeda. The Taliban, who would emerge as a force in 1996, eventually would occupy 90 percent of the country, ramming through their obscurantist medievalism. It was also in 1989 that the freedom struggle reignited in India-administered Kashmir. This started out as a purely indigenous and peaceful uprising against Indian state repression. The people who led this first intifada were radicalized by the Indian Army's fierce and indiscriminate crackdowns on locals. **The Kashmir cause is a rallying cry for Muslims around the world. It is more so for Pakistanis. The plight of Kashmiri Muslims inspired the creation of new mujahideen groups within Pakistan who then sent thousands of volunteer fighters to the troubled territory.** In terms of identity politics, the boundaries were clearer: the mujahideen set their sights on India; Al Qaeda and the Taliban were focused largely on Afghanistan. With the Taliban to our west and the mujahideen in the north, this arc of anger rent our social fabric. **Pakistan found itself awash in guns and drugs. Nine years later, there was bad news from Pokhran. In May 1998, India again tested its bomb.** Almost two weeks later, Pakistan responded by "turning the mountain white" at Chaghai. For Pakistanis, our own tests became a symbol of our power in the world, a testament to our resolve and innovation in the face of adversity, and a source of unmitigated pride in our streets. **We became a nuclear power and an international pariah at the same time, but furthering and harnessing our nuclear potential remains and must remain our singular national interest.** Of course, the U.S. views India's nuclear program differently from Pakistan's. **Even our pursuit of nuclear power for civilian purposes, for electricity generation, is viewed negatively. India's pursuit is assisted by the U.S. In Pakistan, people see this as yet another instance of American partiality, even hostility. Many even believe that the U.S. wants to denuclearize Pakistan—by force if necessary—because it fears the weapons could come into the hands of the Taliban, Al Qaeda, or any of the myriad militant organizations who have loosed mayhem in Pakistan. Our nuclear weapons are secure.** Pakistan was one of only three countries to recognize the Taliban government of Afghanistan. We did this because of our ethnic, historical, and geographical affinity with Afghan Pashtuns who comprised the Taliban. In 2000, when I led Pakistan, I had suggested to the U.S. and other countries that they, too, should recognize the Taliban government and collectively engage Kabul in order to achieve moderation there through exposure and exchange. This was shot down. **Continued diplomatic isolation of the Taliban regime pushed it into the embrace of the Arab-peopled Al Qaeda. Had the Taliban government been recognized, the world could have saved the Bamiyan Buddhas, and unknotted the Osama bin Laden problem thereby preventing the spate of Al Qaeda-orchestrated attacks around the world including on September 11, 2001, in the U.S. When America decided to retaliate, we joined the international coalition against Kabul by choice so we could safeguard and promote our own national interests.** Nobody in Islamabad was in favor of the religious and governmental philosophy of the Taliban. By joining the coalition, we also prevented India from gaining an upper hand in Afghanistan from where it could then machinate against Pakistan. **The Taliban and Al Qaeda were defeated in 2001 with the help of the Northern Alliance, which was composed of Uzbeks, Hazarans, and Tajiks—all ethnic minorities. The Pashtuns and Arabs of Afghanistan fled to the mountains and fanned out across Pakistan.** This was the serious downside of joining the global coalition: the mujahideen who were fighting for Kashmir formed an unholy nexus with the Afghan and Pakistani Taliban—and turned their guns on us. While I was president, they made at least four attempts on my life. In 2002, the allies installed a largely Pashtun-free government in Afghanistan that lacked legitimacy because it did not represent 50 percent of the Afghan population, Pashtuns. This should not have happened. **All Taliban are Pashtun, but not all Pashtuns are Taliban. Pashtuns were thus isolated, blocked from the mainstream, and pushed toward the Taliban, who made a resurgence in 2004. Today, the Taliban rule the roost in Afghanistan. Al Qaeda and the Taliban are ensconced in our tribal agencies, plotting and launching attacks against us and others.** The twin scourge of radicalism and militarism has infected settled districts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and beyond. Mujahideen groups are operating in India-administered Kashmir and seem to have public support in Pakistan. **After nine long years, and a longer war for the U.S. than Vietnam, the world wants to negotiate with "moderate" elements in the Taliban—and from a position of apparent weakness.** Before the coalition abandons Afghanistan again, it must at least ensure the election of a legitimate Pashtun-led government. **Pakistan, which has lost at least 30,000 of its citizens in the war on terror, should be forgiven for wondering whether it was all worth it. Pakistanis should not be left to feel that it was not** (Musharraf, 2010).

**Date:** November 28, 2010

**Source:** CNN, Reza Sayah

**Title/Headline:** *12 Dead After Cargo Plane Crashes In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** The death toll from a plane crash Sunday in Karachi, Pakistan, rose to 12 after an official confirmed the deaths of four people who were on the ground. The four laborers were sleeping in an under-construction building that the plane crashed into, said Pervez George, a spokesman for Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority. **Additionally, a man on a motorcycle was critically injured when the plane crashed, George said. The plane crashed early Sunday in the southern port city, killing eight Russian nationals on board and sending flames shooting through the sky, a Pakistani official said.** The cargo plane took off at 1:45 a.m. (3:45 p.m. Saturday ET) from the Jinnah Karachi International Airport for Khartoum, Sudan, and went down a few minutes later in the Gulistan-e Johar section of Karachi, an area where many Pakistani naval officers live. **The plane appeared to hit several buildings that were under construction. The pilot appeared to deliberately bring the plane down in a less densely populated residential area in order to save lives, Masood Raza, a Karachi district government official, told CNN affiliate GEO News in Pakistan. "If the plane would have crashed in a (more crowded) residential area, it would have been a very big disaster for the city of Karachi," Raza said.** The Russian-made cargo plane was carrying relief supplies, including tents, to Africa before it went down. The plane arrived in Karachi on Saturday from Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, George said. **A witness told CNN that he saw fire on one of the plane's wings before it crashed. Firefighters, rescue personnel and area residents rushed to the scene, with jet fuel fanning the large flames and huge plumes of smoke. The blaze was put out by 4 a.m., according to George, but rescue personnel continued to comb through the rubble looking for other people possibly killed or hurt.** Bystander Mohammed Raees told GEO News that he was injured after flaming parts of a building hit him and the



motorcycle he was preparing to ride. Hospital sources told the CNN affiliate that Raees had burns over 60 percent of his body (CNN, 2010).

**Date:** November 29, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani To Sue CIA Over Drone Attacks*

**Abstract:** A Pakistani tribesman says he will sue President Barack Obama's administration and CIA officials for killing his son and brother in a non-UN-sanctioned strike. Karim Khan's relatives were slain in an unsanctioned US drone attack in North Waziristan tribal district, back in 2009. Now, he says he will file a lawsuit and ask for compensation. **"That drone attack killed my son, my brother and a local man. We are not terrorists, we are common citizens,"** Khan told a news conference in Islamabad. **"According to Islamic law the punishment for blood is blood. If I have the means, I will take revenge for this attack,"** AFP quoted Khan as saying. "We need justice. We are innocent people." His lawyer Mirza Shehzad Akbar says he will file a lawsuit in Pakistan and, if necessary, one with the International Court of Justice based at The Hague. **According to Associated Press, the lawyer is expected to sue CIA director Leon Panetta, US Defense Secretary Robert Gates and CIA station chief in Islamabad for "wrongful death."** Pakistan's northwestern tribal belt is often targeted by unauthorized US drone attacks. Over 250 people have been killed in such attacks since September. Washington claims its air raids target militants, who cross the border into Afghanistan, but civilians are the main victims of such attacks. Islamabad has repeatedly condemned the strikes as violations of its sovereignty. The issue of civilian casualties has strained relations between Islamabad and Washington with the Pakistani government repeatedly voicing its objection to the attacks. **"We have repeatedly said the drone attacks are counter productive,"** Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani says. **The United Nations says the US-operated drone strikes in Pakistan pose a growing challenge to the international rule of law.** Philip Alston, UN special envoy on extrajudicial killings, said in a report in late October that the attacks were undermining the rules designed to protect the right of life. **Alston also said he feared that the drone killings by the US Central Intelligence Agency could develop a "playstation" mentality** (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** December 3, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Still In Dire Need Of Aid: UN*

**Abstract:** The United Nations says more than one million displaced people are still in need of emergency aid in the flood-stricken regions of Pakistan. The UN chief of humanitarian affairs, Valerie Amos, made the remarks on Friday during a visit to displaced families living in camps in Sehwan, 230 kilometers (144 miles) northeast of Karachi. She reiterated warnings that the crisis could drag on well into 2011. "It could take about six to seven months until the water recedes and homeless people go to their native areas to rebuild their homes and plant their crops," AFP quoted Amos as saying. Amos noted that the UN was making efforts to avert any future health crisis among the homeless people in the worst stricken areas. **The world body says millions of people have been left without food, water, shelter and other basic necessities in Pakistan as the result of the July-August flooding.** A Press TV correspondent reported that thousands of flood victims are leading miserable lives in several districts of southern Sindh Province. The United Nations has launched several appeals for funding the aid initiative to help the victims of the worst natural disaster in the history of Pakistan. **Some 2,000 people have lost their lives and 21 million others were displaced due to the weeks-long floods that engulfed an area the size of England.** Winter, cold and hunger are also threats looming over millions of people still without basic necessities (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** December 5, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistanis Hold Massive Anti-US Rally*

**Abstract:** Thousands of angry Pakistani demonstrators have taken to the streets of Islamabad to protests their government's alliance with the United States. Protesters gathered near the parliament house amid heavy police presence on Sunday. They demanded Islamabad cut all ties with Washington. **The Pakistani Jamaat-e-Islami activists shouted anti-US slogans during a rally in the capital city.** They also demanded the release of Pakistani scientist Aafia Siddiqui. A US federal court has sentenced Siddiqui to 86 years in prison for allegedly shooting at her American interrogators in Afghanistan. Siddiqui vanished in Karachi, Pakistan with her three children on March 30, 2003. The following day, local newspapers reported that she had been taken into US custody on terrorism charges. Human rights groups say that Siddiqui had secretly been transferred to the US base in Bagram, north of Kabul, and tortured for five years prior to the alleged 2008 incident. Siddiqui's relatives and political activists have strongly criticized the US justice system for its handling of the case. Meanwhile, some protesters were there to warn the government against a military operation in the North Waziristan tribal region. They said such a move would trigger a new wave of unrest. **The US has been asking Pakistan to launch a major ground offensive into the northern tribal region to crush militancy.** The Pakistani army has launched several operations in the restive northwest in order to flush the militants out of tribal areas. Hundreds of Pakistanis have lost their lives since the former military ruler Pervez Musharraf joined the US-led so-called war on terror following the 9/11 attacks. Militant attacks, unsanctioned drone strikes and political unrest have claimed the lives of over 4,000 people throughout Pakistan since 2007 (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** December 6, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Homicide Bombers Kill 50 People In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Two homicide attackers wearing police uniforms and jackets packed with explosives and bullets blew themselves up at a gathering of tribesmen to discuss the formation of an anti-Taliban militia in northwest Pakistan Monday, killing 50 people, officials said. The meeting was being held at the main government compound in Mohmand, part of Pakistan's militant-infested tribal region. It was



the latest strike against local tribesmen who have been encouraged by the government to take up arms against the Taliban. More than 100 people were wounded, many of them critically, said Mian Iftikhar Hussain, information minister of neighboring Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. **Also Monday, Pakistani intelligence officials said missiles fired from a U.S. drone killed seven people in Khushali village in North Waziristan**, near the border with Afghanistan. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not allowed to speak to the media. **Both of the bombers were disguised in tribal police uniforms, said Khan.** One of them was caught at the gate of the compound, but he was able to detonate his explosives, he said. The dead and wounded included tribal elders, police, political officials and other civilians. **Two of the dead were local TV journalists who were at the compound reporting, said Shakirullah Jan, president of the Mohmand press club. The Pakistani army has carried out operations in Mohmand to battle Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in the area, but it has been unable to defeat the militants.** The military has encouraged local tribesmen to form militias to oppose the militants. These groups have had varying degrees of success and have often been targeted in deadly attacks. **A homicide bomber attacked a mosque in northwestern Pakistan in early November that was frequented by elders opposed to the Pakistani Taliban, killing 67 people.** The attack occurred in the town of Darra Adam Khel, a militant stronghold on the edge of the tribal region. **"We are not scared of such attacks and will keep on taking these enemies of humanity to task until they disappear from society,"** said Hussain, the information minister (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** December 17, 2010

**Source:** CNN, Pam Benson

**Title/Headline:** *Top U.S. Spy Pulled From Pakistan After Terror Threats*

**Abstract:** The CIA has recalled its top spy in Pakistan out of concern for his safety after terrorist threats against him, a U.S. intelligence official said. The station chief, the highest-ranking U.S. intelligence officer in Pakistan, operates covertly and his identity is considered classified. He had recently been named in a lawsuit filed by a Pakistani man seeking \$500 million for the death of his son and brother, who the man alleges were killed in a U.S. drone strike. The spy's name then appeared in Pakistani media stories about the lawsuit. The threats "were of such a serious nature that it would be imprudent not to act," the intelligence official said, describing the decision to pull him from the country. A spokesman for the CIA declined to speak about any details of the situation in Pakistan but said in general that protecting CIA personnel is a top priority. **"Our station chiefs routinely encounter major risk as they work to keep America safe, and they've been targeted by terrorists in the past,"** CIA spokesman George Little said. **"Their security is obviously a top priority for the CIA, especially when there's an imminent threat."** The station chief oversees all intelligence operations in Pakistan including managing the drone program, which the U.S. government does not publicly acknowledge, and coordinates with the country's intelligence office (Benson, 2010).

**Date:** December 1, 2010

**Source:** CNN, Tim Lister

**Title/Headline:** *WikiLeaks: Pakistan Quietly Approved Drone Attacks, U.S. Special Units*

**Abstract:** On the record, Pakistan has persistently criticized the United States' use of unmanned drones to attack militant hideouts in its mountainous border region. But diplomatic cables obtained by WikiLeaks reveal that in private the Pakistani government was not unhappy about the strikes and secretly allowed small groups of U.S. Special Operations units to operate on its soil. In a cable sent in August 2008, the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan at the time, Anne Patterson, recounted a meeting with Interior Minister Rehman Malik and Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani. It coincided with a military operation in one of the restive frontier territories (CNN, 2010)

**Date:** December 22, 2010

**Source:** The Independent, Rupert Cornwell

**Title/Headline:** *US Military Pushes Obama To Allow More Pakistan Raids*

**Abstract:** In a move that would stir intense Pakistani anger, US military chiefs in Afghanistan are pushing the Obama administration to expand cross-border commando raids against Taliban and al-Qa'ida militants hiding in Pakistan's remote tribal areas. The plan, if implemented, would be a significant escalation in the nine-year war, and a bold gamble to create conditions that would allow US combat forces to leave Afghanistan by the target date of 2014, with an initial draw-down starting next summer. But it also would place a heavy new strain on Washington's delicate and sometimes fraught relations with Pakistan. Officially, Islamabad is the vital ally of the US if the conflict is to be brought to a successful end – but it also has longstanding unofficial ties with the Taliban, and is deeply resentful of anything that suggests it is not master of its territory. Word of the proposals, first reported in The New York Times yesterday, comes less than a week after the White House released its latest policy review for Afghanistan. **The report declared that Pakistan was "central" to US success in Afghanistan but noted that ties between Washington and Islamabad remained "uneven".** Unpublished US intelligence reports are said to strike a still gloomier note. **They warned that the war could not be won unless Pakistan stopped the insurgents from launching attacks against allied and Afghan government forces from their sanctuaries in the tribal areas.** The plan to step up special operations raids by US and Afghan units into these areas – above all North Waziristan, base of the al-Qa'ida affiliated Haqqani network – would signify the US had concluded that Pakistan was either unable or unwilling to do it and was taking matters into its own hands. But, experts here say, that could be a very high risk strategy – especially if it is publicly acknowledged. **The Pakistan government is weak at the best of times, not least because of its public alignment with the US, highly unpopular among the ordinary population. It would be weakened further if the US were seen to be treating supposedly sovereign Pakistan territory as its own.** In a sign of the issue's sensitivity, Islamabad recently shut a key border crossing into Afghanistan for 10 days, in retaliation against a Nato helicopter foray in which two Pakistani soldiers were killed. The closure stranded Nato supply convoys and almost 150 trucks were destroyed in raids by militants. **In fact the Obama administration has sharply increased the number of unmanned cross-border drone attacks against suspected Taliban targets in the tribal areas. But it refuses to give any**

details for fear of offending the Pakistan government whose support it so badly needs. Yesterday, perhaps for the same reason, officials in both Washington and Kabul flatly denied the plan outlined in The New York Times. There was "absolutely no truth" to reports that US forces are planning to conduct ground operations into Pakistan, said Rear Admiral Gregory Smith, a top Nato spokesman. A Pentagon official also said the alleged proposals were not true. At the same time Husain Haqqani, Pakistan's ambassador in Washington, said his country's security forces were perfectly capable of handling the militant threat inside its borders. The "material support" of allies, especially the US, was appreciated, he said, but "we will not accept foreign troops on our soil – a position that is well known." Ostensibly, that remains the view of the US as well. Last week, Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, said the Pakistani military could close down the Taliban sanctuaries, and that he was "encouraged" by actions it had already taken against the militants. **Unofficially though, the approaching deadlines appear to be hardening US determination to extract itself from an unpopular war that is costing an annual \$113bn (£73bn) that the country can ill afford. "Come hell or highwater, American troops will be out of Afghanistan by 2014,"** Vice President Joe Biden said at the weekend. Washington still seeks an accommodation with at least moderate elements of the Taliban. On cable TV, **Zbigniew Brzezinski, National Security Advisor to President Carter, said some such deal was essential if the US was to disengage as it hoped. "We have to face the fact that Pakistan has a vital interest in a pro-Pakistan Afghanistan." Unless Washington accepted that reality, a solution would be impossible,** he said (Cornwell, 2010).

**Date:** January 2, 2011

**Source:** Uruknet.Info

**Title/Headline:** *US Drones Killed 2,043 People, Mostly Civilians, In Pak During Last Five Years*

**Abstract:** As many as 2,043 people, mostly civilians, were killed in US drone attacks in northwestern parts of Pakistan during the last five years, a research has revealed. The yearly report of Conflict Monitoring Centre (CMC) has termed the CIA drone strikes as an 'assassination campaign turning out to be revenge campaign', and showed that 2010 was the deadliest year ever of casualties resulted in drone-hits in Pakistan. According to the report, 134 drone attacks were reported in Pakistan's FATA region in 2010 alone, inflicting 929 casualties. December 17 was the deadliest day of 2010 when three drone attacks killed 54 people in Khyber Agency. Regarding civilian casualties and attacks on women and children, the report said: "People in the tribal belt usually carry guns and ammunition as a tradition. US drone will identify anyone carrying a gun as a militant and subsequently he will be killed." "Many times, people involved in rescue activities also come under attack. The assumption that these people are supporters of militants is quite wrong," The Nation quoted the CMC report, as stating. The document cited the Brookings Institute's research, which suggested that with every militant killed, nearly ten civilians also died. It also mentioned a related research report of Campaign for Innocent Victims in Conflict (CIVIC), which underlined that at least 2,100 civilians were killed and various others injured during 2009, in the ongoing war on terror and drone attacks. "It is unclear whether CIA counter-checks human intelligence with other available sources or not. Because in Afghanistan and Pakistani tribal belt people use to settle their personal enmity by accusing their opponent as militant and passing wrong information to US forces," it stated. The CMC report also revealed that Pakistan and US were deliberately concealing civilian deaths, and that they lacked any proper mechanism to ascertain civilian deaths, and it also accused the FATA Secretariat for overlooking civilian casualties. "Civilian casualties were deliberately overlooked to avert the public reaction," the report said (Uruknet.Info, 2010).

**Date:** January 3, 2011

**Source:** CBS News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Faces Ruling Coalition Collapse*

**Abstract:** The collapse of Pakistan's ruling coalition after a key party's defection complicates efforts to tackle problems facing this nuclear-armed nation already grappling with widespread poverty and insurgent attacks. The renewed political turmoil bodes ill for military action against Muslim extremists that the U.S. believes is key to success in neighboring Afghanistan, analysts said. Pakistan's powerful army could use the lack of political consensus to avoid operations that clash with its perceived strategic interests. The crisis also all but guarantees that lawmakers will not make progress anytime soon on fixing Pakistan's deep-seated problems in areas like education, health care and infrastructure that have contributed to economic decline and rising militancy. "There is no electricity, no gas, no jobs and they are fighting one another," said Arif Fasiullah, 35, of the central city of Multan. "They do not pass any legislation. They just do dirty politics." Pakistan, with a population of more than 180 million, faces chronic power outages that can last up to 16 hours per day in some areas during the scorching summer, and up to a third of its people lack access to clean drinking water. Average income per capita is less than \$3,000, and the average adult has fewer than five years of schooling. The International Monetary Fund, which has provided Pakistan with billions of dollars in loans to keep its economy afloat, has demanded the country implement significant reforms, including deep cuts to its deficit. The assistance took on added importance after last year's massive floods that affected some 20 million people. But the economic reforms, notably a revised general sales tax, are unpopular and have given the opposition and other parties a focus for their complaints. The second-largest partner in Pakistan's governing coalition, the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, said Sunday it was joining the opposition because of fuel price hikes and the generally poor performance of the ruling Pakistan People's Party. The government announced rises in gas and heating oil prices on New Year's Eve that the MQM called a "petrol bomb" dropped on the Pakistani people. The shift in the political landscape, which ended the coalition's majority in parliament, was not expected to lead to the fragile government's imminent collapse. But analysts warned that Pakistan's army may use the crisis as yet another reason to delay launching an operation against militants in the country's North Waziristan tribal area who regularly attack foreign troops in Afghanistan. The U.S. believes cutting the militants off from North Waziristan and other sanctuaries inside Pakistan is critical for any sustainable victory in Afghanistan. "It will give the army chief the excuse to say that he does not have the political consensus needed to go into North Waziristan," said Mosharraf Zaidi, an independent political analyst and columnist in Islamabad. The army, considered the most powerful institution in Pakistan, has deflected demands for a North Waziristan operation in the

past, saying its troops are stretched too thin in other areas along the Afghan border. **But many analysts believe the army is reluctant to target militant groups with which it has historical ties and could be useful proxies in Afghanistan after foreign forces withdraw. That outlook is unlikely to change regardless of which party is running the government, said Zaidi. "There is nothing that can happen to change Pakistan's calculus,"** he said. The army could not be reached for comment. In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the Obama administration is following developments but considers the situation to be a matter for the Pakistan government to work out. **"This is about internal politics within Pakistan," Crowley said, adding that Washington will continue to work with Islamabad in pursuit of common interests.** He said he would not conclude that the loss of MQM in the coalition is necessarily a distraction from the struggle against extremism. "We're focused on our long-term partnership with Pakistan," Crowley said. **The Pakistan People's Party took power in February 2008 in elections that brought Pakistan out of nearly a decade of military rule. It rode to power on a wave of sympathy after its leader, Benazir Bhutto, was assassinated. But its popularity has slipped as Pakistan has grappled with severe economic problems and frequent militant attacks. The inflation rate in Pakistan is above 15 percent, according to government statistics, and the poorest are feeling the pain most (CBS News, 2011).**

**Date:** January 4, 2011

**Source:** The Telegraph, Rob Crilly,

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Governor Assassinated Over Blasphemy Laws Campaign*

**Abstract:** One of Pakistan's most outspoken politicians was shot dead in Islamabad on Tuesday by one of his own guards in a killing that police are linking to his controversial campaign to reform the country's blasphemy laws. Witnesses said Salman Taseer, 56, the governor of Punjab province, was killed by a gunman in a police uniform at a small market close to his home in the capital. **His death is the most high-profile political assassination since the murder of Benazir Bhutto, the former prime minister, in December 2007. Last night the government appealed for calm as members of Taseer's Pakistan People's Party staged demonstrations in the Punjab city of Multan.** The country's government is already on the brink of collapse, following the defection of a key coalition ally, and further unrest would deepen the sense of political crisis. **Eyewitnesses said Taseer was a familiar figure at Kohsar Market, an arcade popular with expat aid workers, diplomats and journalists (Crilly, 2011)**

**Date:** January 10, 2011

**Source:** Telegraph

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Men See White Girls As 'Easy Meat', Claims Jack Straw*

**Abstract:** Former Home Secretary Jack Straw has accused some Pakistani men in Britain of seeing young white women as "easy meat" for sexual abuse. The Blackburn MP has called on the Pakistani community to be "more open" about the issue after describing about a "specific problem" involving young Pakistani men's attitudes towards white girls. **He was speaking after two Asian men were jailed after subjecting a series of vulnerable girls to rapes and sexual assaults. Abid Mohammed Saddique, 27, was jailed for a minimum of 11 years at Nottingham Crown Court and Mohammed Romaan Liaquat, 28, was told he must serve at least eight years before being considered for release.** The men were the ring leaders of a gang that befriended girls aged from 12 to 18 in the Derby area and groomed them for sex. **Thirteen men were charged in relation to Operation Retriever, which Derbyshire Police set up, and 11 stood trial charged with offences relating to 26 alleged victims.** Out of the original 13, a total of nine were convicted of sexual offences. Speaking to the BBC's Newsnight programme, Mr Straw said: **"Pakistanis, let's be clear, are not the only people who commit sexual offences, and overwhelmingly the sex offenders' wings of prisons are full of white sex offenders. "But there is a specific problem which involves Pakistani heritage men ... who target vulnerable young white girls. "We need to get the Pakistani community to think much more clearly about why this is going on and to be more open about the problems that are leading to a number of Pakistani heritage men thinking it is OK to target white girls in this way."** The judge said he did not believe the crimes were "racially aggravated", but Mr Straw said he thought vulnerable white girls were at risk of being targeted by some Asian men. **"These young men are in a western society, in any event, they act like any other young men, they're fizzing and popping with testosterone, they want some outlet for that, but Pakistani heritage girls are off-limits and they are expected to marry a Pakistani girl from Pakistan, typically,"** he said. **"So they then seek other avenues and they see these young women, white girls who are vulnerable, some of them in care ... who they think are easy meat. "And because they're vulnerable they ply them with gifts, they give them drugs, and then of course they're trapped."** Police in Derbyshire have insisted that the sexual abuse case should not be treated as a racial issue. The sentencing of Saddique and Romaan came a day after Prime Minister David Cameron said "cultural sensitivities" should not hinder police action in such cases. Speaking on Friday to The Times during a visit to Oldham, Mr Cameron said: **"We should not be put off by cultural sensitivities or anything like that. Pursue the evidence, pursue criminality wherever it leads"** (The Telegraph, 2011).

**Date:** January 12, 2011

**Source:** Fox News,

**Title/Headline:** *Bomb Attack At Pakistan Police Station Leaves 20 Dead*

**Abstract:** At least 20 people are dead, and several others injured, as authorities say a suicide car bomb targeted a police station in northwest Pakistan. Police officer Ghulam Hussain says some of the victims of the attack Wednesday were praying at a mosque adjoining the station in Bannu district, which was damaged in the blast. Islamist militants have carried out scores of attacks on Pakistani police and army targets over the last three years as part of a campaign to topple the country's U.S.-allied government (Fox News, 2011).



**Date:** January 15, 2011

**Source:** The Guardian, Amy Fallon

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Shootings And Tanker Attacks Fuel Crisis Fears*

**Abstract:** Violence blamed on political rivalry and Taliban as at least 17 shot dead in Karachi and 14 fuel tankers for Nato torched. A television journalist was among the dead after the attack in the country's commercial hub. "At least 17 people have died in the past three days by firing by unknown gunmen in several parts of Karachi," the city police chief, Fayyaz Leghari, said. After hundreds of killings last year, there are concerns that violence in Pakistan could escalate and create a new crisis for the US-backed government. Analysts and security officials blame much of the trouble on the rivalry between the two main parties, the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, and the Awami National party, both part of the ruling coalition. The MQM represents the interests of majority Urdu-speaking mohajirs, while the ANP is linked to the growing Pashtun minority. Conflict between party members is partly fuelled by ethnic tension. The Pakistani government also faces a Taliban insurgency. Eight gunmen in the south-west of the country have torched 14 tankers carrying fuel for US and Nato troops in Afghanistan. A driver was wounded during the latest attack, which occurred in the Dera Murad Jamali area of Balochistan province, government official Fattah Mohammed said. The tankers were parked at a roadside restaurant when the attack occurred. Such attacks by Islamic militants and criminals on supplies, which usually arrive in the port city of Karachi and travel overland to Afghanistan through two main border crossings, have become common. As a result, the US has been relying on other supply routes through countries north of Afghanistan (Fallon, 2011).

**Date:** January 16, 2011

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Explosion On Bus In NW Pakistan Kills 18*

**Abstract:** An explosion ripped through a minibus traveling in a militant-infested area of northwestern Pakistan on Monday, killing 18 people, police said. There were conflicting reports of whether the blast was caused by a bomb or by the gas cylinder used to power the vehicle. The bus was traveling between the cities of Hangu and Kohat, which are located close to Pakistan's lawless tribal region. The explosion tore apart the vehicle, killing all 17 people on board, and tipped over a second bus nearby, said Hangu police chief Abdur Rasheed. One person on the bus that tipped over was killed and 11 others were wounded, he said. Rasheed said the blast occurred when the gas cylinder on board malfunctioned. But the top police official in the region said explosives were used to trigger the explosion. Islamist militants frequently carry out attacks in the area against both civilians and security forces. Local television footage showed the twisted carcass of the first bus laying beside the road with little left except its wheels and undercarriage. The second bus was on its side with its windows blown out and blood splattered across the outside (Fox News, 2011).

**Date:** January 16, 2011

**Source:** Newsweek, Jonathan Alter, Christopher Dickey

**Title/Headline:** *Richard Holbrooke's Lonely Mission*

**Abstract:** The late diplomat never lost his passion for peacemaking, but it turned out that some of his toughest adversaries were on his own side. The memorial service at Washington's Kennedy Center last week had the trappings of a state funeral. President Barack Obama was there, former president Bill Clinton, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. President Asif Ali Zardari of Pakistan flew in for the occasion, as did scores of other dignitaries. The man they came to honor, Richard Holbrooke, had been a diplomat on and off for more than 40 years when he died last month at the age of 69. He might have been secretary of state, but never was, and may well have deserved a Nobel Prize for bringing the Bosnian war to an end in 1995, but never got it. Never mind. As Obama said in his tribute, "By the time I came to know Richard, his place in history was assured." Holbrooke would have gotten a chuckle out of it all, especially listening to the president paying such homage. He could have used some more of that support when he was still on the job. Richard Holbrooke's last official title was "special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan," or SRAP in D.C. speak, and even his eulogizers last week acknowledged it was the toughest assignment of his life. Holbrooke was the diplomatic point man supposed to be sorting out the most complicated, most costly, and most dangerous of the wars that the United States is fighting. It involves so much more than Taliban bombs by the side of the road, or boots on the ground, or poppies raised for opium in Afghan valleys. At bottom, it's about nuclear-armed Pakistan, which is sometimes an ally, sometimes an enemy, of the American effort in Afghanistan. If there are limits to murderous fanaticism, Pakistan is still trying to find them. In recent weeks, it has started to look like a society sliding toward madness. A treacherous young bodyguard guns down the distinguished governor of Punjab for objecting to the death sentence on a Christian woman accused of blasphemy. Mobs—and even a group of young lawyers—hail the killer as a hero. This was the kind of crisis where Holbrooke's insights and his capacity for action could be hugely helpful, and in which he's sorely missed. "I loved the guy because he could do—and doing in diplomacy saves lives," said Bill Clinton. What Holbrooke did, however, he did not always do gently, or subtly, or deferentially. He was famously arrogant and abrasive. When Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a very close friend of Holbrooke's, spoke, he called him "the quintessential Washington know-it-all." Bill Clinton said he was "a hurricane of eloquence and energy and force," but he'd "scream and claw and scratch and make you feel like you had a double-digit IQ if you didn't agree with him." On another occasion, a colleague observed: "His friends were amused by his antics. But if you weren't a friend, you found it hard to take." Holbrooke's critics suggest (off the record, because they don't want to sound churlish now that he's gone) that he was his own worst enemy. But that's misleading. Interviews with those who knew Holbrooke in Kabul, Islamabad,



New York, Brussels, and Washington make clear he had a great many adversaries. Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai treated him with paranoid fury. **Pakistan's leaders sometimes lied to him, and about him.** The Taliban tried to take him out with sniper fire and suicide bombers. And among those who worked to undermine the man, even to the detriment of his vital mission, were at least a few people in the White House who understood neither the man nor, indeed, his mission. **"Dick Holbrooke would have been Obama's best ally," lamented Council on Foreign Relations president emeritus Leslie Gelb, one of his contemporaries and closest friends. "Obama had just the right hammer he needed in Dick for dealing with Afghanistan and Pakistan, and Obama's failure to see that—and his staff's failure to see that—really cost him and our country.** What in God's name would make you not make full use of Dick Holbrooke?" **What's striking is how little substantive difference there was between what Holbrooke was trying to do in Afghanistan and Pakistan and what Obama wanted done.** Both believed in the primacy of politics and diplomacy over military solutions. Both wanted to find exits without scrambling for them. "I tell you something," says Gelb, **"Dick was very supportive of Obama despite all the rejection."** Instead, the timing worked in Holbrooke's favor: ironically, the very **"No-Drama Obama"** style that he chafed against saved his job. The administration's deliberations stretched on messily. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the new commander on the ground, pushed for more troops. Eikenberry (a retired general and former U.S. commander in Afghanistan) argued that a surge would only make things worse. Details of the debate were front-page news. **The last thing Obama wanted at that moment was the dramatic disruption that would be caused by firing the special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. But his rivals, thinking Holbrooke's days were numbered, piled on the pressure.** Stories multiplied about Holbrooke's supposedly cringeworthy behavior. Some were exaggerated or even invented. At a breakfast with Pakistani politicians in January 2010, for instance, local papers claimed Holbrooke "flew into a rage" about criticism of the United States, which was about to triple nonmilitary aid to Pakistan. But two of the Pakistani politicians who were at that breakfast in Islamabad's opulent Serena Hotel have told NEWSWEEK that there was no rage, no shouting, nothing of the kind. By this time Karzai was cleverly making a show of warming up toward Al Qaeda, which sent the Americans jostling to curry favor with him again. This didn't play to Holbrooke's strengths. **In February 2010, in what was supposed to be a personal note, Jones reportedly told Ambassador Eikenberry in Kabul not to worry too much about Holbrooke because he wasn't going to be around much longer.** The contents of the note wound up circulating all over Foggy Bottom. "Even though Dick knew how Jones felt, that note, and its being distributed all over the department, was just devastating," remembers one of Holbrooke's close friends. **The following month, Holbrooke was left out of Obama's entourage on the president's quick visit to Kabul. "Some of this is just sheer personality," says an official who was on the trip. "Who do you want as your traveling companion? It's a small group. You're starting to run out of seats at the table. Then the music stops."** But few reporters failed to note the slight. **Then, in April, the Jones letter leaked to the press—and the effect wasn't what might have been expected. As Holbrooke kept working, organizing, traveling, and building vital bridges in Pakistan, it was Jones who looked disruptive. In November, a frustrated Obama decided to change his national-security adviser.** In early December, on a visit to the White House, Holbrooke couldn't resist telling one of the president's aides, "You'll notice that I am still here and Jones isn't." **Richard Holbrooke, always famous for persistence, had learned the lessons of patience.** If his relations with Karzai remained cool, he still met with him formally and frequently. In Pakistan, when enormous floods devastated the country last summer, Holbrooke "was like a force of nature battling the water," as his friend Galbraith puts it. The United States took the lead in delivering relief and, for a change, got some credit from the Pakistani public. Last fall, Islamabad and Kabul signed an unprecedented transit and trade agreement, which was one of Holbrooke's key goals. **"We are quite sad on his sudden death," says Haji Adeel, a prominent Pashtun member of Pakistan's Parliament. "He didn't complete his mission."** Perhaps not. **But when the music stopped, Richard Holbrooke was still at the table** (Alter & Dickey, 2011).

**Conclusion:** Pakistan has been under attack since 9/11 and it will likely climax with a nuclear attack by the Obama administration. The key diplomat to Pakistan, Richard Holbrooke, appears to have been murdered and his funeral a potential staging conference for the upcoming war between the U.S. and Pakistan. While these assumptions are pure speculation, Holbrooke appears to have been the only rational mind in a rogue Obama White House, hell bent on a Pakistani nuclear holocaust.



## The Nuclear Bible: Pakistan, ISI, CIA & Blackwater/Xe Connections



**Intro:** The following compilation of articles shows a clear and concise connection between acts of terror and the government of the United States of America and Israel. For further evidence and proof that the aforementioned governments are indeed participating in state sponsored terrorism, please watch the following documentaries for free on Google video or YouTube.

- 1) **State Sponsored Terrorism:** *Terrorstorm*
- 2) **9/11 Terror Attacks (New York):** *Loose Change: Final Cut* ([www.ae911truth.org](http://www.ae911truth.org))
- 3) **7/7 Terror Attacks (London):** *Ripple Effect*



**Date:** September 18, 2001

**Source:** BBC

**Title/Headline:** *Who Is Osama Bin Laden?*

**Abstract:** Osama Bin Laden is both one of the CIA's most wanted men and a hero to many young people in the Arab world. He and his associates were already being sought by the US on charges of international terrorism, including in connection with the 1998 bombing of American embassies in Africa and last year's attack on the USS Cole in Yemen. In May this year a US jury convicted four men believed to be linked with Bin Laden of plotting the embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. **Bin Laden, an immensely wealthy and private man, has been granted a safe haven by Afghanistan's ruling Taleban movement.** During his time in hiding, he has called for a holy war against the US, and for the killing of Americans and Jews. He is reported to be able to rally around him up to 3,000 fighters. He is also suspected of helping to set up Islamic training centres to prepare soldiers to fight in Chechnya and other parts of the former Soviet Union. His power is founded on a personal fortune earned by his family's construction business in Saudi Arabia. Born in Saudi Arabia to a Yemeni family, Bin Laden left Saudi Arabia in 1979 to fight against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. **The Afghan jihad was backed with American dollars and had the blessing of the governments of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. He received security training from the CIA itself, according to Middle Eastern analyst Hazhir Teimourian.** While in Afghanistan, he founded the Maktab al-Khidimat (MAK), which recruited fighters from around the world and imported equipment to aid the Afghan resistance against the Soviet army. Egyptians, Lebanese, Turks and others - numbering thousands in Bin Laden's estimate - joined their Afghan Muslim brothers in the struggle against an ideology that spurned religion. After the Soviet withdrawal, the "Arab Afghans", as **Bin Laden's faction came to be called, turned their fire against the US and its allies in the Middle East.** Bin Laden returned to Saudi Arabia to work in the family construction business, but was expelled in 1991 because of his anti-government activities there. He spent the next five years in Sudan until US pressure prompted the Sudanese Government to expel him, whereupon Bin Laden returned to Afghanistan. Terrorism experts say Bin Laden has been using his millions to fund attacks against the US. **The US State Department calls him "one of the most significant sponsors of Islamic extremist activities in the world today".** According to the US, Bin Laden was involved in at least three major attacks - the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the 1996 killing of 19 US soldiers in Saudi Arabia, and the 1998 bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. BBC correspondent James Robbins says Bin Laden had "all but admitted involvement" in the Saudi Arabia killings. Some experts say he is part of an international Islamic front, bringing together Saudi, Egyptian and other groups. Their rallying cry is the liberation of Islam's three holiest places - Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem. Analysts say **Bin Laden's organisation is very different from the groups that carried out bombings and hijackings in the past in that it is not a tightly knit group with a clear command structure but a loose coalition of groups operating across continents.** American officials believe Bin Laden's associates may operate in over forty countries - in Europe and North America, as well as in the Middle East and Asia. The few outsiders who have met Bin Laden describe him as modest, almost shy. He rarely gives interviews. He is believed to be in his 40s, and to have at least three wives.

**Date:** September 10, 2002

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Have U.S. Efforts In Afghanistan Been Successful If Bin Laden Is Alive?*

**Abstract:** Congressman Jim McDermott told CNN in 2002 that the U.S. created the Taliban and placed the group of fanatics in Afghanistan. From a CNN transcript:

**McDermott:** "It certainly is an improvement for the women of Afghanistan. But you've got to remember that of American policy, we put the Taliban there. **We gave the money to the...**

**Carlson:** I beg your pardon?

**McDermott:** ... Pakistanis.

**Carlson:** You're breaking news here, Congressman. I don't think this has ever been reported before in the United States.

**McDermott:** Oh, yes, it has been. **We funded the Taliban through the Pakistanis, and all that money — we could have cut off that money and stopped what was going on. We knew what was going on there"** (CNN, 2002).

**Date:** Spring 2003

**Source:** Demokratizatsiya, Michael Powelson,

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Support For Anti-Soviet And Anti-Russian Guerrilla Movements And The Undermining Of Democracy*

**Abstract:** The U.S. government has demanded that nations and international bodies join forces to combat terrorism. Yet the United States has played an important role in fostering the very terrorism it now denounces. While terrorist groups are portrayed as an "evil enemies" by the United States, many terrorist organizations initially received considerable support from the U.S. government, either openly or clandestinely. From the Mujihadeen in Afghanistan to the Kosovo Liberation Army in the former Yugoslavia, the U.S. government has provided training and support to "terrorist" organizations. **One of the best ways to combat terrorism in the world today is to pressure the United States and other governments to stop lending support to such organizations.** This is of particular importance for Russia, since terrorists originally armed and trained by the United States battled Soviet forces for over a decade in Afghanistan, and these Mujihadeen fighters can now be found in the Russian region of Chechnya. **Not only has the U.S. support for the Mujihadeen resulted in considerable bloodshed in Chechnya, but the Soviet Union's war in Afghanistan and the Russian Federation's war in Chechnya served to undermine efforts at democratization.** My principal thesis in this article is that democracy cannot be instituted during war or under wartime conditions. In the United States own history, the periods when democracy was most threatened occurred during wartime. **During the American Civil War, for example, many civil liberties were suspended. During World War I this was also the case, and right after the war the first "Red Scare" was instituted. World War II also saw strict limits on democratic rights, limitations that were repeated during the Viet Nam war.** Of course in the history of Russia it has been during wartime that rights were most vigorously curtailed. During World War I no opposition voices were allowed, and with the outbreak of the Civil War in 1918 both the Reds and the Whites instituted a reign of terror that was justified by the reality of war. **It was the threat of war that gave Stalin the excuse he needed to purge the Soviet Union of all of his opponents in the 1930s, and it was the cold war that gave Soviet leaders the justification for preventing democracy from breaking out.** Thus, democracy cannot coexist alongside war, and from 1979 to the present, the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation have been bogged down in conflicts in Afghanistan and Chechnya-conflicts in which the United States has played a considerable role. In the 1980s, the Soviet war in Afghanistan served to counteract the push toward democratization, since this war was used as an excuse for state control of speech and press freedoms. Currently, the presence of "terrorists" in Chechnya is undermining Russia's efforts to institute democratic reforms in the country, while at the same time the Chechen conflict has tended to empower antidemocratic forces. **Under the umbrella of fighting terrorism, the Russian government justifies the violation of basic civil rights of Russian citizens, whether Chechens or one of the many other nationalities within the Russian Federation. In this article I will explore the ways that the United States has contributed to the spread of terrorism as it concerns the former Soviet Union and the Russian Federation.** The U.S. role has been twofold; first, in its material support of terrorist groups, and second, by the example set in using extreme violence to achieve ends. From there I will explore the ways in which these U.S.-trained terrorists have played a significant role in Russia's conflict with Chechnya. **The model for state-sponsored terrorism is the U.S. role in arming, training, and supporting the Mujihadeen "freedom fighters" of Afghanistan in the 1980s. From this guerrilla movement, initially intended to oust the Soviet Union from Afghanistan, arose terrorist groups in nations such as Indonesia, the Philippines, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Chechnya, and the former Yugoslavia.** Later, some of the Afghan-trained "freedom fighters" were involved in terrorist acts against the United States, the very government that had given them support in the early days of their organization. **The initial bombing of the World Trade Center in 1992, the attacks on the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, the attack on the USS Cole, and the attacks of 11 September all have been linked to individuals and groups that at one time were armed and trained by the United States and/or its allies. And while the United States has given strong logistical support to terrorist movements, it also provided terrorists with the moral justification for their acts.** For example, neither Iraq nor Libya ever attacked the United States, yet the U.S. government believes it was justified in attacking those two countries. So too with the missile attacks on Sudan and Afghanistan in 1998. While neither Afghanistan nor Sudan attacked the United States, President Clinton argued that the United States had the right to launch missile attacks against them. **As former Pakistani interior minister Naseer Ullah Babar described the missile attacks, "[t]his is American gangsterism."** U.S. support of the Mujihadeen actually began even prior to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. While it is widely believed, and officially reported, that U.S. support for the Mujihadeen was a response to the Soviet invasion in 1979, former Secretary of State Zbigniew Brzezinski admitted otherwise in an interview with the French newspaper Le Nouvel Observateur in 1998. In the interview he declared that: **"According to the official version of history, CIA aid to the Mujahideen began during 1980, that is to say, after the Soviet army invaded Afghanistan, 24 Dec 1979. But the reality, secretly guarded until now, is completely otherwise: Indeed, it was July 3, 1979 that President Carter signed the first directive for secret aid to the opponents of the pro-Soviet regime in Kabul. And that very day, I wrote a note to the president in which I explained to him that in my opinion this aid was going to induce a Soviet military intervention Brzezinski defended his actions to the reporter, and declared at one point that the "secret operation was an excellent idea. It had the effect of drawing the Russians into the Afghan trap, and you want me to**

**regret it?"** The actions of the Carter administration and Secretary Brzezinski can only be seen as an act of ruthless cynicism, because the Carter administration gave support to a violent movement led by Moslem fundamentalists, a group that has little in common with the ideals of the U.S. government and its people. By contrast, the Soviets gave support to the Afghan communist and noncommunist Left, that is, groups that shared the Soviet perspective on domestic and international issues. **But the alliance of the Mujahideen and the United States was not rooted in any common values or perspectives, only the overriding desire to destroy the Soviet Union.** Certainly Moslem fundamentalists could see the cracks in this unnatural alliance. As Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, the Egyptian cleric who was convicted in the conspiracy to bomb the World Trade Center in 1993, put it in an interview in 1997, **Do you think we were naive enough to believe that the United States government was helping the Afghans because it believed in their cause-to raise the flag of jihad for Islam? That they were helping a people, a country, to free themselves? Absolutely not. The Americans were there to punish the Soviet Union.** In his article on U.S. support of the Mujahideen, Phil Gaspar writes: Between 1982 and 1992, some 35,000 Muslim radicals from 43 Islamic countries in the Middle East, North and East Africa, Central Asia and the Far East would pass their baptism under fire with the Afghan mujahideen. **Tens of thousands more foreign Muslim radicals came to study in the hundreds of new madrassas [religious schools] that Zia's military government began to fund in Pakistan and along the Afghan border. Eventually more than 100,000 Muslim radicals were to have direct contact with Pakistan and Afghanistan and be influenced by the jihad [against the USSR].** In the 1980s the Reagan administration believed that supporting Moslem fundamentalists was the best way to fight communism and socialism in predominately Moslem countries. It was reasoned that while secular movements of national liberation, such as the Palestinian Liberation Organization, embraced socialism, Moslem fundamentalists were vehemently anticommunist and antisocialist. **In addition, support for Moslem fundamentalist groups was looked upon with favor by Saudi Arabia, the key U.S. ally in the Gulf region. And the Saudi regime, like the United States, disliked the strong socialist content of most modern Arab movements.** What better way to undermine both the Soviet Union and Arab and Moslem socialism than to give support to Moslem religious fanatics? Such was the cynical reasoning of the U.S. government in the 1980s. To that end the United States encouraged Moslem fundamentalists from around the world to join the Mujahideen in their fight against the Soviets in Afghanistan. **The very reason that Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman was allowed into the United States, despite his known ties to Moslem extremist groups in Egypt and Afghanistan, was to help recruit American Moslems to fight the jihad in Afghanistan. Later convicted for his role in the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993, Rahman was permitted to live in the United States to recruit soldiers to fight the jihad.** Rahman did his job, but when the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan, he set his sights on other targets. Now in the United States, a veteran of the jihad in Afghanistan, Rahman and his followers focused their efforts on the other "Great Satan," the United States. **And even after the ouster of the Soviet Union from Afghanistan, the United States continued to play a role in fostering Moslem fundamentalism. Although the United States has been attacked for abandoning Afghanistan after the departure of the Soviet Union, the United States and its Pakistani and Saudi allies continued to exert influence in the region. Indeed, initial support for the Taliban was from the Pakistani government, which in turn was given approval from the United States.** It was only when the Taliban had taken control of Kabul and when Osama bin Laden had taken refuge in Afghanistan that the United States began to withdraw its support for this fundamentalist regime. With the withdrawal of the Soviets from Afghanistan, many jihad soldiers returned to their home countries to pick up the fight they left in Afghanistan. **In Algeria, for instance, the Islamic Salvation Front has engaged in a bloody civil war with the government, and many of its key members are veterans of the Afghan war. This is also the case in the former Yugoslavia and in Chechnya, where key fighters gained their training and experience during the U.S.-backed jihad in Afghanistan. Of course the best known byproduct of the Afghan jihad is Osama bin Laden. Although the U.S. government claims that there is no direct link between bin Laden and the United States, there is no doubt that the United States provided a favorable environment for bin Laden to build his reputation and following. It is difficult to believe that the United States played no role in the operations of the son of one of the wealthiest men in Saudi Arabia. Indeed, it is much more likely that the United States knew full-well of bin Laden's operation and gave it all the support they could.** It was well-known in the Moslem and Arab world that the United States preferred the type of work that bin Laden engaged in; rather than getting money directly from the United States or some other government, bin Laden had enough cash to run his own operation. This fit well with the U.S. government's own belief that wealthy individuals, not the state, should step forward and, in an act of charity and volunteerism, provide the necessary funds and support for a worthy cause. **Bin Laden's actions in Afghanistan fit well within the U.S. government's concept of a "worthy cause," and so he was allowed to work to train and to recruit his following.** Once the Mujahideen's war with the Soviet Union was through, its members turned their attention to other enemies. **This was especially true in Chechnya, where former Mujahideen fighters joined forces with Chechen rebels battling the Russian army for control of the region. Beginning in 1993, former Mujahideen fighters were known to be operating in Chechnya, while the Pakistani secret police, the ISI, was training fighters in camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan to fight in the Caucasus region.** In June 1995, the Chechen leader Shamil Basayev led a raid on the Russian town of Budennovsk, and his force included fighters from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Syria, all of whom had fought in Afghanistan against the Soviets. **And from the civil war in Afghanistan came one of the most feared and ruthless of the Chechen fighters, the "Arab" Kattab. Born in the border region between Saudi Arabia and Jordan, Kattab fought with the Mujahideen in Afghanistan as an Afghan Arab, and he later went to Chechnya to continue his religious war against the Russians.** As recently as January 2002, Kattab was identified in a videotape with Osama bin Laden, thereby underscoring the link between bin Laden and the Chechen fighters. Although of Arab origin, Kattab spoke fluent Russian on the videotape, underscoring his long contact with Russian speaking Chechens. Although Kattab has since been proclaimed dead by Russian authorities, he is only one example of dozens, perhaps hundreds, of non-Chechens fighting in Chechnya with the skills they acquired from the United States or U.S.-backed groups in their fight against the Soviet Union in the 1980s. **Since the CIA conducted its operations in Afghanistan through the Pakistani government and secret police, it is difficult to document who received training and support directly from the United States, and who was trained by U.S.-backed interests but presumably without the direct knowledge of the United States. The U.S. government has denied any contact or support for Osama bin Laden, for example, and since no direct evidence has surfaced linking bin Laden directly with the CIA, the U.S. government has maintained this (highly unlikely) position.** But what cannot be refuted is the use of U.S.-produced Stinger missiles in Chechnya, missiles from the conflict in Afghanistan. Not only were Stingers from the Afghan war used in Chechnya, but the United States has unwisely given Stinger missiles to nations such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, two nations where there is strong support for the Chechen fighters. **Thus, in both training and the supply of arms, the United States and its backers have played a strong role in the conflicts in both Afghanistan and Chechnya and thus in undermining the democratic process in Russia.** In the

1980s, while then-Soviet premier Gorbachev was attempting to reform Soviet politics and society, a futile conflict in Afghanistan made his efforts all the more difficult. And while Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union has made cautious steps toward greater freedom and democracy, this too has been undermined by the ongoing war in Chechnya. **Although there is no hard evidence that the United States is directly supporting Chechen "terrorists," there is no doubt that the United States and/or its allies did train fighters who are now in Chechnya fighting the Russian army. And there is considerable evidence that nations such as Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, two close U.S. allies, have given aid and support to Chechen fighters.**

**Conclusion:** In sum, U.S. policies since 1979 have served to strengthen the very "terrorism" it claims to oppose. In supporting the Mujihadeen in Afghanistan, the United States helped push the Soviet Union into the "Afghan trap," as Zbigniew Brzezinski put it, and therefore helped to undermine the possibility of a democratic opening in the Soviet Union. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, those same terrorists have relocated to Chechnya, where the war continues to weaken the hoped-for democracy in the newly formed Russian Federation. **It is only by halting support for these terrorists groups that the United States can help create an environment in Russia that would encourage rather than discourage the growth of democracy.** While the United States might technically claim it is not responsible for supporting and training terrorists in Chechnya, it certainly helped to contribute to the current conflict by its role in the Afghan war of 1979-92. **Additionally, the United States continues to support Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, two nations that have been known to give aid and support to Chechen rebels.** As long as this conflict continues, there will be no hope for greater democracy in Russia (Powelson,, 2003).

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**Source:** CBC News (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation)

**Title/Headline:** *Who Is Osama Bin Laden?*

**Abstract:** On March 7, 2004, as the snows melted in the mountains of Afghanistan and U.S. President George W. Bush eyed a November election, the **United States launched Operation Mountain Storm in the rugged border between Afghanistan and Pakistan to find the elusive Osama bin Laden.** The United States said the operation, based at their headquarters in Kandahar, would unfold in secret across eastern and southern Afghanistan. Spokesperson Lt.-Col. Bryan Hiferty gave few details when he confirmed on March 13 that Operation Mountain Storm was underway, but he did tell the Associated Press, **"The leaders of al-Qaeda and the leader of the Taliban need to be brought to justice – and they will be."** The U.S. also sent the elite special forces outfit, Task Force 121, a joint unit of commandos and CIA officers, to the border region to find bin Laden and the leader of the Taliban, Mullah Muhammed Omar. Intelligence sources have told several U.S. media organizations that Task Force 121 was key in tracking down the former president of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, and after that success, the task force was sent to Afghanistan. **There is one big difference between Saddam, and bin Laden and many of his al-Qaeda and Taliban followers. While Saddam spent most of his time in luxury, choosing which palace to sleep in each night, bin Laden and his men have years of experience dodging a previous enemy, the Soviet Union, which occupied Afghanistan until it was driven out in the 1980s.** Bin Laden was still at large in January 2006. Many experts believe that bin Laden remains in hiding somewhere in the mountains near Khowst, an area that European intelligence sources have told the media is still controlled by the Taliban. It is an area of old tribal loyalties, where local leaders have always been fiercely independent from any ruler of Afghanistan or Pakistan. Pakistani security forces have also stepped up operations in the border area. **Reports say that President Perez Musharraf was reluctant to stir up the hornets' nest of tribes and Islamic fundamentalists in the region, until a couple of failed attempts to assassinate him.** There have been accusations both in the American media and from Europe that while the United States painted bin Laden as public enemy number 1, the Americans "neglected" Afghanistan when its focus turned to Iraq in March 2003, a charge top U.S. officials vehemently deny. There are also persistent reports that the U.S. invasion of Iraq changed al-Qaeda's focus, with bin Laden and his senior advisors moving resources from Afghanistan to Iraq because it was a good place to fight "the American crusaders," according to a Taliban source quoted by Newsweek magazine. A new generation: **The Washington Post has reported that there is a new generation of al-Qaeda, led by Osama's eldest son, Saad bin Laden, 24, who is said to be in Iran along with Saif el-Adel, al-Qaeda's chief of military operations, and Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah, al-Qaeda's chief financial officer.** The three and their followers are, according to the Post, surrounded by an elite Iranian security force, loyal to hard-line Iranian Islamists, who act both as guards and jailers, both preventing attack or arrest and restricting their movements. **However, communication between father and son is apparently still possible, using written messages carried by courier and sometimes even satellite phones, which according to some sources, are hard for U.S. signals intelligence to pinpoint in the rugged mountains.** According to the Washington Post, intelligence sources believe that the orders and organization for two suicide bombings, in Saudi Arabia and Morocco in May 2003, came through Saad bin Laden, rather than directly from his father. Despite American efforts, or perhaps because of them, **Osama bin Laden is a hero to many people in the Middle East and South Asia. Bazaars and marketplaces are full with bin Laden merchandise including posters, video and audio tapes, and T-shirts.** Osama bin Laden has been called America's most wanted terrorist suspect at least since the bombing in 1998 of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. **The U.S. State Department said bin Laden is "one of the most significant financial sponsors of Islamic extremist activities in the world."** His code name, "The Contractor," is maybe the best indicator of bin Laden's link to terrorism. Officials in many countries including the United States say that bin Laden's money has paid for attacks in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. His personal wealth is estimated at \$250 million US. **Osama bin Laden is believed to be the youngest of 24 brothers in a family that came from Yemen and built up one of the largest construction companies in the Arab world, Bin Laden Group, an empire based in the Saudi city of Jidda that made its fortune in building projects for the Saudi royal family.** As a teenager and a young man, Osama bin Laden was reported to be a typical Saudi of his generation, a bit of a playboy who used his family fortune to have fun outside of Saudi Arabia in Europe and the Gulf states. The invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union in 1979 changed bin Laden's life. Like many young Islamists, he went to Afghanistan to help fight the invaders, to take part in the jihad against the infidel Soviets. **Bin Laden apparently received training from the CIA, which was backing the Afghan holy warriors – the mujahedeen – who were tying down Soviet forces in Afghanistan.** He gave the family money and his own expertise gleaned from the family business to MAK, Maktab al-Khidimat, which recruited young Muslim men from around the world. He also used his fortune to help buy equipment for the Afghan resistance. **In 1984, he helped Abdullah Azzam, founder of the Pakistani "Office of Services," establish training camps across the border in Afghanistan.**



The Office of Services' goal was to recruit and train Muslim volunteers. Bin Laden provided financial support and handling of military affairs. Two years later, in 1986, Bin Laden established his own training camp for Persian Gulf Arabs called al Masadah, or the Lion's Den. In 1988, as the Soviet occupation faltered in Afghanistan, bin Laden turned to a global crusade. **He founded the group called al-Qaeda, Arabic for The Base. According to one report from the CIA in 2001, al-Qaeda had at least 5,000 trained militants, who created cells in 50 countries.** The purpose of these camps was to take militants from around the world and shape them into an international network that would bring all Muslims under a militant version of Islamic law. In 1989, the collapsing Soviet Union withdrew from Afghanistan and bin Laden returned to Saudi Arabia to join his family's construction company. He kept up his contacts with al-Qaeda. In 1991, bin Laden moved the headquarters of al-Qaeda to Sudan, where a militant Islamic government had come to power. **In 1993, a bomb exploded in an underground parking garage at the World Trade Center in New York, killing six people and injuring another 1,000. The attack was linked to al-Qaeda.** In 1994, Saudi Arabia stripped bin Laden of citizenship for alleged terrorist links and his family disavowed him, at least publicly. In 1996, bin Laden was forced to leave Sudan for Afghanistan following intense pressure from the U.S. on the government. While in Sudan, bin Laden met a man who was probably a key ally, Imad Mugnyah, a Lebanese said to be a leader of Hezbollah, wanted by the United States for kidnappings and killings during the civil war in Lebanon in the 1980s. By September of that year, the militant Taliban, capitalizing on the divisions in Afghanistan, which was torn by civil war between the mujahedeen factions, took over the country and imposed strict Islamic rule. Bin Laden's son Saad was with Osama when he returned to Afghanistan. By 1998, bin Laden had teamed up with an Egyptian militant, Ayman Zawahiri, to form "The International Islamic Front for Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders," which acted as an umbrella group for international militant groups. **It issued a religious order saying it was a religious duty of Muslims to kill Americans anywhere possible. The group in effect declared war against the West, but the declaration was ignored by most of the media and discounted by many in the intelligence community.** In October 1998, the U.S. Justice Dept. indicted bin Laden for his alleged role in ordering the bombing of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. In 1999, bin Laden moved to the village of Farmifadda, Afghanistan, and later settled in a compound near Jalalabad. **In October 2000, suicide bombers attacked the U.S.S. Cole in Aden harbour in Yemen. Bin Laden was suspected of ordering the attack. On September 11, 2001, members of al-Qaeda hijacked American passenger planes and attacked New York and Washington. Soon after the attack, bin Laden and his associates fled Jalalabad for the mountains.** On Oct. 7, the United States and its allies began the attack on Afghanistan and the Taliban regime quickly collapsed. In December 2001, U.S. intelligence pinpointed bin Laden in a cave complex at Tora Bora. U.S. special and regular forces and Afghan allies attacked the caves, but bin Laden successfully slipped through their fingers and disappeared into the mountains. In an interview with ABC correspondent John Miller on May 28, Bin Laden made the following comment on the fatwa issued calling Muslims to kill Americans regardless of whether they are civilians or military: **"Allah ordered us in this religion to purify Muslim land of all non-believers. After World War II, the Americans became more aggressive and oppressive, especially in the Muslim world. American history does not distinguish between civilians and military, and not even women and children. They are the ones who used the bombs against Nagasaki. Can these bombs distinguish between infants and military? America does not have a religion that will prevent it from destroying all people"** (CBC News, 2006).

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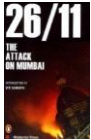
**Source:** Der Spiegel, Siegesmund Von Ilseman

**Title/Headline:** *The Checkered History of American Weapons Deals*

**Abstract:** The United States has upset its European allies with plans for a massive arms deal with several governments in the Middle East. Washington has been down this road before. Karsten Voigt, the German government's Coordinator for German-American Cooperation, was completely gobsmacked last week. **How Washington could encourage democratic change in the Middle East by selling Saudi Arabia billions of dollars in weapons, he said, was "a huge question mark."** The Islamic kingdom might be a US ally in name, but it wasn't "particularly democratic," said Voigt, and its oppressive family regime continued to be a fertile breeding ground for Islamic terrorists. **At a summit meeting at the end of July, top US officials announced a deal to send major new weapons systems to Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel and other governments in the Middle East to counterbalance Iran's growing influence there.** Voigt wondered whether it was a wise move. "The region is not suffering from a lack of arms, but from a lack of stability," he said. "I have strong doubts whether stability could be achieved with these weapons." But such arms deals have a long tradition in Washington. **"The enemy of my enemy is my friend" was a maxim of several US governments during the Cold War.** Washington's foreign policy often sanctioned selling weapons to questionable regimes promising to help contain the communist threat regardless of the potential consequences. The deals frequently ended as debacles: US soldiers have all too often stared down the barrels of guns their own government sold to the armies of countries that used to be their supposed allies. The convoluted US-Iranian relationship is a textbook example of such policies. **After the Shah of Iran consolidated his power with CIA help in 1953 in what is known as Operation Ajax, the country became America's most important ally in the Middle East after Israel. In return for access to Iran's bountiful oil fields, Washington sold the Shah an arsenal of modern weapons. With state-of-the-art fighter jets, new rockets and powerful tanks, Iran became a leading military power in the Persian Gulf. Some 40,000 US military advisors taught Iranians how to use the weapons. After the Islamic fundamentalist regime led by Ayatollah Khomeini toppled the Shah in 1979 and sparked a crisis by taking 52 Americans hostage, it became painfully clear to Washington that its weapons were now in the wrong hands. And so the US government quickly turned to the biggest enemy of the religious fundamentalists -- Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. For eight years -- until 1988 -- Hussein waged a brutal war with his eastern neighbors, supported with weapons and know-how from American sources. Even Donald Rumsfeld, who would go on to plan the current war in Iraq as defense secretary under US President George W. Bush, visited Hussein in 1983. As a sweetener, the Americans offered Baghdad classified aerial photographs that allowed Hussein's generals to inflict great damage on Iranian forces -- sometimes using chemical weapons. Only a few years later, of course, US soldiers would wage a war with the very Iraqi military that Washington had so meticulously helped build. The United States also supplied Afghan freedom fighters in the 1980s with money and arms for their struggle against occupying Soviet troops. One of the best customers for the CIA back then was Saudi millionaire Osama Bin Laden. Two decades later, US commandos are hunting for the world's most notorious terrorist and his Taliban helpers. Military and civilian aircraft flying over Afghanistan are still forced to make evasive maneuvers to avoid Stinger missiles fired at them which were originally supplied by the United States to fight the Communists. Washington protected and supported**



**Panamanian dictator Gen. Manuel Noriega for years. Despite all the cash and weapons from America, he also was deeply involved in the drug trade. That led the father of the current US president, George Bush senior, to depose the strongman by sending troops to the Central American country in Operation Just Cause. Noriega was sent to jail in Miami. The Americans also had little luck with their strategy in the Philippines. As Ferdinand Marcos came to power in Manila in 1965, it appeared as if both sides would benefit. The new president sent Filipino troops to bolster Washington's flagging war effort in Vietnam. In return, the United States supported the regime in Manila both politically and militarily -- even though it was clear that Marcos' henchmen were using US weaponry to oppress the country's opposition.** The instability that continues to plague the Philippines today is part of that legacy. US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice defended the latest string of weapons deals during her recent diplomatic tour of the Middle East. **"We are determined to maintain the balances -- the military and strategic balances -- within the region," she said. But American weapons have a way of outlasting the shifting goals of American foreign policy** (Von Ilseman, 2007).



**Date:** December 16, 2009

**Source:** Telegraph, Dean Nelson

**Title/Headline:** *Mumbai Suspect Is US Double Agent, India Claims*

**Abstract:** David Headley, a Pakistan-born American national arrested in Chicago in October, is alleged to have carried out reconnaissance missions in the run-up to the Mumbai attacks, in which 166 people were killed. He is also believed to have been present in the terrorists' "control room" in Pakistan where their handlers directed the killing spree over an open telephone line. According to Indian officials, Headley travelled to India again in March this year, with the knowledge of American agencies who did not inform their Indian counterparts. During the trip, **Headley is alleged to have collected intelligence for future terrorist attacks on civilian and military targets, including India's National Defence College. Indian officials are desperate to question Headley but have been frustrated by American refusals to grant them access.** A team of Indian investigators travelled to Washington shortly after Headley was arrested in October but soon returned after their American counterparts told them they would not be able to meet him. **They want to question him about the Mumbai attacks involved Pakistan's ISI intelligence agency in any way and the role of Indian extremists in providing logistical support. American officials say that under US law they cannot force any person in their custody to give evidence to foreign agencies.** But Indian intelligence officers have questioned why Washington is not doing more to help their own inquiry and suggested Headley's connections with American intelligence agencies is behind the reluctance. Headley, who was born Daood Syed Gilani and schooled in Pakistan before moving to Philadelphia with his American mother in 1977, was convicted of smuggling heroin into the United States in 1998. He served only 15 months in jail after agreeing to become an informant for the Drugs Enforcement Administration (DEA). He changed his name to David Headley in 2006. According to Indian officials he continued to serve as a DEA informant until shortly before his arrest in October. **Indian intelligence sources believe Headley may have been recruited to work for the CIA which, along with the FBI, shared intelligence with the DEA and other government agencies after the creation of the National Counter-Terrorism Centre in 2004.** B. Raman, a former senior official in India's intelligence agency, said: "He was working for Lashkar e Taiba, taking photographs and video recordings of the [Mumbai] hotels and harbour. And he was an agent for the DEA on drugs, so in that sense he was a double agent. **"Indian officials are very keen to question him about his network, but we can't because we might find out about any connections with the CIA or ISI.** They don't want that to happen. The Americans say 'you ask us what you want us to find out and we'll share the information'," he added (Nelson, 2009).



THE SUNDAY TIMES

**Date:** December 17, 2009

**Source:** The Sunday Times, Rhys Blakely

**Title/Headline:** *Mumbai Terror Suspect David Headley Was 'Rogue US Secret Agent'*

**Abstract:** A key terror suspect who allegedly helped to plan last year's attacks in Mumbai and plotted to strike Europe was an American secret agent who went rogue, Indian officials believe. David Headley, 49, who was born in Washington to a Pakistan diplomat father and an American mother, was arrested in Chicago in October. **He is accused of reconnoitring targets in India and Europe for Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), the Pakistan-based terror group behind the Mumbai attacks and of having links to al-Qaeda.** He has denied the charges. He came to the attention of the US security services in 1997 when he was arrested in New York for heroin smuggling. He earned a reduced sentence by working for the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) infiltrating Pakistan-linked narcotics gangs. **Indian investigators, who have been denied access to Mr Headley, suspect that he remained on the payroll of the US security services — possibly working for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) — but switched his allegiance to LeT.** "India is looking into whether Headley worked as a double agent," an Indian Home Ministry official said yesterday. Mr Headley, who changed his name from Daood Gilani, was in Mumbai until two weeks before the attacks on the city, which claimed 166 lives last November. **It is alleged that he spent months checking targets in India's commercial capital, using his Western looks and anglicised name to move in elite social circles,**

**hobnob with Bollywood actors and even to pass himself off as Jewish.** Despite being firmly on the radar of the US intelligence agencies, he was allowed to return to India as recently as March. **Indian officials are furious that their American counterparts did not share details of that visit at the time. The Indian media has raised the possibility that Mr Headley was being protected by his American handlers — a theory that experts say is credible.** “The feeling in India is that the US has not been transparent,” said B. Raman, a former counter-terrorism chief in the Indian foreign intelligence service, the Research and Analysis Wing. **“That Headley was an agent for the DEA is known. Whether he was being used by the CIA as well is a matter of speculation, but it is almost certain that the CIA was aware of him and his movements across the subcontinent.”** According to Mr Raman, it is probable that Mr Headley, who was arrested when the US authorities learned that he was about to fly to Pakistan, was listed on the main database of the US National Counterterrorism Centre, a facility used by the CIA and several other American agencies to track terror suspects. Indian officials suspect that US agencies declined to share intelligence to avoid compromising other secret operations and to be able to deny any link with Mr Headley. Analysts believe that the US may also have been anxious to avoid sharing information that could further raise tensions between India and Pakistan, nuclear-armed neighbours who have fought three wars. **According to documents put before a court in Chicago, Mr Headley had links with the Pakistan Army and, through it, with al-Qaeda. As well as helping to co-ordinate the Mumbai atrocity, Mr Headley is accused of planning attacks on Mumbai’s Bollywood film industry, the Shiv Sena, a Hindu extremist group also based in Mumbai, a major Hindu temple, and a Danish newspaper that had published cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.** The US authorities allege that he was close to Tahawwur Hussain Rana, a former Pakistani schoolmate and businessman who is also being charged with planning to attack the Danish newspaper, *Jyllands-Posten*. Mr Rana is accused of having known about the attack on Mumbai in advance. The CIA denied that Headley had worked for the organisation. **“Any suggestion that Headley was working for the CIA is complete and utter nonsense. It’s flat-out false,”** Paul Gimigliano, from the CIA’s Office of Public Affairs, said. The Indian Home Secretary, Gopal Krishna Pillai, has said that his Government would seek the extradition of Mr Headley — a request that has so far been stonewalled by US officials (Blakely, 2009).

**Date:** January 23, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Govt. Urged To Explain Blackwater Presence*

**Abstract:** Pakistani lawmakers say the government must to come clean about the presence of the notorious American security firm **Blackwater (now known as Xe Services LLC) in the country.** The lawmakers, both pro-government and opposition parties, during a heated debate on Friday, urged Islamabad to break its silence and own up as there are strong evidences of the presence of Xe Services LLC in Pakistan. **The call came after US Secretary of Defense Robert Gates admitted that Xe Services and DynCorp have been operating in Pakistan.** Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Sharif Senator Zafar Ali Shah, citing Gates’ confirmation on Thursday, demanded Interior Minister Rehman Malik to step down over the issue. Malik had earlier stated that he would tender his resignation if anyone proved Blackwater’s presence in the country (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** January 30, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *US Refuses To Share Info On Mumbai Suspect*

**Abstract:** Despite the horrific attacks, the US has refused to share details about the past records of a key terror suspect of the 2008 Mumbai attack, Indian intelligence sources say. The Indian team tasked with probing the Mumbai bombing is desperately looking for information regarding the role David Headley played in the deadly attack, but Washington has denied them access to the details. Indian intelligence sources claim that the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) **has continued to withhold information on the suspect. Despite the fact that the CIA and Pakistan’s Inter-Service Intelligence have denied any links with Headley,** the report said, he was hired by the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Headley came to the attention of the US security services in 1997 when he was arrested in New York for heroin smuggling. He earned a reduced sentence of 15 months in jail in exchange for working as an agent for the DEA. Headley reportedly worked for the DEA since then until **an American court convicted him in December 2009 of having played a role in the Mumbai attack.** The report said that the **CIA was in possession of Headley’s records** as he was earlier sent by the DEA to Pakistan on a secret mission. Indian officials suspect that the **US agencies declined to share intelligence in order to be able to deny any link with Headley** (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** February 24, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Mark Mazzetti, Jane Perlez

**Title/Headline:** *C.I.A. And Pakistan Work Together, Warily*

**Abstract:** Inside a secret detention center in an industrial pocket of the Pakistani capital called I/9, teams of Pakistani and American spies have kept a watchful eye on a senior Taliban leader captured last month. **With the other eye, they watch each other. The C.I.A. and its Pakistani counterpart, the Directorate of Inter-Services Intelligence, have a long and often tormented relationship.** And even now, they are moving warily toward conflicting goals, with each maneuvering to protect its influence after the shooting stops in Afghanistan. Yet interviews in recent days show how they are working together on tactical operations, and how far the C.I.A. has extended its extraordinary secret war beyond the mountainous tribal belt and deep into Pakistan’s sprawling cities. **Beyond the capture of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, C.I.A. operatives working with the ISI have carried out dozens of raids throughout Pakistan over the past year, working from bases in the cities of Quetta, Peshawar and elsewhere,** according to Pakistani security officials. The raids often come after electronic intercepts by American spy satellites, or tips from Pakistani informants — and the spies from the two countries then sometimes drive in the same car to pick up their quarry. Sometimes the teams go on lengthy reconnaissance missions, with the ISI operatives packing sunscreen and neon glow sticks that allow them to identify their positions at night. **Successful missions sometimes end with American**

and Pakistani spies toasting one another with Johnnie Walker Blue Label whisky, a gift from the C.I.A. The C.I.A.'s drone campaign in Pakistan is well known, which is striking given that this is a covert war. **But these on-the-ground activities have been shrouded in secrecy because the Pakistani government has feared the public backlash against the close relationship with the Americans.** In strengthening ties to the ISI, the C.I.A. is aligning itself with a shadowy institution that meddles in domestic politics and has a history of ties to violent militant groups in the region. **A C.I.A. spokesman declined to comment for this article. Officials in Washington and Islamabad agree that the relationship between the two spy services has steadily improved since the low point of the summer of 2008, when the C.I.A.'s deputy director traveled to Pakistan to confront ISI officials with communications intercepts indicating that the ISI was complicit in the bombing of the Indian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan.** The spy agencies have built trust in part through age-old tactics of espionage: killing or capturing each other's enemies. A turning point came last August, when a C.I.A. missile killed the militant leader Baitullah Mehsud as he lay on the roof of his compound in South Waziristan, his wife beside him massaging his back. **Mr. Mehsud for more than a year had been responsible for a wave of terror attacks in Pakistani cities, and many inside the ISI were puzzled as to why the United States had not sought to kill him.** Some even suspected he was an American, or Indian, agent. The drone attack on Mr. Mehsud is part of a joint war against militants in Pakistan's tribal areas, where C.I.A. drones pound militants from the air as Pakistani troops fight them on the ground. **And yet for two spy agencies with a long history of mistrust, the accommodation extends only so far.** For instance, when it comes to the endgame in Afghanistan, where Pakistan hopes to play a significant role as a power broker, interviews with Pakistani and American intelligence officials in Islamabad and Washington reveal that the interests of the two sides remain far apart. **Even as the ISI breaks up a number of Taliban cells, officials in Islamabad, Washington and Kabul hint that the ISI's goal seems to be to weaken the Taliban just enough to bring them to the negotiating table, but leaving them strong enough to represent Pakistani interests in a future Afghan government.** This contrasts sharply with the American goal of battering the Taliban and strengthening Kabul's central government and security forces, even if American officials also recognize that political reconciliation with elements of the Taliban is likely to be part of any ultimate settlement. Tensions in the relationship surfaced in the days immediately after Mullah Baradar's arrest, when the ISI refused to allow C.I.A. officers to interrogate the Taliban leader. Americans have since been given access to the detention center. On Wednesday, Pakistani and Afghan officials meeting in Islamabad said that a deal was being worked out to transfer Mullah Baradar to Afghan custody, which could allow the Americans unrestrained access to him. Besides Mullah Baradar, several Taliban shadow governors and other senior leaders have been arrested inside Pakistan in recent weeks. A top American military officer in Afghanistan on Wednesday suggested that with the arrests, the ISI could be trying to accelerate the timetable for a negotiated settlement between the Taliban and the Afghan government. "I don't know if they're pushing anyone to the table, but they are certainly preparing the meal," the officer said. **In the three decades since the C.I.A. and the ISI teamed up to funnel weapons to Afghan militias fighting the Soviets, the two spy services have soldiered through a co-dependent, yet suspicious relationship.** C.I.A. officers in Islamabad rely on the Pakistani spy service for its network of informants. But they are wary of the ISI's longstanding ties to militants like the Taliban, which Pakistani spies have seen as a necessary ally to blunt archrival India's influence in Afghanistan. **The ISI gets millions of dollars in United States aid from its American counterpart (which allowed the Pakistan spy service to develop a counterterrorism division), yet is suspicious that the Americans and the Indians might be playing their own "double game" against Pakistan.** In Islamabad, officials are nervous about the intensification of the C.I.A.'s drone campaign in North Waziristan against the network run by Sirajuddin Haqqani, whom the ISI for years has used as a force to carry out missions in Afghanistan that serve Pakistani interests. C.I.A. officials believe that Mr. Haqqani's group played a role in the killing of seven Americans in Khost, Afghanistan, in late December, and since then have carried out more than a dozen drone strikes in the Haqqani network's enclave in North Waziristan. **The ISI, an institution feared by most Pakistanis, is used to getting its way. It meddles in domestic politics and in recent months has been suspected by Western embassies in Islamabad of planting anti-American stories in Pakistani newspapers.** It has also been criticized in reports by international human rights organizations of using brutal interrogation tactics against its prisoners, though the same could certainly be said of the C.I.A. in the period of 2002 to 2004. The annual human rights report of the State Department in 2007 said "there were persistent reports that security forces, including intelligence services, tortured and abused persons." The head of the Pakistani military, Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, said in a recent briefing that it was doubtful that a centralized government would work in post-conflict Afghanistan, making it more important for Pakistan to continue to influence the Taliban in the years to come. **As a result there remains a belief among American intelligence officials that Pakistan will never completely abandon the Taliban,** and officials both in Washington and Kabul admit that they are almost completely in the dark about Pakistan's long-term strategy regarding the Taliban. **"We have a better level of cooperation," said one top American official who met recently in Islamabad with General Kayani. "How far that goes, I can't tell yet. We'll know soon whether this is cooperation, or a stonewall and kind of rope a dope"** (Mazzetti & Perlez, 2010).

**Date:** February 25, 2010

**Source:** Webster Griffin Tarpley

**Title/Headline:** *The Battle For Baluchistan: Iran Nabs Top NATO Terrorist With Help From Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Iran announced the capture of Abdulmalek Rigi, the boss of the terror organization Jundullah, which works for NATO. The capture of Rigi represents a serious setback for the US-UK strategy of using false flag state-sponsored terrorism against Iran and Pakistan, and ultimately to sabotage China's geopolitics of oil. The Iranians claim to have captured Rigi all by themselves, but the Pakistani ambassador to Teheran is quoted in *The Dawn* as claiming an important role for Pakistan. The Iranians say that Rigi was attempting to fly from Dubai to Kyrgyzstan, and that his plane was forced to land in Iran by Iranian interceptors. This exploit recalls Oliver North's 1985 intercept of the accused Achille Lauro perpetrators, including Abu Abbas, forcing their Egyptian plane to land at Sigonella, Sicily. **But other and perhaps more realistic versions suggest that Iran was tipped off by the Pakistanis, or even that Rigi was captured by Pakistan and delivered to the Iranians.** Jundullah, otherwise known as the Rigi organization, is a clan-based Mafia organization that has long infested the Iran-Pakistan border. The Rigis are traditionally smugglers and drug pushers of royalist persuasion, and now they have branched out into terrorism. Jundullah is mounting a Sunni rebellion against the Shiite Iranian regime in Iranian Baluchistan. They have blown up a Shiite mosque, killing 25, and managed to kill 50 in a bombing in Pishin last October, where their victims included some top commanders of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, against which Mrs. Clinton has now declared war. **There is no**

doubt that Jundullah is on the US payroll. This fact has been confirmed by Brian Ross of ABC News, the London Daily Telegraph, and by Seymour Hersh in the New Yorker. Hersh noted that Jundullah has received some of the \$400 million appropriated by the US Congress in the most recent Bush-era regime change legislation targeting Iran. Jundullah is a key part of the US-UK strategy of fomenting ethnic and religious civil war in both Iran and Pakistan. **Jundullah is a twofer in this context, since it can help destabilize both sides of the Iran-Pakistan border.** Baluchistan has special importance because any oil pipeline linking Iran with China must go straight across Baluchistan. **Jundullah's false flag jihad is a means to make sure that strategic pipeline, which would help solve China's energy problem, is never built.** There is also no doubt that Jundullah functions as an arm of NATO, a kind of irregular warfare asset similar in some ways to the KLA of Kosovo. Rigi is reported by the Iranians to have met with Jop de Hoop Scheffer when he was NATO Secretary General. Rigi has also met with various NATO generals operating in Afghanistan. Who knows — he may have met with McChrystal himself, a covert ops veteran from Iraq. This capture comes at a moment when Baluchistan is the object of intense US-UK exertions. The current US-NATO offensive in southern Afghanistan targets Marjah and the rest of Helmand province, which directly faces Baluchistan. Many observers were puzzled when the US and NATO publicized the Marjah offensive in advance. Militarist talking heads like General Barry McCaffrey responded that the main goal of the Marjah offensive was not to destroy the Taliban, but to drive them out of the province. It was thus clear from the beginning that the real goal was to drive the Helmand Taliban fighters into Pakistani Baluchistan. Why? **A statement from the Afghan Taliban covered on the RIA Novosti web site suggests that the real goal of the US-NATO offensive in Marjah-Helmand is to attack Chinese economic interests in Pakistani Baluchistan, and especially the port of Gwadar, one of China's largest overseas projects. If the US can push the Taliban into Pakistani Baluchistan and into the area around Gwadar, they will have a pretext for militarization – perhaps through Blackwater mercenaries, who are already operating massively in Pakistan, or perhaps through direct US military involvement in the zone. US jackboots on the ground in Baluchistan would interfere mightily with Chinese economic development plans.** They would also allow the US to commandeer Gwadar as the home port of a new NATO supply line into southern Afghanistan, allowing the avoidance of the Khyber Pass bottleneck. **The US could also use Baluchistan as a springboard for bigger and better terror ops into Iran, electronic surveillance of Iranian activities, and so forth. The US and NATO had evidently planned a double envelopment of Baluchistan, with Taliban fighters from Helmand arriving from the north, while the Jundullah escalated their own activity on the ground.** Now that Rigi has joined his brother in Iranian jails, Jundullah has been decapitated, and the NATO strategy has consequently been undermined. Iran has bagged a dangerous terrorist foe. Another winner is Pakistan, where *The Dawn* celebrated the capture of Rigi as “a godsend” and “a lucky break” for Pakistan. By helping Rigi to fall into Iranian hands, **Pakistan may have finally found an effective way to counter the US-UK strategy, which notoriously aims at the breakup and partition of Pakistan. The coming Iranian trial of Rigi may go far towards exposing the real mechanism of terrorism in today's world, with the CIA sitting in the dock next to Rigi (Tarpley, 2010).**

**Date:** April 20, 2010

**Source:** Daily Express

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Blamed For Pakistan Violence*

**Abstract:** An Islamist politician whose party lost several members in a suicide attack has blamed Pakistan's alliance with the US for the violence and urged Islamabad to break ranks in the war on terror. The comments showed the depth of anti-Americanism in Pakistan, whose support Washington considers key to stabilising neighbouring Afghanistan. In the past three days, attacks in Pakistan have killed some 74 people in a new wave of violence. A remote controlled bomb on Tuesday hit an army convoy as it travelled in the Hangu district close to the Afghan border, killing three soldiers and a civilian, said police official Farid Khan. The Jamaat-e-Islami party was hit on Monday when a suicide bomber apparently targeted police watching over a rally of the pro-Taliban group. Many of the 24 dead and 45 wounded were party loyalists, while two were officers, police official Khan Abbas said. **Although authorities blamed the Taliban in the immediate aftermath of the attack in Peshawar, the Islamist party's leaders have declined to do so, instead alleging the CIA or Indian intelligence were behind it. "It is because we have brought America's war to our own country,"** Sirajul Haq, a provincial party leader, said in Peshawar after attending funerals for some of the victims. **"Still, there is time to end this alliance with America" to avoid more bloodshed. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but that is not unusual in cases where many ordinary Pakistanis die.** Earlier on Monday, a bomb exploded outside a school run by a police welfare foundation, killing a young boy and wounding 10 people. And over the weekend, multiple bombs in the Kohat region elsewhere in the north-west killed nearly 50 people. **Taliban and al-Qaida militants based in the Afghan border region - who are fighting Pakistani police and the army - have carried out hundreds of attacks over the last three years. They have frequently targeted security forces, government officials and their supporters or family members in mosques, schools and markets, showing no concern for civilian casualties.** Peshawar, the capital of the north-west region, has been one of the hardest-hit cities because it lies close to the border area (Daily Express, 2010).

**Date:** May 3, 2010

**Source:** Prison Planet, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaeda Terror Tape Proven Fraudulent Once Again*

**Abstract:** Investigators say no evidence of foreign involvement in Times Square car bombing, contradicting alleged Taliban tape released by dubious Pentagon front group. Everything about SITE indicates that it is nothing more than a dummy organization being used by the military-industrial complex to release staged Al-Qaeda videotapes as part of the ongoing propaganda offensive to justify the brutal, pointless and manufactured war on terror. **SITE miraculously were able to obtain the highly suspicious September 2007 Bin Laden video tape before it was released by the so-called Al-Qaeda group who had made it. A month before the release of this tape, SITE's sister organization IntelCenter was caught adding its logo to a tape at the same time as Al-Qaeda's so-called media arm As-Sahab added its logo, proving the two organizations were one and the same.** SITE has been positively endorsed by Blackwater USA, the infamous military contractor co-founded by former Navy Seal Erik Prince that was found to have been involved in several massacres of innocent Iraqi civilians. **SITE's continued existence relies on fleecing the American taxpayer by way of contracts with the U.S. government and constantly invoking and hyping the hugely exaggerated threat of alleged Al-Qaeda groups in the Middle East.**



**Having been caught once again releasing a suspicious video in which Middle Eastern terrorists claim responsibility for something that investigators say they had no involvement in**, Americans really need to start asking hard questions about why their tax dollars are being thrown at such a dubious outfit, not to mention how investigations into acts of terror are being confused and hampered by frivolous claims of responsibility that turn out to be baseless. The fact that the corporate media still treats such videotapes with presumed authenticity, despite the fact that they have been proven fraudulent on almost every occasion, tells you everything you need to know about the role of the establishment press in propping up the mirage of the war on terror. **Of course, now that foreign involvement has been dismissed, it's almost guaranteed that the amateurish botched bombing attempt in Times Square will now be blamed on "homegrown extremists" and used to increase the purge of any and all dissent against big government**, bolstering efforts to censor and silence passionate but peaceful criticism on talk radio and the Internet, a move being heartily cheered by liberals who cried foul when they were called traitors for criticizing the invasion of Iraq under Bush (Watson, 2010).

**Date:** May 6, 2010

**Source:** Prison Planet, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Times Square Bomber Linked With CIA-Controlled Terror Group*

**Abstract:** A man arrested in Pakistan in connection with the Times Square car bombing attempt who had traveled with accused bomber Faisal Shahzad is a member of a terrorist organization that is controlled by British MI6 and the CIA. Sheik Mohammed Rehan, who was arrested on Tuesday in Karachi, "Allegedly drove with Shahzad from Karachi to Peshawar on July 7, 2009, in a pickup truck, authorities said. They returned to Karachi July 22. It is not known why they went to Peshawar and whether they met with anyone there," reports the L.A. Times. **Rehan is a member of the militant group Jaish-e-Muhammad, a terrorist organization that came to prominence in the mid-1990's and has been involved in attacks in the disputed Kashmir border region between India and Pakistan. The group also helped carry out the December 2001 attack on the Indian Parliament which brought India and Pakistan to the brink of nuclear war**, tensions that proved very lucrative for British and American arms manufacturers who sold weapons to both sides. "The December 2001 terrorist attacks on the Indian parliament — which contributed to pushing India and Pakistan to the brink of war — were conducted by two Pakistan-based rebel groups, Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Muhammad, both of which are covertly supported by Pakistan's ISI," writes Michel Chossudovsky. "Needless to say, these ISI-supported terrorist attacks serve the geopolitical interests of the US. They not only contribute to weakening and fracturing the Indian Union, they also create conditions which favor the outbreak of a regional war between Pakistan and India." Jaish-e-Muhammad, the group now emerging in connection with the Times Square incident, was founded by Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, the 9/11 bagman who delivered \$100,000 from the United Arab Emirates to Mohammed Atta at the behest of General Mahmud Ahmed, then head of the ISI. **Mahmud Ahmed, the man who ordered Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh to bankroll the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, was meeting with Republican Congressman Porter Goss and Democratic Senator Bob Graham in Washington DC on the morning of 9/11. In the days before and after the attack, Ahmed also met with CIA Head George Tenet as well as current Vice-President Joe Biden, then Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.** In a report on Jaish-e-Muhammad's involvement in the murder of Daniel Pearl, who was investigating the ISI, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported that the Pakistani government, "Believe that Saeed Sheikh's power comes not from the ISI, but from his connections with our own CIA." Former Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf also alleged that Sheikh was recruited by MI6 while studying in London for the effort to destabilize Bosnia. During the 1992-1995 Bosnia conflict, the CIA helped Osama Bin Laden and Al-Qaeda to train and arm Bosnian Muslims. **In 2002, the London Times reported that Sheikh "is no ordinary terrorist but a man who has connections that reach high into Pakistan's military and intelligence elite and into the innermost circles of Osama Bin Laden and the al-Qaeda organization."** Despite Sheikh's intimate involvement in numerous acts of terror as well as political kidnappings, including the 2008 Mumbai massacre, he was protected by both the CIA and British intelligence at every turn. To recap, this is the man who founded the group now emerging in connection with the botched Times Square bombing — a CIA and MI6 asset. "Experts believe Jaish-e-Muhammad still benefits from links with Pakistan's powerful government intelligence community. Some experts believe Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency facilitated the group's formation," states yesterday's L.A. Times article. As the vast majority of geopolitical analysts concur, the Pakistani ISI is virtually nothing more than a CIA outpost. **The ISI does nothing without the Agency giving its approval. The CIA has paid millions of dollars to the ISI since 9/11, accounting for no less than a third of the ISI's entire budget, despite the foreign spy agency's notorious history of funding and arming terrorist groups like Jaish-e-Muhammad and despite the fact that it bankrolled the 9/11 hijackers. Since the CIA has its fingerprints all over almost every Middle Eastern terror group, it's unsurprising that an Agency connection to the Times Square bomber has come to light. We've never come across a terrorist who wasn't trained, equipped, radicalized, entrapped, or provocateured by a western intelligence agency or a terror group controlled by a western intelligence agency** (Watson, 2010).

**Date:** May 21, 2010

**Source:** MSNBC News, Haji Mujtaba

**Title/Headline:** *Taliban Blow Up 'U.S. Spies' In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** Taliban militants strapped explosives to two men accused of being U.S. spies and blew them up at a public execution in northwest Pakistan, intelligence officials and residents said on Friday. The killings took place on Thursday evening in North Waziristan, a lawless al-Qaida and Taliban sanctuary on the Afghan border where the United States has stepped up attacks with missile-firing drone aircraft, fuelling militants' fears of spies. **Five masked militants paraded the handcuffed men before dozens of people in the Datta Kheil area and accused them of passing information to the United States on targets for its CIA-operated pilotless drone aircraft.** "They strapped explosives around their bodies and then blew them up," a Pakistani intelligence official in the region told Reuters by telephone. **Militants have killed hundreds of people they suspect are spies for the United States or the Pakistani government over the past few years.**



They usually decapitate or shoot the suspects. Residents said this was the first time the militants had blown up suspected spies (Mujtaba, 2010).

**Date:** June 15, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Taliban Claim No ISI Relationship*

**Abstract:** The Taliban in Afghanistan reject a London-based report which depicts the relationship between them and Pakistan's intelligence agency as being "strong." The London School of Economics (LSE) claimed the relationship between the Afghan Taliban and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) is greater than previously estimated and that the intelligence agency "orchestrates, sustains and strongly influences the movement." On the same issue, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that "Pakistan's powerful intelligence agency not only funds and trains Taliban insurgents fighting the US-led troops in Afghanistan, but also maintains its own representation on the insurgency's leadership council." The LSE said that its report was based on interviews it had had with nine Taliban field commanders in Afghanistan between February and May of this year. The Taliban also alleged the report was concocted to "protect" American and British interests (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** June 20, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Jundallah Leader Rigi Executed In Iran*

**Abstract:** Iran says it has executed ringleader of the Pakistan-based Jundallah terrorist group. Abdolmalek Rigi arrested while preparing to launch a new round of attacks on the country. Rigi was hanged on Sunday morning in Tehran's Evin prison upon a ruling issued by the country's Islamic Revolution Court, Fars news agency reported. The Jundallah ringleader was charged with 79 counts of various crimes including armed robbery, bombing operations in public places, armed attacks on the army, police personnel, and ordinary civilians, assassination attempts, disrupting regional stability, kidnapping and murder. Rigi's execution comes as Iranian security forces arrested him on February 23 in eastern Iran while he was on a flight from Dubai to Kyrgyzstan. Following his arrest, Iranian Intelligence Minister Heidar Moslehi said that Rigi was at an American base 24 hours before his capture, and that the United States had forged an Afghan passport for him. Rigi, accompanied by his lawyer, appeared in court for the first time on May 27 in the presence of the families of the victims killed by his terrorist group. In the court session, Iranian prosecutors demanded the death penalty for him. Following the demand, Rigi claimed responsibility for the crimes committed by his terrorist group, acknowledging that his acts were in violation of the Islamic and human regulations. After pleading guilty to all charges against him, the Jundallah ringleader went on to ask for forgiveness and made an appeal against the decision for his execution. Iran's Judiciary Chief Ayatollah Sadeq Amoli Larijani, however, rejected the appeal and ordered his execution. The terrorist leader had earlier confessed to having links with NATO officials in Afghanistan and foreign spy agencies like the CIA and Mossad. Jundallah, which is based in Pakistan, has carried out numerous bombings, assassination attempts, and terrorist attacks in Iran. One of the cited attacks left 40 people dead, including several senior commanders of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps, in Iran's southeastern city of Pishin (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** July 6, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *CIA, Pakistan Locked In Aggressive Spy Battles*

**Abstract:** A Pakistani man approached CIA officers in Islamabad last year, offering to give up secrets of his country's closely guarded nuclear program. To prove he was a trustworthy source, he claimed he had spent nuclear fuel rods. But the CIA had its doubts. Before long, the suspicious officers had concluded that Pakistan's spy agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence, was trying to run a double agent against them. CIA officers alerted their Pakistani counterparts. Pakistan promised to look into the matter and, with neither side acknowledging the man was a double agent, the affair came to a polite, quiet end. The incident, recounted by former U.S. officials, underscores the schizophrenic relationship with one of America's most crucial counterterrorism allies. Publicly, officials credit Pakistani collaboration with helping kill and capture numerous Al Qaeda and Taliban leaders. Privately, that relationship is often marked by mistrust as the two countries wage an aggressive spy battle against each other. The CIA has repeatedly tried to penetrate the ISI and learn more about Pakistan's nuclear program; and the ISI has mounted its own operations to gather intelligence on the CIA's counterterrorism activities in the tribal lands and figure out what the CIA knows about the nuclear program. Bumping up against the ISI is a way of life for the CIA in Pakistan, the agency's command center for recruiting spies in the country's lawless tribal regions. Officers there also coordinate Predator drone airstrikes, the CIA's most successful and lethal counterterrorism program. The armed, unmanned planes take off from a base inside Pakistani Baluchistan known as "Rhine." "Pakistan would be exceptionally uncomfortable and even hostile to American efforts to muck about in their home turf," said Graham Fuller, an expert on Islamic fundamentalism who spent 25 years with the CIA, including a stint as Kabul station chief. That means incidents such as the one involving nuclear fuel rods must be resolved delicately and privately. "It's a crucial relationship," CIA spokesman George Little said. "We work closely with our Pakistani partners in fighting the common threat of terrorism. They've been vital to the victories achieved against Al Qaeda and its violent allies. And they've lost many people in the battle against extremism. No one should forget that." Details about the CIA's relationship with Pakistan were recounted by nearly a dozen former and current U.S. and Pakistani intelligence officials, all of whom spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter. An ISI official denied that the agency runs double agents to collect information about the CIA's activities. He said the two agencies have a good working relationship and such allegations were meant to create friction between them. But the CIA became so concerned by a rash of cases involving suspected double agents in 2009, it re-examined the spies it had on the payroll in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region. The internal investigation revealed about a dozen double agents, stretching back several years. Most of them were being run by Pakistan. Other cases were deemed suspicious. The CIA determined the efforts were part of an official offensive counterintelligence program being run by Gen. Ahmed Shuja Pasha, the

ISI's spy chief. Pakistan's willingness to run double agents against the U.S. is particularly troubling to some in the CIA because of the country's ties to longtime **Osama bin Laden ally Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and to the Haqqani network, a Pakistan-based Taliban faction also linked to Al Qaeda.** In addition to its concerns about Pakistan's nuclear program, the CIA continues to press the **Pakistanis to step up their military efforts in North Waziristan, the tribal region where Hekmatyar and Haqqani are based.** CIA Director Leon Panetta talked with Pasha about ISI's relationship with militants last year, reiterating the same talking points his predecessor, Gen. Michael Hayden, had delivered before him. Panetta told Pasha he had needed to take on militant groups, including those such as Hekmatyar and Haqqani, a former U.S. intelligence official said. But the U.S. can only demand so much from an intelligence service it can't live without. Recruiting agents to track down and kill terrorists and militants is a top priority for the CIA, and one of the clandestine service's greatest challenges. The drones can't hit their targets without help finding them. Such efforts would be impossible without Pakistan's blessing, and the U.S. pays about \$3 billion a year in military and economic aid to keep the country stable and cooperative. **"We need the ISI and they definitely know it,"** said C. Christine Fair, an assistant professor at Georgetown University's Center for Peace and Security Studies. **"They are really helping us in several critical areas and directly undermining us in others."** Pakistan has its own worries about the Americans. **During the first term of the Bush administration, Pakistan became enraged after it shared intelligence with the U.S., only to learn the CIA station chief passed that information to the British.** The incident caused a serious row, one that threatened the CIA's relationship with the ISI and deepened the levels of distrust between the two sides. **Pakistan almost threw the CIA station chief out of the country.** A British security official said the incident was "a matter between Pakistan and America." **The spate of Pakistani double agents has raised alarm bells in some corners of the agency, while others merely say it's the cost of doing business in Pakistan.** They say double agents are as old as humanity and point to the old spy adage: **"There are friendly nations but no friendly intelligence services."** "The use of double agents is something skilled intelligence services and the better terrorists groups like Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, provisional Irish Republican Army and the Tamil Tigers have regularly done. It's not something that should be a surprise," said Daniel Byman, a foreign policy expert at the Saban Center at Brookings Institution. **Nowhere is the tension greater than in the tribal areas, the lawless regions that have become the front line in what Panetta described on Sunday as "the most aggressive operations in the history of the CIA."** The area has become what's known in spy parlance as a wilderness of mirrors, where nothing is what it appears. **The CIA recruits people to spy on Al Qaeda and militant groups. So does the ISI. Often, they recruit the same people. That means the CIA must constantly consider where a spy's allegiance lies: With the U.S.? With Pakistan? With the enemy?** Pakistan rarely -- if at all -- has used its double agents to feed the CIA bad information, the former U.S. officials said. Rather, the agents were just gathering intelligence on American operations, seeing how the CIA responded and how information flowed. Former CIA officials say youth and inexperience among a new generation of American officers may have contributed to the difficulties of operating in the tribal regions, where the U.S. is spending a massive amount of money to cultivate sources. **After the 2001 terrorist attacks, the CIA dispatched many young officers to Pakistan and Afghanistan to recruit Al Qaeda spies. Young officers sometimes unwittingly recruited people who had been on Pakistan's payroll for years, all but inviting Pakistan to use their longtime spies as double agents, former CIA officials said.** The Pakistanis "are steeped in that area," Fuller said "They would be tripping over a lot of the same people." Many former CIA officials believe a lack of experience among agency officers led to the bombing in Khost, Afghanistan, last year that killed seven CIA employees. The CIA thought it had a source who could provide information about Al Qaeda's No.2, Ayman al-Zawahiri, who was believed to be hiding in the tribal lands. But the person turned out to be a double agent wired with explosives. Ironically, the CIA steered the source to Khost because officers were concerned ISI would spot him if they brought him to Islamabad for questioning or possibly even arrest him because he was an undocumented Arab. But experience isn't always the problem. **One example of how the suspicious relationship constrains operations was the CIA's base in the remote town of Miram Shah in North Waziristan. U.S. military and CIA officers worked with the ISI together there, under the protection of the Pakistani army, which kept the base locked down. The two intelligence agencies sometimes conducted joint operations against Al Qaeda but rarely shared information, a former CIA officer said.** Haqqani spies were well aware the CIA was working there, and the base frequently took mortar and rocket fire. Two former CIA officers familiar with the base said the Americans there mainly exercised and "twiddled their thumbs." Just getting out of the base was so difficult, U.S. personnel gave it the nickname "Shawshank" after the prison in the movie "The Shawshank Redemption." **The CIA closed the base last year for safety reasons. None of that tension ever spilled into the public eye. It's the nature of intelligence-gathering** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** July 13, 2010

**Source:** Prison Planet, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *CNN Host Calls Deadly Terror Bombings "Helpful" To NWO Agenda*

**Abstract:** CNN host Rick Sanchez let slip a telling admission in response to the deadly bombings in Uganda during his show yesterday, the fact that such attacks are **"helpful" for the military-industrial complex agenda to take over and occupy third world countries under AFRICOM, the United States African Command.** Speaking with a former CIA agent, Sanchez stated, **"You know what's interesting about this, in a strange way the event is helpful to the cause of those of us who know how sadistic these fundamental radical Islamic terrorists are and if it helps get the message out there that these are not the good guys then so be it"** Sanchez is brazenly admitting that deadly terror attacks like the bombings in Uganda only aid the military-industrial complex agenda to take over and occupy third world countries. **Given the fact that such attacks help the geopolitical agenda of the powers that control the United States, who has the strongest motivation to carry out the attacks?** We heard similar rhetoric back in 2008 when shocking excerpts of confidential recordings released under the Freedom of Information Act featured former **Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld talking with top military analysts about how a flagging Neo-Con political agenda could be successfully restored with the aid of another terrorist attack on America.** The tapes were released as part of the investigation into the Pentagon's "message force multipliers" program in which top military analysts were hired to propagandize for the Iraq war in the corporate media. In the audio recording, Lt. Gen. Michael DeLong bemoans shrinking political support for Neo-Con war plans on Capitol Hill and suggests that sympathy for the military-industrial complex agenda will only be achieved after a new terror attack. **Rumsfeld agrees that the psychological impact of 9/11 is wearing off and the "behavior pattern" of citizens in both the U.S. and Europe suggests that they are unconcerned about the threat of terror:**

**DeLong:** "Politically, what are the challenges because you're not going to have a lot of sympathetic ears up there until it [a terror attack] happens."

**Rumsfeld:** "That's what I was just going to say. This President's pretty much a victim of success. We haven't had an attack in five years. The perception of the threat is so low in this society that it's not surprising that the behavior pattern reflects a low threat assessment. The same thing's in Europe, there's a low threat perception. *The correction for that, I suppose, is an attack.* And when that happens, then everyone gets energized for another [inaudible] and it's a shame we don't have the maturity to recognize the seriousness of the threats...the lethality, the carnage, that can be imposed on our society is so real and so present and so serious that you'd think we'd be able to understand it, but as a society, the longer you get away from 9/11, the less...the less..."

In a similar vein to CNN's Sanchez, Neo-Con writer Stu Bykofsky expressed his yearning for "another 9/11" in order to "help America" restore its sense of "outrage and national resolve" in an August 2007 column for the Philadelphia Daily News. Lt.-Col. Doug Delaney, chair of the war studies program at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, told the Toronto Star in July 2007 that "The key to bolstering Western resolve is another terrorist attack like 9/11 or the London transit bombings of two years ago." The same sentiment was also explicitly expressed in a 2005 GOP memo, which yearned for new attacks that would "validate" the President's war on terror and "restore his image as a leader of the American people." In June 2007, the chairman of the Arkansas Republican Party Dennis Milligan said that there needed to be more attacks on American soil for President Bush to regain popular approval. These statements take on an even greater significance when we consider the fact that the U.S. military-industrial complex and the government has openly planned and even admitted to carrying out terrorist attacks as part of its geopolitical strategy. **Operation Northwoods, a plan signed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon to to "kill innocent people and commit acts of terrorism in U.S. cities to create public support for a war" made headlines in May 2001 when it was revealed by investigative journalist James Bamford in his book Body of Secrets.** Operation Ajax, a CIA program of false flag terror to crush Iran's first democratic government in the 1950's, was responsible for the deaths of around 300 people. The CIA admits to the program on their own website. **Then there's Operation Gladio, a "decades-long covert campaign of terrorism and deceit directed by the intelligence services of the West — against their own populations" run by NATO in collusion with the CIA,** a campaign which included the 1980 bombing of the Bologna train station which killed 85 people. Given this dark history, it's no surprise to learn that terror attacks in the modern age are still being directed by the same forces. That's not to say that there aren't Islamic fundamentalists who are perfectly willing to commit violence, but every major terror attack we have investigated leads back to the same players. **The most recent example of this was the November 2008 Mumbai massacre, an attack overseen by David Headley, a Pakistan-born American national and a CIA agent who has been protected from questioning by American authorities since the attack. The consequences of the attacks in Uganda which killed 74 people will doubtless be used to further the integration of Africom, the African arm of the move towards global government under the United States African Command, and the events will also be exploited to pave the way for further U.S. military incursions and occupations of the continent in pursuit of controlling Africa's rich and untapped natural resources.** As CNN's Rick Sanchez rightly points out, this week's tragic terror attacks in Uganda will serve to be immeasurably "helpful" in the pursuit of both of these agendas (Watson, 2010).

**Date:** July 18, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Ahmadinejad: US Behind Terror Attacks*

**Abstract:** Iran's president says US and NATO forces offer financial and material support to terrorists, yet US President Barack Obama, ironically enough, sends a condolence message on the recent deadly terrorist attacks in southeast Iran. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Sunday that US troops in Afghanistan and Pakistan sponsor such acts of terror, reported IRNA. **"No grouping other than US-backed terrorist groups which are devoid of human feelings can commit such acts," added President Ahmadinejad.** The president further called on the Iranian Foreign Ministry to follow up the terror attack through the Pakistani government. "We are friends with the Pakistani nation, ... but the Pakistani government should be held accountable", he said. **Mahmoud Ahmadi also instructed his office to lodge a complaint with international circles base on the 'existing documents', and follow up on NATO and Israel's cooperation with the terrorists.** "The puppeteers pulling the strings in this show will get nothing", President Ahmadinejad said. "Such aggressive policies will only fuel public hatred", he underscored. Two bombs were detonated in quick succession in front of the Zahedan Grand Mosque in the southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchestan last Thursday. At least 27 people lost their lives and more than 100 others were injured in the terrorist act (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** July 26, 2010

**Source:** The Guardian, Munir Ahmed

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Spy Agency Denounces US Intel Docs*

**Abstract:** Pakistan's most powerful spy agency on Monday lashed out against a trove of leaked U.S. intelligence reports that alleged close connections between it and Taliban militants fighting NATO troops in Afghanistan, calling the accusations malicious and unsubstantiated. The reports, which were released by the online whistle-blower Wikileaks, raised new questions about whether the U.S. can succeed in convincing Pakistan to sever its historical links to the Taliban and deny them sanctuary along the Afghan border — actions that many analysts believe are critical for success in Afghanistan. **The U.S. has given Pakistan billions in military aid since 2001 to enlist its cooperation. But the leaked reports, which cover a period from January 2004 to December 2009, suggest Pakistan allows representatives of its Inter-Services Intelligence agency to meet directly with the Taliban to organize militant networks that fight U.S. troops in Afghanistan, and even hatch plots to assassinate Afghan leaders,** according to The New York Times. A senior ISI official denied the allegations, saying they were from raw intelligence reports that had not been verified and were meant to impugn the reputation of the spy agency. He spoke on condition of anonymity in line with the agency's policy. Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, spokesman for

Pakistan's army, was not reachable for comment Monday on the intelligence reports. **The ISI is under the command of the army. Hamid Gul, a former head of the spy agency who is mentioned many times throughout the more than 91,000 intelligence reports released, also denied allegations that he was working with the Taliban.** "These leaked documents against me are fiction and nothing else," said Gul. Wikileaks released the documents, which include classified cables and assessments between military officers and diplomats, on its website Sunday. The New York Times, London's Guardian newspaper and the German weekly Der Spiegel were given early access to the documents. The Guardian also expressed skepticism about the allegations in the documents, saying "they fail to provide a convincing smoking gun" for complicity between the ISI and the Taliban. **But the U.S. has had little success convincing Pakistan to target Afghan Taliban militants holed up in the country, especially members of the Haqqani network, an al-Qaida-linked group that the U.S. military considers the most dangerous in Afghanistan. Pakistan helped the Taliban seize power in Afghanistan in the 1990s.** Although the government renounced the group in 2001 under U.S. pressure, many analysts believe Pakistan refuses to sever links with the Taliban because it believes it could be a useful ally in Afghanistan after foreign forces withdraw. White House national security adviser Gen. Jim Jones defended the partnership between the U.S. and Pakistan in a statement Sunday, saying "counterterrorism cooperation has led to significant blows against al-Qaida's leadership." Still, he called on Pakistan to continue its "strategic shift against insurgent groups." Husain Haqqani, Pakistan's ambassador to the U.S., said the documents "do not reflect the current on-ground realities." **The United States, Afghanistan and Pakistan are "jointly endeavoring to defeat al-Qaida and its Taliban allies militarily and politically,"** he said (Ahmed, 2010).

**Date:** August 12, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, The Wall Street Journal

**Title/Headline:** *Report: U.S. Military Stops Lobbying Pakistan To Help Root Out Militant Group*

**Abstract:** The U.S. military has stopped lobbying Pakistan to help root out one of the biggest militant threats to coalition forces in Afghanistan, U.S. officials say, acknowledging that the failure to win better help from Islamabad threatens to damage a linchpin of their Afghan strategy. Until recently, the U.S. had been pressing Islamabad to launch major operations against the Haqqani network, a militant group connected to Al Qaeda that controls a key border region where U.S. defense and intelligence officials believe Usama bin Laden has hidden. The group has been implicated in the Dec. 30 bombing of a CIA base in Khost, a January assault on Afghan government ministries and a luxury hotel in Kabul, and in the killing of five United Nations staffers in last year's raid on a U.N. guesthouse. **But military officials have decided that pressing Pakistan for help against the group—as much as it is needed—is counterproductive. U.S. officials believe elements of Pakistan's intelligence agency, Inter-Services Intelligence, are continuing to protect the Haqqani network to help it retain influence in Afghanistan once the U.S. military eventually leaves the country.** U.S. officials say the support includes housing, intelligence and even strategic planning. During a trip to Pakistan last month, **Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, chose not to raise the issue of an offensive against the Haqqani network—a departure from the message U.S. defense officials delivered earlier this year.** The U.S. also had intensified the pressure for Pakistani operations in North Waziristan in May after the attempted bombing of New York's Times Square was linked to militants in Pakistan. **Pakistan officials reject the U.S. conclusions about their efforts.** They say they are taking significant action against militants in North Waziristan. They say their intelligence service has severed all ties with the Haqqani network (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** August 28, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Bin Laden Is A CIA Agent, Castro Says*

**Abstract:** Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro has said al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden is a US agent used by former US President George W. Bush to scare the world. "Any time Bush would stir up fear and make a big speech, bin Laden would appear threatening people with a story about what he was going to do," Castro said on Friday, AP reported. The former Cuban leader added that Bush had bin Laden's full support. **"Bush never lacked for bin Laden's support. He was a subordinate."** Castro says US military documents on the Afghan war recently released by whistle-blower website WikiLeaks have effectively proven that bin Laden is a CIA agent. Castro officially stepped down in February 2008, and Cuba's National Assembly elected his brother Raul Castro as the new president. Castro, who turned 84 on August 13, returned to public life on July 7 after four years of convalescence from a serious illness (Press TV, 2010).

**Date:** August 29, 2010

**Source:** Veterans Today, Gordon Duff

**Title/Headline:** *Crash Of Airbus 320 Outside Islamabad Now Believed Hijacked , Heading For Nuke Facility*

**Abstract:** Informed sources in the Government of Pakistan have told Veterans Today that they are developing "hard evidence" indicating the Air Blue Airbus 320 that crashed July 28th outside Islamabad was a terrorist hijacking tied to rogue American security forces operating inside that country. Sources indicate that the plane crash was an unsuccessful hijacking attempt intended to crash into the nuclear weapons facility at Kahuta, outside Islamabad. Such an attack may have been blamed on India and would likely have led to retaliation which could easily have escalated to a nuclear exchange between these two nations that have spent decades at each other's throats. Suspensions were raised inside Pakistan's military and intelligence organizations when American military contractors employed by Blackwater/Xe showed up on the scene immediately after the crash, seizing the black box and "other materials." There is no confirmation that parachutes or electronic equipment had been removed when Blackwater/Xe security relinquished control of the crash scene to Pakistani investigators. Royal Television in Islamabad, owned by the brother of the head of Pakistan's powerful JI (Jamate Islami), the Islamic political party, has reported that investigations are underway tying American based contractors to the planning of the attack. **Pakistan's ISRP (Inter-Services Public Relations) has failed to confirm this but private sources indicate that an active investigation of these allegations is, not only underway but has established ties between an American**



group and the hijackers. Military and intelligence officials inside Pakistan, in concert with the American embassy, are withholding all official details of the investigation and are likely to continue doing so. **This same facility had been the subject of an armed penetration by American contractors, believed to be employed by the State Department, in 2009. Four Blackwater employees, armed and possessing explosives were arrested outside the Kahuta nuclear facility in 2009. The four, driving a Jeep 4x4 and possessing advanced surveillance and jamming equipment of Israeli manufacture, were intercepted 1.5 miles from the Kahuta nuclear facility.** The four spoke fluent Pushtu and were dressed in a manner as to resemble Taliban fighters. The order for their release, given by Minister of the Interior Rehman Malik, is an issue of considerable controversy between the civilian government in Pakistan and the powerful military. **The passenger jet with 152 on board slammed into a hillside in what was believed to be Pakistan's most serious air crash. At least 2 Americans were believed to be on board but, a month later, the US Embassy in Islamabad has left this unconfirmed. Reports received today, however, confirm that at least 5 Americans, military contractors said to be employed by Xe, may also have been on the craft but could not be identified as they had been traveling in local garb and had boarded with false identification. Xe is an American based military and intelligence contracting firm formerly known as Blackwater and has been the subject of considerable controversy for activities inside Pakistan.** Sources indicate that the attackers stormed the cockpit in a hijacking attempt. **The pilot is said to have jammed the flight controls, careening the Airbus 320 and all aboard into a hillside rather than allowing the plane to be used in a "9/11" type attack inside Pakistan or flown into Indian air space for a repeat of the 2008 Mumbai attack.** Pakistan has, at times in error, referred to American contractors employed by the Departments of Defense, State or the Central Intelligence Agency as Blackwater. However, it is believed the majority of such employees are, in fact, members of that organization or is derivative, Xe. **The same group, often criticized for irregularities in Iraq, has been contracted by the Central Intelligence Agency to operate Predator drones inside Pakistan, operations that have resulted in a significant number of civilian deaths and said by political leaders of several factions to do little but recruit terrorists (Duff, 2010).**



**Date:** September 16, 2010

**Source:** Online Journal, Wayne Madsen

**Title/Headline:** *Blackwater/Xe Cells Conducting False Flag Terrorist Attacks In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** WMR (Wayne Madsen Report) has learned from a deep background source that Xe Services, the company formerly known as Blackwater, has been conducting false flag terrorist attacks in Pakistan that are later blamed on the entity called "Pakistani Taliban." Only recently did the US State Department designate the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), also known as the Pakistani Taliban, a terrorist group. **The group is said by the State Department to be an off-shoot of the Afghan Taliban, which had links to "Al Qaeda" before the 9/11 attacks on the United States.** TTP's leader is Hakimullah Mehsud, said to be 30-years old and operating from Pakistan's remote tribal region with an accomplice named Wali Ur Rehman. **In essence, this new team of Mehsud and Rehman appears to be the designated replacement for Osama Bin Laden and Ayman Zawahiri as the new leaders of the so-called "Global Jihad" against the West. However, it is Xe cells operating in Karachi, Peshawar, Islamabad and other cities and towns that have, according to our source who witnessed the U.S.-led false flag terrorist operations in Pakistan. Bombings of civilians is the favored false flag event for the Xe team and are being carried out under the orders of the CIA. However, the source is now under threat from the FBI and CIA for revealing the nature of the false flag operations in Pakistan. If the source does not agree to cooperate with the CIA and FBI, with an offer of a salary, the threat of false criminal charges being brought for aiding and abetting terrorism looms over the source.** **The Blackwater/Xe involvement in terrorist attacks in Pakistan have been confirmed by the former head of the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI), General Hamid Gul, according to another source familiar with the current Xe covert operations. In addition, Pakistani ex-Army Chief of Staff, General Mirza Aslam Beg, reportedly claimed that while serving as president, General Pervez Musharraf approved Blackwater carrying out terrorist operations in Pakistan. Blackwater has been accused of smuggling weapons and munitions into Pakistan. Earlier this year WMR reported that "intelligence sources in Asia and Europe are reporting that the CIA contractor firm XE Services, formerly Blackwater, has been carrying out 'false flag' terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, Somalia, the Sinkiang region of China, Pakistan, Iran, and Iraq, in some cases with the assistance of Israeli Mossad and Indian Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) personnel. A number of terrorist bombings in Pakistan have been blamed by Pakistani Islamic leaders on Blackwater, Mossad, and RAW. Blackwater has been accused of hiring young Pakistanis in Peshawar to carry out false flag bombings that are later blamed on the Pakistani Taliban, also known as Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan. One such bombing took place during the Ashura procession in Karachi last month. The terrorist attacks allegedly are carried out by a secret Blackwater-XE/CIA/Joint Special Operations Command forward operating base in Karachi. The XE Services component was formerly known as Blackwater Select, yet another subsidiary in a byzantine network of shell and linked companies run by Blackwater/Xe on behalf of the CIA and the Pentagon. On December 3, 2009, the Pakistani newspaper *Nawa-i-Waqt* reported: 'Vast land near the Tarbela dam has also been given to the Americans where they have established bases for their army and air forces. There, the Indian RAW [Research and Analysis Wing] and Israeli Mossad are working in collaboration with the CIA to carry out extremist activities in Pakistan.'** **The bombing of a CIA base in Khost, Afghanistan last December was blamed on the TTP but may have actually involved the covert Xe/CIA program to stage false flag attacks and something went drastically wrong with the operation that resulted in the deaths of seven CIA personnel, including the Khost station chief. The TTP was also linked to the failed Times Square "bombing" last May. Responsibility for the recent bomb attack of a pro-Palestine Shi'a rally in Quetta that killed 54 people was claimed by the Pakistan Taliban, but it was actually carried out by one of the Xe covert cells in the country, acting in concert with the CIA, Israeli Mossad, and Indian Research and Analysis Wing (RAW). The ultimate goal is to destabilize Pakistan to the point where it has no choice but to allow the Western powers to secure its nuclear weapons and remove them from the country in a manner similar to the procurement by the West of South Africa's nuclear weapons prior to the stepping down of the white minority government in the early 1990s. WMR has**



been informed that any American, whether or not he or she holds a security clearance, is subject to U.S. national security prohibitions from discussing the U.S.- sponsored terrorist attacks in Pakistan. In one case, a threat was made against an individual who personally witnessed the Xe/CIA terrorist operations but is now threatened, along with family members (Madsen, 2010).

**Date:** September 23, 2010

**Source:** The Times Of India

**Title/Headline:** *CIA Runs 3,000-Strong Covert Army To Hunt Down Al-Qaida In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** America's CIA is running a 3,000-strong covert army to hunt down key leaders of Taliban and al-Qaida in not only Afghanistan but across the border in Pakistan. This heavily-armed irregular force manned entirely by Afghan personnel operates in small units called Counter- terrorism Pursuit Teams, the New York Times reported today quoting extracts from a new book 'Obama's wars' by journalist Bob Woodward. The stunning disclosures in the book which is making waves for laying bare the policy divisions and the personality clashes among the Obama advisors on the Afghan policy may complicate relations between Washington and Islamabad, the paper said. **"Firing missiles from unmanned drones patrolling over Pakistan's turbulent northwest tribal region at a rate that has outstripped the Bush administration's record is bad enough and now to have brigade size paramilitary units operating inside Pakistan marks a significant expansion of the covert war that the Obama administration has waged there,"** the book claims. These forces, the paper said, conducted clandestine raids into Pakistan as part of stepped-up campaign against al-Qaida and Afghan Taliban havens there. The CIA directs and funds the force, which is being billed as the best Afghan fighting force which has made major contributions to stability and security, the book claims. **"The covert army captures and kills Taliban fighters and seeks support in Tribal areas,"** the NYT reported and quoted Pentagon officials as saying that these Afghan units were closely working with American Green Berets to go after Taliban fighters. **According to the Woodward's book, by the end of 2009 strategy review, the President had concluded that the task in Afghanistan could not succeed without wiping out al-Qaida and Afghan Taliban havens operating with impunity in the border tribal areas of Pakistan.** The book says that Obama has remarked, **"We need to make clear to the people that the cancer is in Pakistan"**, so the CIA had turned into its classic old strategy of setting up of a lethal proxy unit. **The book says that such "kill teams" were also operating within Afghanistan to target groups like Haqqani network, closely linked to Taliban and al-Qaida.** The members of these hot pursuit units have been probably recruited from the private militias of warlords (The Times Of India, 2010).

**Date:** September 27, 2010

**Source:** New York Times, Mark Mazzetti, Eric Schmitt

**Title/Headline:** *C.I.A. Steps Up Drone Attacks On Taliban In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** The C.I.A. has drastically increased its bombing campaign in the mountains of Pakistan in recent weeks, American officials said. The strikes are part of an effort by military and intelligence operatives to try to cripple the Taliban in a stronghold being used to plan attacks against American troops in Afghanistan. **As part of its covert war in the region, the C.I.A. has launched 20 attacks with armed drone aircraft thus far in September, the most ever during a single month, and more than twice the number in a typical month.** This expanded air campaign comes as top officials are racing to stem the rise of American casualties before the Obama administration's comprehensive review of its Afghanistan strategy set for December. American and European officials are also evaluating reports of possible terrorist plots in the West from militants based in Pakistan. **The strikes also reflect mounting frustration both in Afghanistan and the United States that Pakistan's government has not been aggressive enough in dislodging militants from their bases in the country's western mountains.** In particular, the officials said, the Americans believe the Pakistanis are unlikely to launch military operations inside North Waziristan, a haven for Taliban and Qaeda operatives that has long been used as a base for attacks against troops in Afghanistan. Some Pakistani troops have also been diverted from counterinsurgency missions to help provide relief to victims of the country's massive flooding. **Beyond the C.I.A. drone strikes, the war in the region is escalating in other ways. In recent days, American military helicopters have launched three airstrikes into Pakistan that military officials estimate killed more than 50 people suspected of being members of the militant group known as the Haqqani network, which is responsible for a spate of deadly attacks against American troops.** Such air raids by the military remain rare, and officials in Kabul said Monday that the helicopters entered Pakistani airspace on only one of the three raids, and acted in self-defense after militants fired rockets at an allied base just across the border in Afghanistan. At the same time, the strikes point to a new willingness by military officials to expand the boundaries of the campaign against the Taliban and Haqqani network — and to an acute concern in military and intelligence circles about the limited time to attack Taliban strongholds while American "surge" forces are in Afghanistan. Pakistani officials have angrily criticized the helicopter attacks, saying that NATO's mandate in Afghanistan does not extend across the border in Pakistan. As evidence of the growing frustration of American officials, Gen. David H. Petraeus, the top American commander in Afghanistan, has recently issued veiled warnings to top Pakistani commanders that the United States could launch unilateral ground operations in the tribal areas should Pakistan refuse to dismantle the militant networks in North Waziristan, according to American officials. **"Petraeus wants to turn up the heat on the safe havens," said one senior administration official, explaining the sharp increase in drone strikes. "He has pointed out to the Pakistanis that they could do more."** Special Operations commanders have also been updating plans for cross-border raids, which would require approval from President Obama. **For now, officials said, it remains unlikely that the United States would make good on such threats to send American troops over the border, given the potential blowback inside Pakistan, an ally. But that could change, they said, if Pakistan-based militants were successful in carrying out a terrorist attack on American soil.** American and European intelligence officials in recent days have spoken publicly about growing evidence that militants may be planning a large-scale attack in Europe, and have bolstered security at a number of European airports and railway stations. **"We are all seeing increased activity by a more diverse set of groups and a more diverse set of threats," said Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano before a Senate panel last week.** The senior administration official said the strikes were intended not only to attack Taliban and Haqqani fighters, but also to disrupt any plots directed from or supported by extremists in Pakistan's tribal areas that were aimed at targets in Europe. **"The goal is to suppress or disrupt that activity," the official said. The 20 C.I.A. drone attacks in September represent the most intense**

bombardment by the spy agency since January, when the C.I.A. carried out 11 strikes after a suicide bomber killed seven agency operatives at a remote base in eastern Afghanistan. According to one Pakistani intelligence official, the recent drone attacks have not killed any senior Taliban or Qaeda leaders. Many senior operatives have already fled North Waziristan, he said, to escape the C.I.A. drone campaign. **Over all the spy agency has carried out 74 drone attacks this year, according to the Web site The Long War Journal, which tracks the strikes. A vast majority of the attacks — which usually involve several drones firing multiple missiles or bombs — have taken place in North Waziristan.** The Obama administration has enthusiastically embraced the C.I.A.'s drone program, an ambitious and historically unusual war campaign by American spies. **According to The Long War Journal, the spy agency in 2009 and 2010 has launched nearly four times as many attacks as it did during the final year of the Bush administration. One American official said that the recent strikes had been aimed at several groups, including the Haqqani network, Al Qaeda and the Pakistani Taliban.** The United States, he said, hopes to "keep the pressure on as long as we can." But the C.I.A.'s campaign has also raised concerns that the drone strikes are fueling anger in the Muslim world. **The man who attempted to detonate a truck filled with explosives in Times Square told a judge that the C.I.A. drone campaign was one of the factors that led him to attack the United States.** In a meeting with reporters on Monday, General Petraeus indicated that it was new intelligence gathering technology that helped NATO forces locate the militants killed by the helicopter raids against militants in Pakistan. In particular, he said, the military has expanded its fleet of reconnaissance blimps that can hover over hide-outs thought to belong to the Taliban in eastern and southern Afghanistan. The intelligence technology, General Petraeus said, has also enabled the expanded campaign of raids by Special Operations commandos against Taliban operatives in those areas (Mazzetti & Schmitt, 2010).

**Date:** October 10, 2010

**Source:** NDTV News

**Title/Headline:** *Pak-Based British Militant May Have Worked For UK Police: Report*

**Abstract:** A Pakistan-based British Al-Qaida militant, who was part of a group plotting Mumbai-type attacks in Europe before his possible killing in a drone attack, may have worked as a police community support officer in the UK, raising fears that Osama bin Laden's group may be trying to infiltrate the security system here. Abdul Jabbar, said to be from the Manchester area, was part of a group of between 10 and 20 Islamist extremists linked to recent intelligence warnings about Mumbai-style attacks in Britain, France and Germany, 'The Sunday Times' reported. The group is based at militant camps in the tribal areas of North Waziristan in Pakistan. **Community support officers - so-called 'plastic policemen' - have fewer powers than ordinary officers, but they have access to police databases that could be invaluable to extremists planning an attack. Security officials said Jabbar was "a rising star" of Al-Qaida. But they have played down suggestions that any formal British branch of Al-Qaida had been set up or that Jabbar was directly linked to any plan to attack European public places. Three years ago it emerged that up to eight police officers and civilians were on a secret list of alleged radicals said to be working in the Metropolitan police and other forces. Some were thought to have attended training camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan.** According to the report, the list was drawn up amid fears that individuals linked to Islamic extremism were taking advantage of police attempts to increase staff from ethnic minorities. A spokesman for Greater Manchester police declined to comment on suggestions that a terror suspect had previously worked there as a community support officer. **"Everything is being handled by the security service," he said. A counter-terrorism official said it was a policy of Mi5 - Britain's internal intelligence service - never to confirm or deny such claims.** The Manchester link has emerged as part of an Mi5 investigation into a web of terrorists planning attacks in Europe. **The network is believed to be led by Al-Qaida commander called Ilyas Kashmiri, a one-eyed Pakistani who has reportedly boasted that he had sent cells to attack Britain and Germany. Intelligence officials disclosed ten days ago that they had received "credible but non-specific" information that simultaneous commando attacks were planned in European cities.** Extremists were thought to be organising an assault similar to the Mumbai attack in 2008 when 10 Pakistani terrorists armed with machine guns and grenades killed over 160 people. In response, the CIA had stepped up its drone attacks on suspected militants in remote camps in Waziristan. Attention has focussed on Jabbar, the British militant who is said to have been killed in a drone attack last month. He is thought to have been an associate of Kashmiri. **According to the report, electronic eavesdroppers had heard Jabbar, his brother and a group of eight German suspects discuss plans to obtain guns and explosives in phone calls to Britain and Germany.** Their "campfire chatter" was apparently intercepted by GCHQ, the Government listening centre in Cheltenham. Counter-terrorism officials said Jabbar, who is married and in his late 30s, attended a meeting of militants in May at which he spoke about setting up an "Islamic Army of Great Britain". **Other sources claimed that Jabbar, who had been living with his wife in Pakistan for at least a year, may have previously attended a mosque in the Manchester area. There is no indication whether he was the militant who had worked there as a community support officer (NDTV News, 2010).**



**Date:** October 20, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Catherine Herridge

**Title/Headline:** *EXCLUSIVE: Al Qaeda Leader Dined At The Pentagon Just Months After 9/11*

**Abstract:** Anwar Al-Awlaki may be the first American on the CIA's kill or capture list, but he was also a lunch guest of military brass at the Pentagon within months of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, Fox News has learned. Documents exclusively obtained by Fox News, including an FBI interview conducted after the Fort Hood shooting in November 2009, state that **Awlaki was taken to the Pentagon as part of the military's outreach to the Muslim community in the immediate aftermath of the attacks.** The incident was

flagged by a current Defense Department employee who came forward and told investigators she helped arrange the meeting after she saw Awlaki speak in Alexandria, Va. The employee "attended this talk and while she arrived late she recalls being impressed by this imam. **He condemned Al Qaeda and the terrorist attacks. During his talk he was 'harassed' by members of the audience and suffered it well,**" reads one document. According to the documents, obtained as part of an ongoing investigation by the specials unit "Fox News Reporting," there was a push within the Defense Department to reach out to the Muslim community. "At that period in time, the secretary of the Army (redacted) was eager to have a presentation from a moderate Muslim." **In addition, Awlaki "was considered to be an 'up and coming' member of the Islamic community. After her vetting, Aulaqi (Awlaki) was invited to and attended a luncheon at the Pentagon in the secretary of the Army's Office of Government Counsel."** Awlaki, a Yemeni-American who was born in Las Cruces, N.M., was interviewed at least four times by the FBI in the first week after the attacks because of his ties to the three hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi, Khalid al-Mihdhar and Hani Hanjour. The three hijackers were all onboard Flight 77 that slammed into the Pentagon. Awlaki is now believed to be hiding in Yemen after he was linked to the alleged Ft. Hood shooter Major Nidal Malik Hasan, who e-mailed Awlaki prior to the attack. **Sources told Fox News that Awlaki, who is a former Muslim chaplain at George Washington University, met with the Christmas Day bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab in Yemen and was the middle-man between the young Nigerian and the bombmaker. Awlaki was also said to inspire would-be Times Square bomber Faisal Shahzad. Apparently, none of the FBI's information about Awlaki was shared with the Pentagon.** Former Army Secretary Tommy White, who led the Army in 2001, said he doesn't have any recollection of the luncheon or any contact with Awlaki. **"If this was a luncheon at the Office of Government Counsel, I would not necessarily be there,"** he said. The Pentagon has offered no explanation of how a man, now on the CIA kills or capture list, ended up at a special lunch for Muslim outreach. After repeated requests for comment on the vetting process beginning on October 13th, an Army spokesman insisted Wednesday that the lunch was not an Army event. **"The Army has found no evidence that the Army either sponsored or participated in the event described in this report,"** spokesman Thomas Collins said. Collins also noted that the FBI document referred to the "Office of Government Counsel" but should read "Office of General Counsel." Collins said he believed the event was sponsored by the office of the Secretary of Defense. A spokeswoman there said she would look into it and get back to Fox News. **A former high-ranking FBI agent told Fox News that at the time Awlaki went to lunch at the Pentagon, there was tremendous "arrogance" about the vetting process at the Pentagon. "They vetted people politically and showed indifference toward security and intelligence advice of others,"** the former agent said (Herridge, 2010).

**Date:** November 27, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *US Supports MKO Terrorists: Iran Cmdr.*

**Abstract:** A top commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps says the European Union is only providing an excuse for the US to remove the "Rajavi Cult" from its terror list. Brigadier General Yadollah Javani made the remarks on Saturday after the European Parliament issued a declaration on Thursday urging the removal of the Mujahedeen Khalq Organization (MKO) from Washington's list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations. **The European Union removed the MKO from its similar list of terrorist organizations in 2009.** Brigadier General Javani said that despite placing the MKO on its list of terrorist organizations Washington has not refrained from providing all out-support for the group over the past 30 years. **"The group has conducted a terror campaign from the safe haven provided by the West, the US and the Zionists,"** he was quoted by Mehr News Agency as saying. "In order to escape from the glaring inconsistency between the words and actions of the US, Washington needs an excuse and justification such as the request made by the European Union," he added. **The "Rajavi cult", as the MKO came to be known, was founded in Iran in the 1960s, but its top leadership and members fled the country some twenty years later, after carrying out numerous acts of terror inside the country. In the 1970s the group targeted American citizens in Iran, killing William C. Cottrell, Colonel Lewis L. Hawkins, Donald G. Smith, and Colonel Jack Turner in the country. They also masterminded the 1981 bombing of the offices of the Islamic Republic Party, in which more than 72 senior Iranian officials were killed, including the then Judiciary chief Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti. After fleeing to neighboring Iraq, the terror cell provided security services to Saddam Hussein, fighting on his behalf during the eight-year Iraqi-imposed war on Iran. In 1991, Maryam Rajavi as then leader of the group's military forces directly ordered the massacre of Kurdish Iraqis in the north and the Shia population in the south (Press TV, 2010).**

**Date:** November 30, 2010

**Source:** The Independent

**Title/Headline:** *Yossi Melman: Mossad, MI6, The CIA And The Case Of The Assassinated Scientist*

**Abstract:** Three events – not seemingly related – took place yesterday. The leaking of State Department documents, many of which deal with the world's concerns about Iran's nuclear programme; the mysterious assassination in Tehran of a top Iranian nuclear scientist and the wounding of another, and the appointment of Tamir Pardo as the new head of Mossad, Israel's foreign espionage agency. The attack on the two scientists, one of them mentioned as a top nuclear scientist working with Iran's Ministry of Defence, was part of these efforts. No organisation claimed responsibility but it is obvious, not just because of accusations by Iranian officials and Iran's media, that Israel was behind it. Most experts who follow Middle East politics and Mossad history would agree. **It is at least the fourth attempt to assassinate Iranian scientists linked with the country's nuclear programme in four years.** There were probably other attempts which did not hit the headlines. The attribution to Mossad is not because of the use of motorcycles, though in the past Mossad has been involved in similar operations. The best known one was in 1995 in Valletta, Malta, when a Mossad hit-team liquidated Dr Fathi Shkaki, the leader of the Islamic Jihad. **It has more to do with the policy of Mossad to deal a blow to Iran's nuclear programme. On top of assassinating nuclear scientists to terrorise others and force some to quit, it is believed that Mossad was also behind penetrating Iranian purchasing networks and selling them flawed equipment of its nuclear enrichment centrifuges and most recently by planting a virus which has damaged the nuclear computers at Natanz.** Yet despite these daring ploys, it is obvious to Israeli decision-makers as well as to western leaders that if a country is determined enough to develop nuclear weapons nothing would stop

it. But there's a link between them. **They are part of the endless efforts by the Israeli intelligence community, together with its Western counterparts including Britain's MI6 and America's CIA, to sabotage, delay and if possible, to stop Iran from reaching its goal of having its first nuclear bomb** (The Independent, 2010).

**Date:** November 29, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *'West Resorts To Terrorism Against Iran'*

**Abstract:** Following the terrorist attack on two Iranian lecturers, a Tehran university professor says the West is resorting to state terrorism to stop Iran's nuclear program. Unknown terrorists detonated bombs in the vehicles of Dr. Majid Shahriari and Professor Fereydoun Abbasi in separate locations on Monday morning between 7-8 a.m. local time. Shahriari was martyred immediately, but professor Abbasi and his wife sustained injuries and were transferred to hospital. Both men were professors at Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran. **"Those atomic physics professors were very active in Iran's peaceful nuclear energy [program]... during the past 7-8 year... the United States and the Zionist regime [of Israel] have been trying different methods to stop Iran's peaceful nuclear program,"** Dr. Foad Izadi said in an interview with Press TV on Monday. "Sanctions, threats of military attacks and different types of pressures have been exerted." **Izadi pointed to the murder of an Iranian physics professor a few months ago and said now the US and Israel are resorting to one of the tactics that both are familiar with -- state terrorism.** On July 12, Iranian nuclear physics scientist Dr. Massoud Ali-Mohammadi was killed in a remote-controlled bomb attack in the Iranian capital of Tehran. **Iranian security officials believe that the equipment and bomb system used in the attack were related to a number of foreign intelligence agencies, particularly the Israeli Mossad. Izadi called the UN resolution 1747 in which Abbasi's name was cited as a "nuclear scientist" a "hit list" and said the people on the list were being assassinated. "These assassinations will not have any effect, except that they will encourage the people in Iran to continue this path and make sure they can stand up to these aggressive governments,"** Izadi concluded (Press TV, 2010).

**Conclusion:** It is now clear that the War of Terror is a complete FRAUD. Anyone still believing that some Arab guys in caves brought down the Twin Towers or detonated the nuke at the Super Bowl is either in denial, borderline retarded, or under such mind-control and brainwashing that they are unable to distinguish between fact and fiction.

## The Nuclear Bible: Real “Truther” Solutions



**Intro:** It is long been said that the answer to every question is staring back at us in the mirror. While we cannot change the World overnight, the following “Truther Solutions” are essential in freeing your body, mind, and soul from control and manipulation by The Powers That Be.



**Pray:** Whether it's to God or Allah, there is only One Creator and you should give praise and thanks for this wonderful life. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and protection as we venture through this extremely evil period in history



**Drink Good Water:** Our bodies are comprised of over 90% water, and thus it is imperative that you locate a good water source which is free of fluoride and other toxins. Once your body is able to detox, you will have more energy and you will be able to think more clearly.



**Eat Real & Organic Food:** Aside from water, food is the most important change you can make in you and your family's life. As Hippocrates once said, “Let food be thy medicine, thy medicine shall be thy food.” With all the additives, preservative, genetic modification, and outright poison in today's food supply, there is no better time to eat organic and healthy.

**Shop Local:** Now that you are eating organic, you will need to shop for food at your local Farmers Market. By shopping local farms, stores, restaurants and retailers, you are investing money into your local economy while in fact boycotting the corporate power structure.



**Boycott Corporations:** The time to boycott corporations that hurt America's Main Street like Wal-Mart, McDonalds, and Coke is long overdue. When you buy from a corporation, you are in essence enabling that corporation to live while effectively killing your own local economy and future. There is a great chance that the same product is available locally and your dollars don't support corporation and their overseas sweatshops and child labor.

**Vote With Your Money:** Every time you buy something, you are essentially voting with your money. Money is power, and you alone have the power to spend your money on food, clothing, entertainment, and investments that do not support the Globalist agenda. Lastly, when you do vote for real on November 2, do not vote unless your car is full. Pick up your family, your friends and your relatives, and educate them on the way to the polls about the Left-Right paradigm and which politicians and ballot propositions are Constitutionally friendly.

**Turn Off The TV:** Television is probably the single greatest tool that the Globalists have. By boycotting their television programs, their ratings along with their advertising budgets will wither and fail. There are also a number of diseases and negative health affects attributed to the watching of television. Turn off the fear and propaganda, and enjoy the beautiful nature outside that our Creator has made for us.





**Don't Take Medication:** The medical establishment has long since sold out to Big-Pharma, and the subsequent poisoning (soft-kill) of the American People is under way. Humanity is in a perpetual haze of drugged by a cocktail of various poisons that are labeled as medications. The fact is that any non-natural medication will, in time, cause at least one side-effect, thus rendering the original medication effectively useless. There is a natural remedy to ALL diseases, given the right combination of good nutrient intake versus harmful toxin intake. Your Creator made you complete, now give your body the correct nutrition to defend itself.

**Never Vaccinate For Any Reason:** Until there is clear accountability from Big-Pharma regarding the ingredients of today's vaccine, there is too great a risk to vaccinate anybody for anything. In theory, vaccines could help humanity cope with disease, but the WHO (World Health Organization) and other Government organizations have allowed Big Pharma to spike the vaccines with thimerosal (mercury), squalene, and a host of other mutant ingredients. Please log onto [www.NVIC.org](http://www.NVIC.org) for more information.

**Boycott The U.S. Military:** The American military has been hijacked by the Globalists who are sending our good men and woman into the meat grinders of Iraq and Afghanistan, all based on the lie that is 9/11. The "Coalition of the Willing" are reaping hundreds of billions in illegal opium trade while sending millions of people to prison for smoking cannabis. If possible, help those you know in the Military get out and make sure that nobody you know ever joins any branch of service. Aside from the dangers of war, the vaccines currently being given to the troops a potential health hazard as well. Please Google the documentary entitled *Beyond Treason* for a look at the dark side of the U.S. Military.



**Research Hemp:** Little known to most people, the Hemp plant has been an economic staple of America since its inception and was used in first U.S. flag, U.S. Constitution, U.S. Bill of rights, and was even used for Colonial money. Hemp has over 50,000 uses ranging from food, medicine, supplements, clothing, energy, housing, plastics, explosives, and essential oils. This plant grows on roughly 90% of the Earth's surface and is the only real "green" option, being 100% recyclable, 100% renewable, and 100% environmentally friendly.



**Support & Use Public Transportation:** The biggest tool for control that the Globalists have, aside from the television, over the American people is their beloved automobiles. While cars serve their purpose, so does reliable public transportation such as high speed rail (Maglev), trains, trams, and electric busses. The bottom line cost to Americans: 1) Billions of U.S. dollars exported via gasoline sales to shadowy countries in the Middle East, 2) Hundreds of millions given to Globalist insurance companies for bloated policies, 3) Cars that lose value quickly and cost a lot of money to maintain, 4) Ticket/Citation fees and licenses are eliminated, as well as the need to carry identification 5) Millions of Americans have died in auto accidents with millions more suffering from debilitating injuries. End the madness.



**Never Self-Censor:** Above all, you must not censor yourself or anybody else at any time or at any place. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Silence is Betrayal." The Globalists are counting on you NOT to talk about the Truth to others. Once people have their suspicions confirmed publicly, they are more likely to vocalize their feelings to others, and thus the dominoes begin to fall. Lastly, if people are not open to the truth, move on and begin to surround yourself with likeminded people that care about Truth, Love, and Humanity.

**Protest 24/7:** Whether it's on the street or on Facebook, make your voice heard. Chances are millions, if not hundreds of millions, of people on the planet feel the same way you do. Vocalize your anger frustration every chance you get. If you don't use your 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right to Free Speech, you just might lose it. One look at the current legislation being proposed in Congress and you'll realize that the time to speak up is now! Check Meetup.com for local protests and groups to join, and remember that protesting is one of the most invigoration and uplifting things you can do in your lifetime.

**Save The Internet:** By all means possible, the Internet, as it currently exists, must be saved and maintained. If We The People are going to bring about positive change we must work together to maintain the Internet status quo. Humanity must rise to the occasion and keep the Internet free and clear of ANY government or corporate hands that want to meddle or stop Humanity's Awakening.

All works of love,  
are works of peace.



**Love One Another:** The greatest thing you can do for yourself and for Humanity is to show love and compassion to your friends, family and loved ones, but most importantly to strangers who happen to be a different color, religion, or creed. Love is impossible to defend, disarm, or defeat. Each one of us has endless love, and the sooner we start using it the better.

**Conclusion:** We are ALL One. Any person, religion, or government that tells you different is working for the Dark Side. The only way that The Powers that Be can stay in power is by humanity fighting with each other instead of coming together for the common good.

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## The Nuclear Bible: Sports Hero Barry Soetoro



**Intro:** In order to effectively respond to a nuclear terror attack on the Super Bowl, U.S. President Barack Obama aka Barry Soetoro (given name) must act the part of a diehard sports fan. To Obama's credit, he has been very busy in this regard. With unprecedented visits to the White House, and countless TV appearances on sports related programs, Obama is the greatest sports fan to ever grace the Oval Office.



ESPN

**Date:** October 12, 2005

**Source:** ESPN

**Title/Headline:** *Presidential First Pitches : Barack Obama*

**Abstract:** Barack Obama was a senator Oct. 12, 2005, when he threw out the first pitch before Game 2 of the ALCS between the White Sox and the Angels at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago (ESPN, 2010).



**Date:** August 31, 2007

**Source:** USA Today, Michael McCarthy

**Title/Headline:** *NFL To Revamp Shield With Redesigned Logo*

**Abstract:** The National Football League is launching a makeover of its red, white and blue "NFL Shield" logo that adorns everything from player jerseys to fan T-shirts and hats. The league is creating a leaner, meaner version of the iconic logo that will debut at the NFL draft in April, 2008. The revamped shield will be slightly taller and thinner, with a new football, fewer stars and darker colors, says Lisa Baird, the NFL's senior vice president of marketing. **The redesign marks the first changes to the shield since 1980. At the NFL's annual meeting this spring, commissioner Roger Goodell talked about the NFL Shield as the "envy of the sports world."** The league has been careful to make an "evolutionary, not a radical change," says Baird. **The new shield features eight stars (representing the eight AFC and NFC divisions) vs. 25 on the current logo. Why 25? It's a mystery.** After researching the shield's origins, the designers could find no reason for 25 stars, says Jaime Weston, director of brand and creative operations. The shield logo was first used around 1940, two decades after the NFL's founding in 1920. The football at the center has been redesigned to resemble the ball atop the Vince Lombardi championship trophy, says Baird. It replaces the old-fashioned pigskin nicknamed the "Hamburger" inside league offices. NFL vendors will probably thank the league for switching to fewer stars. Some vendors, without permission, have used fewer stars rather than shoe-horning 25 tiny stars into smaller shields on hats and T-shirts. **Tinkering with one of the country's most powerful and ubiquitous sports brands will be a risky and expensive business.** NFL sponsors such as Reebok, Riddell, Wilson and EA Sports will have to switch shields on everything from uniforms (players wear three logos at the neck and waistlines and on the helmet) and licensed merchandise to the official "Duke" game ball and *Madden* video game. Even groundskeepers will have to adopt the new shield at NFL stadiums. But Baird believes the cleaner, more modern symbol will "pop" better during TV telecasts. The less-busy logo will also show up better on "third screens" increasingly used by sports fans: cellphones, laptops, iPods and PDAs. During testing with focus groups, consumers liked the switch to eight stars for eight divisions, she says. **"People felt that made more sense than tying in to 32 teams,"** says Baird (McCarthy, 2007).

**Although the NFL says that the 4 and 4 star logo is representative of the four divisions within the NFC and AFC Conferences, the NFL is seriously looking into franchises in Europe, so that particular concept will only be valid for a couple of years. More than likely, the 4 and 4 is representative of the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States: Barack Hussein Obama.**



**Date:** February 21, 2008

**Source:** The Statesman

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Hooks 'Em In Visit With Longhorns*

**Abstract:** So, Obama, can the Longhorns win another national championship? **"Yes, they can."** Hours before he returns to the UT campus for tonight's debate with Sen. Hillary Clinton, Sen. Barack Obama paid a courtesy call to Mack Brown and his Longhorns. It might seem like an odd pairing, given Brown's repeated claims to be agnostic when it comes to politics. Brown has said that he doesn't even vote (in anything other than the coaches poll), lest he be seen as straying too close to the political fire. **Then again, his wife has donated to Obama's campaign, giving \$500 last March long before Obama's bandwagon had filled with supporters. Perhaps Mack was lobbying Obama about that border fence idea we mentioned in today's paper — a border fence to keep the Oklahoma recruiters out.** Here are the photos from Obama's visit to the land of the burnt orange and the home of the brave. Given the senator's eagerness to flash the hook 'em sign, his campaign just might find itself doing a little damage control among the Aggie vote. **Oh, who are we kidding. The Aggies are all Republicans, aren't they governor?** (The Statesman, 2008).

**Date:** April 29, 2008

**Source:** MSNBC, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Hoops It Up With North Carolina Players*

**Abstract:** For all his basketball skills, Barack Obama was out of his league. The Democratic presidential candidate played hoops with the University of North Carolina team on Tuesday, a Final Four squad that cut the 46-year-old some slack. **"These guys move very fast,"** puffed Obama, as he raced up and down the court with the much younger and much bigger college players, many of whom dwarfed the 6-foot-2 Obama. The Illinois senator is a workout enthusiast, and basketball is his chosen game. He decided to open his day with the Tar Heels, including star Tyler Hansbrough, a 6-foot-9 All-American who spent part of his morning guarding Obama. At one point, Obama slipped past Hansbrough for a layup, which rimmed out. Ever the realist, Obama recognized what had happened. **"Hansbrough went easy on me,"** Obama said. **"I thought I had it."** Obama often plays pickup basketball games with local backers. He toured the Tar Heel sports complex with Coach Roy Williams, and conceded he had moved up a notch. **"Let me tell you, these guys are big and fast,"** said Obama, catching his breath on the sidelines. In his March NCAA tournament picks, Obama selected North Carolina, but the Tar Heels lost to eventual champion Kansas in the semifinals. Though the players, who were relishing banging on each other, gave Obama his shots, he was unable to score. At one point he dished off a nifty, behind the back pass that nearly set up an assist. Neither side kept score (MSNBC, 2008).

**Date:** May 9, 2008

**Source:** Oregon Live, Rachel Bachman

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Speaks To 8,000 At University Of Oregon*

**Abstract:** After introductions by Oregon men's basketball coach Ernie Kent -- along with U.S. Reps. Wu and DeFazio -- Barack Obama entered to thunderous applause from a crowd estimated by fire officials at about 8,000. Bruce Springsteen's "The Rising" boomed over a sound system. Obama walked out of the The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art and onto the Memorial Quadrangle at dusk, around 8:10 p.m. It was a dramatic scene, Obama against a backdrop of the museum's ornate brick exterior and a riser full of supporters, facing a riser of television cameras and a long, grassy mall of standing supporters. As Obama began, he noted that he had been introduced by the men's basketball coaches at Oregon and Oregon State at different speaking engagements. **"That's a sign of being able to bring anybody together in this country."** Obama went on to speak of the failed policies of President George Bush and the war in Iraq. When Obama noted the high price of gas, he said, **"You're riding your bike, aren't you?"** -- to a big cheer, of course (Bachman, 2008).



**Date:** May 16, 2008

**Source:** Media General, [Sean Mussenden](#)

**Title/Headline:** *Top Obama Aide Goes From Duke Basketball Court To DC*

**Abstract:** On the campaign trail, there are hundreds of young staffers who have been working their entire lives to get a job in the White House. **And then there's Reggie Love. At 26, Love, a former Duke University basketball and football star isn't exactly sure how he ended up as one of Barack Obama's most indispensable aides on the trail this year. As Obama's "body man,"** he has spent almost every hour of every day with the presumptive Democratic nominee for the last 15 months. **He makes sure Obama gets up on time in the morning, gets in the shower and has breakfast.** He makes sure he has his daily briefing books and list of fundraisers or super delegates to call that day. **He makes sure he gets to bed at night. In between, he does a thousand other tasks that busy presidential candidates like Obama cannot do for themselves.** Love isn't quite sure how he ended up here. That's remarkable in an arena populated by young, careerist politicians, the former class president-types who have been angling for positions like his since high school. **Love, a Charlotte native, majored in political science at Duke University. But until he fell backwards into a job in Obama's senate office in Washington in early 2006, he didn't expect to actually work in politics. "Before I started working for Barack, I was very cynical**

about politics," he said in an interview earlier this month. He hoped to become a professional athlete. And while many people harbor such dreams unrealistically, Love almost made it - and still might, at least overseas. **He was never the best player on Duke's basketball team during his run from 2000 to 2005. Playing forward and center, though, he was a key role player during a stretch where Duke won a national championship and several Atlantic Coast Conference championships. On Duke's sub-par football team, Love stood out. As a 6-foot four-inch, 225 pound wide receiver, he was good enough to try out for two NFL squads, the Dallas Cowboys and the Green Bay Packers, though he missed the cut for both.** In 2006, he was considering entering a training program for a Wall Street investment bank, when a friend alerted him to an opening in Obama's senate office in Washington. **He got the job, and when Obama decided to run for president, Love moved on with him.** Mentally, he says, the last 15 months on the campaign trail have been like playing four straight seasons of college sports. Physically, he's feeling better than he did during the bruising NFL training camps. In an interview with the Chicago Tribune, Obama pointed out that one of the body man's most important roles is making sure the candidate isn't overwhelmed by demands to call fundraisers, or meet local supporters or read a draft of a speech. Love's temperament is suited for the job, he said. **"People ...want me here or want me there, or are making requests, or are wanting some phone call out of me. Having somebody who is a good people person is really important,"** he said of Love. At a campaign rally in Charlotte, Love's hometown, the weekend before the North Carolina primary, **Obama coaxed a reluctant Love onto the stage, calling him "one of the staffers I love the most." "He is there, day in, day out, never complains, has always got a cheerful attitude," Obama told the crowd. "He is ...going places."** Basketball rivalries within North Carolina are fierce, and hatred of Duke is intense in many pockets. Love said he didn't meet a single person who said they would not vote for Obama because of his decision to bring a Blue Devil on staff. "Even though the Duke-Carolina rivalry is fierce, there's some civility to it. Much more so than with the (University of) Maryland fans," he said. The body man position has been around for years, but only gained notoriety with the television show "The West Wing" that made a lead character of the president's body man, Charlie Young. The job is both exhausting and frequently repetitive, and includes lots of menial jobs. At a soul food restaurant in Greensboro on the eve of the North Carolina primary, **Love held Obama's box of hot wings while the candidate worked the crowd. The pressure is intense. He and other staffers are surrounded by hundreds of members of the media, so the potential of accidentally saying something to damage the campaign is real.** Even seemingly trivial things get reported. For example, earlier this month, Obama, Love and other staffers went to the back of the campaign plane to challenge members of the press to a game of Taboo, a word association game. Players offer clues to teammates to get them to guess words. **One of the clues Love came up with, "where gay people buy clothes" was reported by dozens of news outlets.** Obama guessed Abercrombie & Fitch. The answer was the Gap. Despite the drawbacks, the benefits of the job are many. The body man, in both the White House and on the campaign trail, gets to see history being made up close. **And there are fun parts. Love, Obama and other staffers play basketball on the road when time allows. And it opens doors. Blake Gottesman, President George W. Bush's body man for most of his tenure, left the White House in 2006 and was granted admission to Harvard's graduate business school despite his never having received an undergraduate degree.** It helped Doug Band, who did the job for President Clinton, run in circles that led to his dating supermodel Naomi Campbell, according to the Washington Post. Before the campaign started, Love had considered moving overseas to join a professional basketball league after it ended. Now, he's worried that he might be too old. **He acknowledges that if Obama wins, working in the White House would be a nice perk. Even if he never expected to end up there** (Mussenden, 2008).

**Date:** October 3, 2008

**Source:** Word Press, Kamryn Love

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Receives Michigan State University Honorary Jersey*

**Abstract:** "Standing before an estimated 20,000-person crowd that would have overfilled Breslin Center by 3,720 people, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama received a Spartans basketball jersey with his name and the number "08" on the back Thursday afternoon. He modeled it for the audience that blanketed Adams Field off West Circle Drive to a thunderous applause, just before he delved into issues such as the economy, energy and education. "Everybody has to vote. You have no excuses," Obama told the crowd, including some members who had arrived as early as 9 a.m. for the 2:30 p.m. speech. "But you have to go get cousin Pookie, you know, Ray-Ray, who's sitting on the couch loafing around. You have to get them registered and get them out to vote as well." Obama might as well have been in Breslin Center, as he led a raucous **"Go Green, Go White" chant and paid homage to Earvin "Magic" Johnson, who led MSU to the national basketball championship during Obama's senior year of high school in 1979**" (Love, 2008).

**Date:** November 5, 2008

**Source:** ESPN, Lester Munson

**Title/Headline:** *Change Is Coming To Sports, Too, Under Obama*

**Abstract:** It will take some time, maybe 1,000 days, to measure the full impact that President-elect Barack Obama will have on the world of sports, but we can already circle a couple of upcoming dates and make some educated guesses about his role in the games we play and watch. **On the afternoon of the 76th day of his presidency (Monday, April 6), Obama will be back on Chicago's South Side to join fellow White Sox fans at U.S. Cellular Field for Opening Day against the Kansas City Royals. And on the 255th day of his presidency (Friday, Oct. 2), he will be in Copenhagen, Denmark, telling the members of the International Olympic Committee why the 2016 Summer Olympics must be in Chicago.** Obama's allegiance to the Sox (he does not hesitate to express his scorn for fans of the Chicago Cubs) and his support for an Olympics in Chicago are absolute. In an interview with ESPN's Stuart Scott that aired on "SportsCenter" in August, Obama was asked who he would root for in a Cubs-White Sox World Series. This was his answer: **"Oh, that's easy. White Sox. I'm not one of these fair-weather fans. You go to Wrigley Field, you have a beer; beautiful people up there. People aren't watching the game. It's not serious. White Sox, that's baseball. South Side."** On other issues facing the sports industry, Obama views are a bit less certain.

However, a review of his campaign statements and position papers as well as ESPN.com interviews with his friends and former colleagues at the University of Chicago indicate that an Obama administration is likely to:

- Produce major tax increases for team owners and players;
- Slow sales of professional teams;
- Increase the powers of player unions;
- More vigorously enforce the requirements of Title IX;
- And begin to resolve the serious clashes between sports cable networks such as the NFL Network and the Big Ten Network and cable providers such as Comcast.

**Obama's views on other critical sports issues, including performance-enhancing drugs and stricter controls on the powers and the finances of the NCAA, are unknown. Experts agree that Obama's support for Chicago's 2016 Olympics bid will be critical and that his presence in Copenhagen could easily win the Olympics for Chicago.** Former British prime minister Tony Blair's charismatic presentations were said to have led the IOC to pass over Paris, which seemed to have the leading bid after New York City's attempt to get the Games collapsed, and give the 2012 Olympics to London. Chicago's competition for the 2016 Games includes Madrid, Spain; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Tokyo. Obama, who appeared at a downtown Chicago rally in support of the bid in June shortly after he won the Democratic nomination, could have an even greater impact on the IOC than Blair did, according to Olympics experts. **"He will be the rock star of the Copenhagen meeting,"** observes Allen Sanderson, a professor of sports economics at the University of Chicago. **"We saw the crowd he drew in Berlin, and he will remain in the glow of an historic election triumph when he asks for IOC votes."** In late July, some 200,000 people attended an Obama speech in front of Berlin's Victory Column, designed in part to demonstrate his desire to improve America's image in Europe and the rest of the world. Japanese Olympic officials already have expressed their concern that Obama could turn the tide in favor of Chicago when the IOC votes in October. **"Mr. Obama is popular and good at speeches, so things could get tough for Japan,"** said Tomiaki Fukuda, a senior Japanese Olympic Committee board member. If Sen. John McCain had won the election, the U.S. bid to play host to the 2016 Olympics might have been negatively affected. Many IOC members remember McCain's scathing investigation of the bribery scandal involving IOC members who helped award the 2002 Winter Olympics to Salt Lake City. Two members of the Salt Lake City bid committee were indicted, and McCain's investigation led to major changes in the IOC and the U.S. Olympic Committee. Many IOC members remain bitter over McCain's aggressive efforts for reform. **An Olympics in his home city of Chicago in the late summer of 2016 would be a grand finale for an Obama presidency that would be about to wind down if he were re-elected to a second term.** Of more importance than the 2016 Olympics, of course, is the state of the economy, and Obama's attempts to restore it to health could have far-reaching effects on sports. **"The sports industry needs and wants the economy back,"** says Marc Ganis, a consultant in sports finance who has worked for numerous professional teams and leagues and most recently quarterbacked the deal that produced the new Yankee Stadium. **"Fans must be able to buy tickets and cable television packages. Businesses must be able to buy sponsorships and skyboxes. The industry may be recession-resistant, but it is not recession-proof. We need a return to health."** Part of the Obama prescription for the economy could hurt both owners and players. Throughout his campaign, **Obama promised that he would increase taxes on individuals who earn more than \$250,000 per year. That would take money out of the pockets of wealthy team owners and well-paid players. The Major League Baseball minimum salary, for example, will be \$400,000 next year. "It will be an increase that they will notice,"** Sanderson observes. Already, a number of baseball agents are saying they might attempt to have their free agents signed, sealed and delivered to new teams by Jan. 1. Among Obama's economic proposals is an increase of the top federal income tax rate from 35 percent to 39.6 percent, but signing bonuses paid before the start of the new year likely wouldn't be subject to the new rate. Too, Obama's campaign promises about capital gains and inheritance taxes, if and when implemented, will complicate the sale and transfer of team ownerships. **Wayne Huizenga, the owner of the Miami Dolphins, told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel recently that he will attempt to complete the sale of his team to Steve Ross, a New York real estate mogul, before the end of 2008 to avoid Obama's promised increase in the capital gains tax.** Obama's economic plan calls for an increase in that tax from 15 percent of the investment gain to 20 percent, a hike of one-third. An Obama-promised increase in estate taxes could also provide problems for team owners. If the tax is increased, the death of a principal owner could lead to serious problems for a family trying to keep control of the team. **The NFL's St. Louis Rams, according to some reports, are for sale as the result of the impact of inheritance taxes at current rates.** In addition to his changes in the tax structure, Obama may seek changes in the laws that govern unions. After enjoying strong support from organized labor during his campaign, Obama can be expected to increase the leverage of player unions through appointments to the National Labor Relations Board, the forum that regulates collective bargaining between players and owners. **He may also introduce legislation that would ban replacement workers, a reform that has long been a goal of the labor movement. Under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, the NLRB was slow to consider and even slower to decide cases that involved allegations of unfair bargaining practices on the part of team owners.** Union representatives, who requested anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the issues, told ESPN.com that they look forward to a more aggressive NLRB that will be quick to decide player complaints against team owners. **As early as last summer, the late Gene Upshaw, the leader of the NFL Players Association who died in August, said he was looking forward to a President Obama introducing legislation that would ban replacement workers. Known to labor activists as "scabs," replacement workers are hired to replace striking workers, a device that destroyed an Upshaw-led strike in 1989.** Upshaw was anticipating a radically different situation when the NFL's current collective bargaining agreement expires in 2011. In addition to the changes he will enact on the professional level, Obama's approach to governing can be expected to have some indirect impacts in college sports. **Coaches, athletes and administrators in a number of so-called minor sports, such as wrestling, have long been wary that their sports will be eliminated to meet the equality of gender requirements of Title IX, and they cannot be happy about Obama's election.** With President Bush in the White House and Dennis Hastert, a former wrestling coach, serving as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, participants in those sports had some hope that Title IX requirements might be diluted. Bush and his staff looked hard at Title IX and the possibility of enacting changes in the regulations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that govern Title IX, but they backed away as opposition to any changes grew. **Obama, the father of two daughters, might not be sympathetic to those hoping to lessen the impact of Title IX. In an issue that affects both**

college and professional sports, both sides of an acrimonious dispute between sports cable networks and cable providers will be watching closely as Obama appoints a new chair of the Federal Communications Commission. Professor James Speta, a telecommunications expert at the Northwestern University Law School, explains that Obama has already committed himself to the idea of "network neutrality" for Internet providers, an idea that guarantees consumers can decide what Internet sites they want and prevents providers from blocking consumers from certain sites. **"If you take his position on the Internet one step further, you can see that Obama will support the idea that a cable TV customer should be able to choose any network he wishes to watch," Speta says. If Speta's assertion proves to be correct, it will be good news for the NFL Network, the Big 10 Network and other content providers who want cable companies to offer their networks to customers.** On other issues, even after a campaign that went on for 22 months, little is known of Obama's positions. Although both the Bush administration and Sen. McCain were aggressive in their approaches to the elimination of performance-enhancing drugs, Obama has not spoken on the issue. **Will he agree with Bush and McCain, that steroids and other drugs must be eliminated? Or will he be sympathetic to the position of Donald Fehr and the Major League Players Association, that regulation and testing should be a private matter between players and owners?** If federal authorities do not conclude their perjury investigation of Roger Clemens before Bush leaves office, Obama and his attorney general will face a decision on Clemens that will be a signal of their approach on these drugs. Obama's position on the NCAA and its tax exemptions also is unknown. **With the NCAA earning billions from football and basketball while competing with the NFL and the NBA for entertainment dollars, many in Congress want an investigation of its tax-exempt status. Obama has not spoken on the issue. In 76 days, Obama will take the oath of office as the 44th president of the United States. In the 1,000 days that follow, he will help support the White Sox, and he will help his city try to win an Olympics bid and perhaps stage the Games.** Decision by decision, day by day, his impact on the world of sports will emerge. His promises of hope and change may lead to solutions to problems that have vexed commissioners, owners, coaches and athletes for years. It will be an interesting ride (Munson, 2008).

**Date:** November 21, 2008

**Source:** The New York Times, Jeff Zeleny

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Makes A Pitch For Chicago's Olympic Bid*

**Abstract:** President-elect Barack Obama donned his salesman's hat on Friday and made his first formal pitch to promote Chicago's bid for the 2016 summer Olympics. **"In the coming years, my administration will bring a fresh perspective on America's role and responsibilities around the world," Mr. Obama said. "But if we are to truly meet our shared challenges, we must all work together. By uniting the world in a peaceful celebration of human achievement, the Olympic Games reminds us that this is possible."** Mr. Obama delivered his remarks through a 90-second videotaped address that was played to the general assembly of the European Olympic Committee during a meeting in Istanbul. Chicago is engaged in a four-city competition for the games, with Rio de Janeiro, Tokyo and Madrid also vying to be selected. **The long-distance appearance by Mr. Obama – his first foray into Olympic politics – underscored the degree to which he is willing to go to get involved on Chicago's behalf in its quest to win the games. For the United States, he said, the Olympics would be a moment "to reach out, welcome the world to our shores and strengthen our friendships across the globe."** **"I deeply believe in the Olympic movement and have long supported hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games in my home city of Chicago," Mr. Obama said. "Over the past two years, I have spoken often about my belief that while we may come from different places and backgrounds, there are certain shared values that unite us, values at the heart of the Olympic movement: friendship, excellence and mutual respect."** Mayor Richard M. Daley Jr. of Chicago, who was attending the meeting in Istanbul, introduced the video of Mr. Obama. **The image showed the president-elect in a formal backdrop, sitting at a table with an American flag at his side. Chicago will make its final presentation to the International Olympic Committee on Oct. 2, 2009, a trip that Mr. Obama is expected to make during his first year in the White House. But should Chicago win the Olympics, that doesn't necessarily guarantee that President Obama will be around to welcome the games to Chicago.** He, of course, has to win re-election in four years. But if he does, the 2016 games would come in the final summer of his second term in office, a fitting bookend to the worldwide attention his candidacy has drawn to Chicago (Zeleny, 2008).

**Date:** January 9, 2009

**Source:** Reuters

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Backs College Football Playoffs*

**Abstract:** **He doesn't have a vote in the process, but President-elect Barack Obama says college football needs a playoff system.** Florida defeated Oklahoma 24-14 on Thursday night to win the national college football championship. The Gators' victory has not stopped the annual debate — mostly among sports writers and other fans of the game — over whether the top four or eight teams should play each other to determine a national winner. **Obama, in a light moment at the end of a news conference, congratulated Florida for its victory but said other top teams such as Utah, the University of Southern California or Texas might have a case to make for being No. 1. "If I'm Utah, if I'm USC, or if I'm Texas, I may still have some quibbles. And you've heard my pitch. That's why we need a playoff," he said.** College presidents have argued against a playoff system by saying it would take the student-athletes away from their studies for an extended period (Reuters, 2009).

**Date:** January 30, 2009

**Source:** U.S. News & World Report, Kenneth T. Walsh

**Title/Headline:** *Obama's Big Endorsement: Steelers Over Cardinals In Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** **Presidents are usually careful not to take sides in big sporting events, like Sunday's Super Bowl.** They don't want to alienate the fans of either team, so they generally praise both sides and leave it at that. Not Barack Obama. **He threw caution and even-handedness out the window yesterday and endorsed the Pittsburgh Steelers in their Super Bowl matchup against the Arizona**



**Cardinals. "Other than the [Chicago] Bears, the Steelers are probably the team that's closest to my heart,"** Obama told reporters in the Oval Office. The president is a longtime resident of Chicago and former senator from Illinois. Obama waded deeper into dangerous waters when he pointed out that Steelers president Art Rooney II and coach Mike Tomlin had both supported him in the presidential campaign. Obama did have some praise for the underdog Cardinals, however. "[Quarterback] Kurt Warner is a great story and he's closer to my age than anybody else on the field, but I am a long-time Steelers fan. You know, I wish the best to the Cardinals. They've been long-suffering. It's a great Cinderella story, but..." **Obama plans to watch the Super Bowl on Sunday with a group of invited friends, members of Congress from both parties, and other guests at the White House. During the pregame show, he has scheduled a live interview with NBC's Matt Lauer.** Vice President Joe Biden, who was born in Scranton, Pa., also backs the Steelers. He told CNBC, "I know you're supposed to be one of these guys that says I'm not sure. But I want to make clear, I'm rooting for the Steelers. Go, Mr. Rooney!" (Walsh, 2009).

**Date:** January 31, 2009

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama To Host Democrats, Republicans At White House Super Bowl Party*

**Abstract:** It's an invitation few would turn down: Watching the Super Bowl at the White House with President Barack Obama playing host. Obama is inviting a group of lawmakers to join him for tomorrow's NFL championship game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Arizona Cardinals. With no Chicago team for Obama to cheer, the president says he's rooting for Pittsburgh, but that he also wishes Arizona the best. Five of the 15 lawmakers invited to join Obama are from Pennsylvania, and two are from Arizona. There are four senators and 11 representatives. The group includes 11 Democrats and four Republicans. **The White House says the gathering is another step in the president's continuing effort to get to know lawmakers better in hopes of reducing the partisan rancor as they work together on the people's business.** (The invited lawmakers are: Sens. Bob Casey, D-Pa.; Dick Durbin, D-Ill.; Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.; and Arlen Specter, R-Pa.; and Reps. Elijah Cummings, D-Md.; Artur Davis, D-Ala.; Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn.; Charlie Dent, R-Pa.; Mike Doyle, D-Pa.; Trent Franks, R-Ariz.; Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz.; Paul Hodes, D-N.H.; Patrick Murphy, D-Pa.; Fred Upton, R-Mich.; and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C.) (Fox News, 2009).

**Date:** February 14, 2009

**Source:** The Huffington Post

**Title/Headline:** *Obama NBA All-Star Game Halftime Message About Community Service*

**Abstract:** It's another call for public service from President Barack Obama. He says all Americans should help out in their communities. That could mean reading to children or repairing basketball courts. The basketball-playing president taped a message for Sunday night's NBA All-Star Game in Phoenix. **The White House released excerpts ahead of the broadcast. Obama's taped message will air at halftime. The president is encouraging people to visit a Web site <http://www.USAService.org> to find jobs that need done near their homes.** He says everything from putting together care packages for troops and fixing up basketball courts can help. (The Huffington Post, 2009).



**Date:** February 26, 2009

**Source:** NBA, Adam Fluck

**Title/Headline:** *Bulls Visit President Obama At White House*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama's day began with a discussion on the fiscal year budget of 2010. And no, his remarks did not touch on the impending free agency of LeBron James or Dwyane Wade. His daily briefing with senior advisors in the Oval Office followed, as did a meeting with the Congressional Black Caucus in the State Dining Room, and eventually, a get together with Vice President Biden and Secretary of State Clinton. Before the afternoon ended, though, President Obama found time to say hello to some special guests from his hometown, as the Chicago Bulls team visited with him in the Blue Room of the White House on Thursday afternoon. **"It was crazy just being here," Bulls guard Derrick Rose said just before leaving the grounds. "I've never had the chance to be at the White House, but the President gave us the opportunity to come so that's what we did. I was nervous just to stand next to him, but then for someone like him to even know my name was just amazing."** Rose said that the visit, which included a tour of the White House, was one he'll always remember. Along with his teammates, he was able to personally meet President Obama, have a brief discussion with him, and pose for photos. **"He knew just about everyone on our team and you could tell he's a real Bulls fan," Rose said. The 20-year old rookie said he's taken on a new interest in politics since Obama's historic campaign and election. "I'm definitely reading the papers and online more often, and my Mom calls me a lot to talk about politics," Rose explained. "She's trying to make me more aware and involved, knowing that it will be good for me to really know what's going on in the world."** Already a role model himself, Rose said that the example President Obama—a fellow Chicagoan—sets is one that he constantly tries to follow. **"He gives you hope," Rose said. "Just like no one thought he would become President, no one thought that I could grow up and become the first pick in the draft. I think it gives people everywhere a little extra hope."** **"The opportunity to visit President Obama at the White House is a great honor for the Chicago Bulls organization,"** stated Steve Schanwald, Executive Vice President of Business Operations for the team, prior to the meeting. "The President has been a fan of the Bulls for many years and we are very



appreciative of this opportunity to say hello to him and pay our respects" (Fluck, 2009).

**Date:** February 27, 2009

**Source:** NBC Sports, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Takes In Wizards' Win Over Bulls*

**Abstract:** Caron Butler implored the officials not to start the game until a certain special spectator reached his front-row seat. And when President Barack Obama finally arrived Friday night, delaying the tipoff by a few minutes, Butler and the rest of the Washington Wizards set out to send a message to the First Fan by beating his Chicago Bulls. **"He truly is a die-hard Bulls fan," Butler said. "Hopefully we can convert him a little bit."** With the Hoopster-in-Chief at courtside — the first president in nearly a decade to make the mile-or-so jaunt over from the White House to attend an NBA game — and buoyed by a louder-than-usual crowd in a fuller-than-usual arena, Butler and his last-place Wizards embarrassed Obama's team with a 113-90 victory over the Bulls (NBC Sports, 2009).



**ESPN**

**Date:** March 18, 2009

**Source:** ESPN, Andy Katz

**Title/Headline:** *Presidential Pick 'Em At The White House*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama has studied Lincoln and FDR to help guide him through the early stages of his presidency. But he is very much a modern man, never too far from keeping up with the latest college basketball injury updates, the depth issues of Oklahoma, the strong finish by Florida State and the late entry into the NCAA tournament by Arizona. So on a Tuesday afternoon in the White House Map Room, we wait for the president to fill out his official bracket. **The oversized whiteboard, with a presidential seal, sits on an easel a few feet below a framed, formerly top-secret situation map from April 3, 1945. It details the strength of certain German divisions and includes projections for the German army for May 1, 1945.** President Franklin D. Roosevelt died nine days after this map was made. Germany surrendered in Europe a month later on May 7. History creaks around every corner of this place, from the framed paintings of former presidents and first ladies to the chandeliers hanging above the state dining room to a coffee pot used by President John Adams more than 200 years ago. **But the juxtaposition of a president well-versed in the history of the men who have held the office before him and the brand-new playground that was built for first daughters Sasha and Malia about 50 feet outside the Oval Office makes doing a tourney bracket in the nation's most treasured house seem less surreal.** For many of us in our 40s, the NCAA tournament became a major sporting event beginning with the 1979 championship game featuring Michigan State's Magic Johnson and Indiana State's Larry Bird (Magic and the Spartans prevailed). It was no different for Obama, who was a senior in high school at the time. **"The memory of Magic, and Bird, and [Greg] Kelser, all those guys ... it was an unbelievable game, and invigorated not only college basketball but ultimately pro basketball as well," Obama said. "So for any kind of basketball fan, Indiana State-Michigan State, that still is one of the greatest games of all time."** The first round of this year's tournament begins Thursday, and plenty of White House workers, as well as countless office personnel around the country, might slip away for a few minutes to watch some of the games. Will Obama? "I think the chances are high," he said. The president doesn't want to touch the field of 65, so you won't find him pushing for expansion. He relishes this format and doesn't want any sort of change, unlike his publicized stance on the need for a college football playoff system. **"This is it," Obama said pointing to the bracket. "This is it. You know, you don't want to start ... letting it be like the NBA. People who are sub-.500 get into the playoffs. There's something wrong with that."** So with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert Gates holding meetings nearby, and a state dinner with Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen to come -- it was St. Patrick's Day, after all, and the president had on a green tie as the fountains showered green-dyed water -- Obama slipped down to the Map Room to break down the bracket. **He proved to be as educated and knowledgeable as those who make this a trade. The president had worked on his bracket earlier in the morning, going over it with press secretary Robert Gibbs, an Auburn, Ala., native who was still disappointed his Tigers didn't advance far enough in the SEC tournament to land a bid.** Obama, though, didn't seem to need much advice when it came time to pick. He dove right into the first round, with only a few upsets here and there, notably No. 11 VCU over No. 6 UCLA in the East Regional in Philadelphia. **"VCU, I think, has been playing strong, and I hate to say this, because my brother-in-law is in the Pac-10 right now, but the Pac-10 has been looking pretty weak this year," Obama said. "I like that as an upset."** He picked No. 11 Temple over No. 6 Arizona State in the South, too. Craig Robinson, Obama's brother-in-law, is the coach at Oregon State and led the Beavers to seven Pac-10 wins in his first season, after OSU went winless in the league a year ago. Obama picked against five of the six Pac-10 schools in the first round, selecting 4-seed Washington (over 13-seed Mississippi State) as the one league team to advance. **"I want him to have an incentive, knowing that I think the rest of the Pac-10 can be taken next year," Obama said of Robinson's team, which earned a berth in the College Basketball Invitational with a 13-17 record. "I think the Beavers are on their way."** Contrary to many brackets around the country, Obama went against a trendy 12-5 upset pick, selecting Utah over Arizona. Did it have anything to do with Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), whom he defeated in last year's presidential election? **"It has nothing to do with McCain," Obama said. "I think Arizona is a great state. I love playing golf there. But they just squeaked in."** Washington was pegged as a second-round loser to Purdue, a team Obama was high on because of its finish. The president went with Villanova over VCU in the second round but picked Duke over Nova in the Sweet 16. Obama's personal aide, former Duke basketball and football player Reggie Love, was standing a few feet from the easel. Obama and Love are regular hoops players, and the latter watched his alma mater against Maryland last month at the Comcast Center. **"Because of Reggie Love, I've got to pick Duke," Obama said. The whole way? "No, no, not the whole way. Come on," Obama said. How much influence does Love have? "He doesn't have that much influence," Obama**

said. He chided his aide by saying a year ago Love picked the Blue Devils to go all the way, and then added, "I think it sort of stopped here," pointing to the second round of the bracket. Florida State lost in the ACC tournament title game to Duke. Obama clearly knew the Seminoles have been on a roll of late, led by ACC Player of the Year runner-up Toney Douglas. But he picked Pitt to beat the Seminoles and advance to the Elite Eight against Duke. **"Pitt is looking strong," he said. "I think [DeJuan] Blair is a man."** In the 2008 election, Obama won Pittsburgh, a key city in the swing state of Pennsylvania. **"I've had good luck with Pittsburgh," Obama said. "It turned Pennsylvania. They came through in the Super Bowl. So I figure let's keep riding them a little bit longer."** My bracket has Pitt over Duke, too. Did he get my picks in advance? **"I didn't look at your picks," Obama said with a laugh. "I promise you, to win, Andy, I'm not looking at your picks."** Picking Pitt over Duke was his toughest selection. He looked over at Love and said that despite the "skilled perimeter players, they just don't have the muscle inside. I think Blair is going to eat them up." Love smiled, but his loyalty at this point in his life has to be to Obama, not Mike Krzyzewski. Reggie says [Kyle] Singler is going to be able to guard Blair," Obama said. **"I don't think so."** So Pitt advanced out of the East to Obama's Final Four. North Carolina is his pick in the South. A year ago, when he was still Senator Obama from Illinois, he played a pickup game with the Tar Heels after the Final Four during a campaign stop in Chapel Hill before the North Carolina Democratic primary. **"Here's what I like about Carolina: experience and balance," Obama said.** When asked about the issue of point guard Ty Lawson's toe, Obama responded, "I'm a little concerned about that. But I've got to assume that he's coming to play." Further down in the bracket, Obama said he hated to do it to his home state of Illinois, but he went with Gonzaga over the Illini. He knew coach Bruce Weber's team missed the NCAAAs last year, but "they're making progress," Obama said. Syracuse got the nod to play Oklahoma in the Sweet 16 at the bottom half of the South bracket. **"The problem with Oklahoma, they have the player of the year [Blake Griffin], but they play, like, seven guys," Obama said. "I think you start getting worn down."** Obama said he watched the ESPN highlights of Syracuse's six-overtime win against Connecticut in the Big East tournament quarterfinals. Why he didn't last into the night? **"I can't be staying up until 2 in the morning,"** he said. "I've got work to do." He picked North Carolina over Syracuse in the South Regional final, setting up a Pitt-UNC national semifinal. Louisville coach Rick Pitino was an assistant at Hawaii when Obama was living in Honolulu. Obama, who was known as "Barry O'Bomber" when he played for Punahou High, said he used to go to the old Neal Blaisdell Arena on the University of Hawaii campus. **"I saw him at Blaisdell and always thought he was a great coach," Obama said. "So I think he's going to do a good job here."** Louisville sailed through to Obama's Sweet 16. Obama liked West Virginia, but couldn't go against Kansas for a number of reasons. His late mother, Ann Dunham, was from Kansas. He also just named Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius the new secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. Oh, and there's one other reason: **"Kansas is a young team, maturing -- Bill Self has done an outstanding job there."** But he still went with Michigan State over the Jayhawks in the Sweet 16. "[MSU coach Tom] Izzo always has great teams," he said. Obama had Louisville over Michigan State to reach Detroit. In the West, Obama advanced Connecticut and Purdue to the Sweet 16, with the Huskies winning. He struggled with Marquette and Missouri in the bottom part of the bracket. He knew Dominic James was out for the Golden Eagles and, after hedging, went with Mizzou to advance to the Sweet 16. Obama went local with Maryland over Cal, but had Memphis beating Maryland and Missouri. **"I think Memphis has got a very athletic team," Obama said. "I think they've got a good shot."** Obama said UConn is a "fine institution" but picked Memphis in the West Regional final, "so that's my Final Four right there." During at least the start of Final Four weekend, the president will be with first lady Michelle Obama and his key staff members at the NATO summit in France during a March 31-April 5 trip to England, France, Germany and the Czech Republic. "We're going to be watching it, but it will probably be 2 in the morning where we are," Obama said. **"I'm not going to be able to watch any game the whole way through, but we're going to be checking the scores."** What if he's on Air Force One during the games? "Air Force One does have DirecTV," Obama answered. With his final selections, the president had Louisville beating old rival Memphis in one semifinal and North Carolina outlasting Pitt in the other. The overall winner? The most powerful person in the world is like many of you: He predicts the Tar Heels will be cutting down the nets in Detroit. **"I'm going with experience, and I think that Lawson is going to be healthy. I think having an experienced point guard who can control the game and make free throws at the end, that's going to be the difference,"** Obama said. The commander in chief then turned to an ESPN camera, offering this pep talk for coach Roy Williams' crew: **"Now, for the Tar Heels who are watching, I picked you all last year -- you let me down. This year, don't embarrass me in front of the nation, all right? I'm counting on you. I still got those sneakers you guys gave me."** Regardless of the pep talk to UNC, I didn't budge, sticking with my original pick of Pittsburgh to win it all. "If Pitt wins, you'll get some commemorative White House M&M's," Obama said. "What do I get?" Maybe some ESPN swag, Mr. President? "An ESPN T-shirt?" Obama laughed. "A water bottle?" And then he was off, with his bracket in hand, folded and ready to reference on Thursday as the first-round results come trickling in. As we exited, one senior staffer said this might have been the one "fun thing" the president did all day. The serious work -- and there's plenty of it -- was taken care of before and after our brief meeting. But during those 20 minutes in the Map Room, one thing became readily apparent: As will be the case in so many houses throughout this vast nation, the upcoming NCAA tournament -- this communal event we call March Madness -- will certainly have its place in the nation's First Home of Hoops. And if you don't believe me, let's have someone from the Secret Service check the trash bin next to the president's desk in the Oval Office. Chances are there will be a torn and crumpled-up bracket in there by this time next week. And hey, who can't relate to that? (Katz, 2009).



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**Date:** March 19, 2009

**Source:** Washington Post, Mary Ann Akers

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Likens His Bowling Game To Special Olympics*

**Abstract:** President Obama seemed relaxed and in good cheer tonight during his appearance on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." But

there was one misstep that surely made his advisers wince. **Leno asked the president whether the White House bowling alley had been "burned and closed down" in light of Obama's gutter ball embarrassment on the campaign trail last year.** Obama replied, "No, no. **I have been practicing . . . I bowled a 129."** The audience roared with laughter, and the late-night talk show host assured Obama "that's very good, Mr. President." To which Obama interjected, "It's like -- it was like Special Olympics, or something." The audience laughed. But the White House didn't let the comment linger without clarification. **"The president made an offhand remark making fun of his own bowling that was in no way intended to disparage the Special Olympics,"** White House spokesman Bill Burton told reporters flying aboard Air Force One after the taping of the show, according to a transcript released by the White House. "He thinks that the Special Olympics are a wonderful program that gives an opportunity to shine to people with disabilities from around the world." Also on the "Tonight Show," Leno asked the president when he would finally be making good on his famous campaign promise to reward his daughters with a puppy, which so far hasn't surfaced. **"Listen, this is Washington. That was a campaign promise," the president deadpanned to much laughter. The president said he was "teasing," and explained that as soon as he returns from the NATO summit in France in Germany early next month, the "dog will be in place."** Leno asked if the dog would be a "Portuguese Water Head," referencing first lady Michelle Obama's recent suggestion that the first family was leaning toward a Portuguese Water Dog. The president laughed and said, **"It's not a 'water head.' That sounds like a scary dog. Sort of dripping around the house."** But the first dad gave absolutely no hints about what kind of dog - or puppy - it will be. **"We're going to get a dog that is -- that I think the girls will have a great time -- I think I'm going to have a lot of fun with it. You know, they say if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog."** And according to the schedule the president described, his girls will have their new furry friend by Easter (Akers, 2009).

**Date:** March 19, 2009

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Duke Coach To Obama: Worry About The Economy, Not NCAA Picks*

**Abstract:** Barack Obama picked North Carolina to defeat Louisville for the NCAA championship, a relatively safe selection for a trailblazing president. Obama spent part of Tuesday making his tournament picks for ESPN, which posted his completed bracket online Wednesday and showed the First Fan filling it out with Andy Katz on the noon edition of "Sportscenter." **Of course, the president's choice drew a reaction from the Tar Heels' most intense rival. "Somebody said that we're not in President Obama's Final Four, and as much as I respect what he's doing, really, the economy is something that he should focus on, probably more than the brackets,"** Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said from the Blue Devils' first-round site in Greensboro, N.C. The president had top-seeded Pittsburgh join the No. 1-seeded Tar Heels and Cardinals in the Final Four, but chose second-seeded Memphis to beat Connecticut in the West Regional. "I think Memphis has got a very athletic team," Obama told Katz, an ESPN college basketball analyst. "I think they've got a good shot." Perhaps showing some indecision, Obama initially had the Panthers playing Louisville for the national title in the file posted online. Pitt was scratched out of the title game in favor of North Carolina, which in turn replaced Louisville in the "champion" box. **"Here's what I like about Carolina: experience and balance," Obama said. Familiarity, too. Obama played a pickup game with Tyler Hansbrough and the Tar Heels while campaigning in North Carolina last April. "Now, for all the Tar Heels who are watching, I picked you last year -- you let me down," Obama said. "This year, don't embarrass me in front of the nation, all right? I'm counting on you. I still got those sneakers you guys gave me."** Katz interviewed Obama last October for a story about the president's brother-in-law, Oregon State basketball coach Craig Robinson. After the interview, Obama invited Katz to play in a pickup basketball game on Election Day in Chicago, and he did. Katz extracted a promise from Obama that if elected, the new president would reveal his NCAA picks to ESPN when the pairings were announced in March. **"They stayed true to their word and didn't hesitate to get it done,"** Katz said. (Fox News, 2009).

**Date:** March 30, 2009

**Source:** The New York Times

**Title/Headline:** *Obama's N.B.A. Picks*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama's NCAA basketball picks have been well-documented, thanks to ESPN, which scored an interview with him two weeks ago in which he meticulously went through his selections with the sports network's college hoops guru, Andy Katz. But the First Fan -- who picked North Carolina to win the tournament -- has been publicly silent on his picks for the upcoming National Basketball playoffs. Until now. At the end of an interview Friday with the New York Times (ostensibly about Vice President Joseph R. Biden), Mr. Obama was asked which teams he anticipated would meet in the NBA finals. **His prediction: Cleveland would play the Los Angeles Lakers. No Celtics-Lakers rematch, in other words. The president did not predict a winner, but was effusive about the LeBron James-led Cavaliers. "I'm telling you, those Cavs," Mr. Obama marveled. "They've only lost one game all year at home. Thirty-five and one."** (Actually 33 and 1, as of Friday.) "And they have home court advantage. That's pretty impressive" (The New York Times, 2009).

**Date:** April 22, 2009

**Source:** NAVY, Donna Miles

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Honors Navy Football Team For Commitment To Team, Country*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama presented the U.S. Naval Academy football team the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy April 21 during a White House Rose Garden ceremony. Obama extended congratulations to the midshipmen from Annapolis, Md., who bested both the U.S. Military Academy "Black Knights" 34-0 and the U.S. Air Force Academy "Falcons" 33-27 during the 2008 season. The wins earned Navy the coveted Commander-in-Chief's Trophy -- and a trip to the White House to receive it -- for the sixth consecutive year. **"By now, you guys know your way around here better than I do," Obama said at the ceremony.** Obama offered high praise to Navy for its "fearsome offense" as well as the nation's most-improved defense. But amid the levity of the event, he identified attributes that make Navy's players unique, including the top graduation rate in the NCAA for four consecutive years and a demanding

schedule of coursework and military training. Obama noted that all 32 seniors on the Navy team are "preparing to trade one proud uniform for another – and that's the United States of America's uniform." And although the Navy team has won a record 13 consecutive service academy games dating back to the 2002 Army-Navy game, the president told them, **"You're all joining the same team now."** **"Football, it's said, makes boys into men,"** he said. **"But the academy makes men and women into leaders. And the bonds that you've built and the lessons that you've learned on that field and in your 'four years by the Bay' have prepared you to join and lead the finest fighting force in the history of the world."** Obama, who is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at this year's Naval Academy graduation, told the team he has no greater honor or responsibility than serving as their commander in chief. **"I'm proud of you,"** he said. **"And I promise you this,"** he continued. **"From the minute you put on that uniform to the minute you take it off, and for all the days of your life, this country will stand behind you and will be here for you, because we know that you will be there for us."** During today's ceremony, Obama recognized Lt. Cmdr. Wesley Brown, who in 1949 became the U.S. Naval Academy's first black graduate, and for whom the academy's new field house is named. **The president also recalled his Hawaiian roots, recognizing two fellow Hawaiians: team coach Ken Niumatalolo and Midshipman Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, the starting quarterback. Rendering a "shaka" or Hawaiian "hang loose" sign in during the ceremony, Obama noted Niumatalolo's calmness under pressure. "That's the Hawaiian spirit," Obama said. "That's how we roll" (Miles, 2009).**

**Date:** April 23, 2009

**Source:** Orlando Sentinel, Mark Matthews

**Title/Headline:** *Lawmakers Greet Champion Gators Before White House Reception With President Obama*

**Abstract:** The Capitol Hill crowd isn't known for its boisterous parties, but lawmakers and staffers today mobbed a reception hall at the Library of Congress to cheer the Florida Gators hours before the defending national football champions were to visit the White House. Congressional aides arrived with helmets, footballs and programs to sign and U.S. Rep. Adam Putnam, R-Bartow, even did the gator chomp as soon as he arrived. **"It's huge man. But it's getting kind of old. Another year, another championship,"** said Putnam, who graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in economics. **"It's great that, for a few hours, that the nation's capitol is the capitol of Gators nation."** Another lawmaker, U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Ocala, presented the team with a flag that he flew over the capitol on Jan. 8 – the day that the Gators beat the Oklahoma Sooners 24-14. **"That shows how much confidence I had that the Gators would win,"** he said. **As for the players, they said the experience wasn't too much different than meeting other fans, except for the Washington crowd wore more ties. "It's the same, but different attire. But they're still Gator nation,"** said running back Jeff Demps. But he compared the upcoming experience of meeting President Obama to the nerves before a game. **"When you're suiting up to play, you're fired up [and] I'm fired up to see President Obama. It's kind of like the same feeling,"** said the rising sophomore who attended South Lake High School. Meanwhile, offensive lineman Corey Hobbs, said the Washington trip was piquing his interest in politics and that he was hoping to get involved in student government this summer. **"I'd like to have a say in the future,"** said Hobbs, of Oviedo, who also hopes to go to law school (Matthews, 2009).

**Date:** April 27, 2009

**Source:** The Huffington Post, Andrew Miga

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Plays Basketball With UConn Women's Team*

**Abstract:** Championship ceremony is a White House standard for sports teams. Shooting hoops with the president, now that's something to remember. Moments after Monday's event in front of the South Portico, President Barack Obama hustled the University of Connecticut's women's basketball team over to the outdoor half-court, away from reporters and cameras. The president, a former high school player and avid fan who still plays pickup games, prevailed in a brief, impromptu game of P-I-G with a few of the players. **"He was pretty good from 17 feet,"** said coach Geno Auriemma. **"His shot's a little unorthodox, but it goes in ... He's got a little bit of that swagger."** Renee Montgomery, a senior guard, said Obama only missed one shot and that he sank a final fade-away shot from off the court. **"He was all over the perimeter,"** said junior center Tina Charles. After about 10 minutes, Obama walked back to the White House with his sleeves rolled up and his suit jacket slung over his shoulder. Connecticut dominated women's college basketball this season, going 39-0 and beating opponents by an average of better than 30 points. They capped the season earlier this month in St. Louis with a 76-54 victory over Louisville. It was Connecticut's sixth national college championship and third perfect season. **"Under coach Auriemma's leadership, this Huskies program has redefined excellence again and again,"** Obama said. **The president also praised the academic achievements of the players. The team gave Obama a basketball signed by the players and a Connecticut jersey emblazoned with "1" and his name on the back. "Number One \_ that's what I'm talking about,"** Obama joked. **"I will wear it when I'm playing."** Obama said that as the father of two young daughters, he especially appreciates the success of female athletes like the Connecticut team. **"My girls look at the TV when I'm watching 'SportsCenter' and they see women staring back,"** Obama said of the ESPN program, a personal favorite. **"That shows them that they can be champions, too" (Miga, 2009).**



THE WALL  
STREET JOURNAL

**Date:** April 29, 2009

**Source:** The Wall Street Journal, Matthew Futterman, Amy Chozick

**Title/Headline:** *Is Obama The 'Sports' President?*

**Abstract:** One hundred days into President Obama's administration, there is little mystery about where the president's



extracurricular interests lie. After his inauguration, the president hosted a Super Bowl party, correctly picked North Carolina to win the NCAA men's basketball tournament and sat courtside for a Bulls-Wizards NBA game. He works out nearly every day, sports a Chicago White Sox cap and plays pick-up basketball with his buddies. This week he played P-I-G against the champion University of Connecticut women's hoops team. The president is also jumping into the fray on a host of controversial sports issues. A Democrat who believes in the power of government to force change, Mr. Obama is using his bully pulpit in a manner that could ultimately give him the most expansive sports résumé for any president since Theodore Roosevelt. Before taking office, he pushed for a college football playoff to declare a national champion instead of the patchwork system of bowl games. **In his first three-plus months in office, he has spoken out on behalf of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics, lobbied for the U.S. to host soccer's World Cup in 2018 or 2022, and even delivered a national tongue-lashing to Alex Rodriguez after the Yankees slugger acknowledged using a performance-enhancing drug during parts of three seasons.** "It's so much a part of what he does, it's almost as if this is becoming a post-sports presidency," said John Sayle Watterson, author of "The Games Presidents Play: Sports and the Presidency." Some say it's also good politics. "Intellectually he's so lofty that I think he feels it's necessary to bring himself down a bit," said Ross Baker, a political scientist at Rutgers University. **"There is nothing better to temper that loftiness than sports."** While Teddy Roosevelt is largely seen as the modern standard-bearer for sportsmen presidents, sports have played a significant role in lives and work of numerous commanders in chief since 1900, considered the beginning of the modern era for organized sports in the U.S. **Teddy Roosevelt clearly set the bar high, and Mr. Obama is trying to reach it.** Earlier this month, the International Olympic Committee's site evaluation group began its visit to Chicago watching a four-minute video Mr. Obama taped pleading his hometown's case. **Mr. Obama also intends to be in Copenhagen in October when the IOC is scheduled to decide the Chicago's Olympic fate. Also this month, he wrote to Joseph S. Blatter, president of soccer's governing body, FIFA, stating the case for a U.S. World Cup by citing his own experiences with the game as a child in Jakarta and as a soccer-dad in Chicago.** During the winter, Mr. Obama took time in his first prime time news conference to show his personal disdain for Mr. Rodriguez's steroid use, saying the revelation "tarnishes an entire era." As for creating of a college football playoff, Mr. Obama can wield little in the way of formal influence over the debate. However, NCAA officials have been put on notice that any plan they come up is going to have one very powerful critic weighing in (Futerman & Chozick, 2009).

**Date:** May 11, 2009

**Source:** The Washington Post, Michael D. Shear

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Congratulates The Tar Heels*

**Abstract:** When the president's number one assistant is a Duke man and a former basketball champion, you might think the Tar Heels wouldn't be welcome. But when the president famously picks the North Carolina team to win the NCAA tournament, and they succeed, the invitations get put in the mail. **And so today, President Obama hosted the 2009 NCAA champion team from the University of North Carolina on the South Lawn of the White House, offering his congratulations but choosing not to shoot a few hoops on the presidential court.** "Welcome to the White House and congratulations," Obama said after emerging from the White House at 2:11 p.m. It took only two minutes to get to his real message: "More importantly," he said, "thanks for salvaging my bracket and vindicating me in the eyes of everyone." **Obama's personal assistant, Reggie Love, is a former Duke player whose membership on the 2001 team makes him a former champion. Obama noted the rivalry, saying that everyone on his staff was excited about the team's arrival -- except maybe Love. "He wants to scrimmage with you guys," Obama said. "We'll arrange that."** Obama offered serious praise for the team's academic achievement, noting that they had the highest number of graduates of any of the final four teams. He had specific kudos for Coach Roy Williams, who he said was committed to the development of his players as men as well as athletes. But it was clear that Obama -- who fancies himself a pretty good basketball player -- was loving this particular perk of being president. He joked with Tar Heels guard Jack Wooten, reminding him of the scrimmage Obama had with the team as a candidate last year. He noted that both he and the team had good luck after that -- **"They're now national champions and I'm now president."** -- but recalled that Wooten roughed him up. **"He stole the ball from me, blocked my shot," Obama said, adding that there were "no hard feelings."** Williams presented Obama with a white-and-powder-blue Tar Heels jersey -- **"OBAMA 1"** -- and several senior members of the team gave the president a large, framed picture of the scrimmage from last year (Shear, 2009).



**Date:** May 16, 2009

**Source:** USA Today, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Salutes Underdog Phillies' Title At White House*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama has told the Philadelphia Phillies that their 2008 World Series run was similar to his winning presidential campaign — both were underdogs. Obama welcomed the baseball team to the White House on Friday and said, **"Nobody thought I would win, either."** He singled out star shortstop Jimmy Rollins for making calls on Obama's behalf during last year's campaign. Rollins presented Obama with a jersey and baseball, but the president wanted more. Obama jokingly asked for Rollins' World Series ring. **The Phillies were scheduled to meet the president on April 14. But that visit was postponed after the death of Phillies broadcaster Harry Kalas the day before (USA Today, 2009).**





**Date:** May 21, 2009

**Source:** Google News, AFP

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Greet Champion Steelers At White House*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama welcomed the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers to the White House on Thursday, celebrating the National Football League squad's record sixth championship. Obama said before February's NFL title game that he was cheering for the Steelers, whose 1970s stars made a lasting impression upon him, but that his first loyalties will always remain with his hometown Chicago Bears. "I already told these guys no matter how big they are, I am a Bears fan, but it is no secret that I was pulling for the Steelers during the Super Bowl last year," Obama said. "This isn't me trying to have it both ways. Growing up in Hawaii when I was a kid we didn't have a local football team. "When I started playing and started paying attention to football, it was guys like Terry Bradshaw, Franco Harris and the Steel Curtain... Those were the guys that were playing and so I became a Steelers fan." Two months ago, Obama named Dan Rooney, the Steelers' chairman, as ambassador to Ireland. "I don't know of anybody who is more of a gentlemen who is more loyal or who is more committed to excellence than Mr. Rooney," Obama said. "And he is humble. This kind of attention embarrasses him but he has no choice." Obama also praised Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, who joined his successful campaign to win the key swing state of Pennsylvania in last November's general election. "This is a new team for a new era and that embodied by coach Tomlin," Obama said. "He didn't just win the Super Bowl. He also happened to be NFL Coach of the Year, the youngest coach ever to win a Super Bowl." The Steelers and US soldiers worked to assemble care packages for US troops during the appearance (AFP, 2009).

**Date:** June 2, 2009

**Source:** NBA, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *President Obama Selects Lakers To Win NBA Finals*

**Abstract:** OK, Mr. President, let's see how you do picking the pro game. Barack Obama was on his way to the Marine One helicopter on the South Lawn on Tuesday when a reporter shouted a question. **The topic: Who is going to win the NBA championship, the Los Angeles Lakers or the Orlando Magic? Said the smiling president: "Lakers in six, I think."** In sports terms, that means the Lakers will win the best-of-seven series in six games. The series begins Thursday. So far so good this year for Obama. A huge basketball fan, he correctly predicted that the University of North Carolina men's basketball team would win the NCAA championship. Obama was leaving Tuesday for an overnight trip to the Middle East (NBA, 2009).

**Date:** July 9, 2009

**Source:** The Huffington Post, Charles Babington

**Title/Headline:** *Brazilian President Gifts Obama Signed Soccer Jersey*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama seemed pleased with the gift he received Thursday from Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, but it was bittersweet nonetheless. Silva gave Obama, a big sports fan, an autographed yellow Brazilian soccer jersey at the start of their morning meeting at the G-8 summit in Italy. During their banter, which reporters partly heard through a translator, Silva spoke animatedly of the June 28 soccer match between the U.S. and Brazilian national teams in the Confederations Cup series. The game was a crushing loss for the underdog Americans, who led at the midway point, 2-0, only to lose 3-2. Silva repeatedly said, "Yes we can," which was Obama's campaign catchphrase and apparently what the Brazilian president had in mind while his team trailed. Obama smiled gamely; if he felt Silva was rubbing it in a bit, he didn't let on. "Hey, look at this," Obama said of the jersey, signed by the Brazilian team's players. "Beautiful. All right, wonderful. I like that." White House spokesman Robert Gibbs later said Obama ended his 30-minute session with Silva by patting the Brazilian's back and vowing, "we will not lose a two-point lead again." Michelle Obama shook her head as she took in the extent of the damage, gazing upon centuries-old churches and other treasures rubbed by an earthquake that claimed more than 300 lives. Obama and other first spouses on Thursday toured the ghostlike historic center of L'Aquila, the Italian city devastated by the April tremor and hosting world leaders this week for the G-8 summit (Babington, 2009).

**Date:** June 17, 2009

**Source:** Sandra Rose

**Title/Headline:** *Why Did LeBron Visit The White House When He Didn't Win The NBA Championship?*

**Abstract:** The Cleveland papers report that NBA star LeBron James and a few of his homies visited Barack Obama in the White House on Monday. This is odd since traditionally the NBA champs visit the president, not the sore losers. But I guess tradition and protocol go out the window when your home boy is president. I wonder how Kobe Bean and the Lakers feel about LeBron visiting before they even get in the door? This brings up an interesting fact about Obama refusing to ante up the names of visitors to the White House since he became president. You may recall that Obama campaigned against such secrecy when Bush was still in the White House. Obama didn't see any reason why the White House visitors list should be kept a secret. But now that he is president, of course he changes his tune. Well, there's a federal lawsuit winding its way through the courts — and a federal judge has twice ordered that the Secret Service produce the list of names. But ole Obama is stubbornly blocking the release of those names until the case reaches the

Supreme court I guess. This means that information which should be made public is being withheld by Obama, who promised transparency in his administration. Lol. This also means that Obama can sneak a chick or two into the White House and we, or for that matter, Michelle Obama, would never know it (Rose, 2009).

**Date:** June 13, 2009

**Source:** NBC, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Welcomes Columbus Crew To White House*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama has welcomed soccer's Columbus Crew to the White House to congratulate the team on its MLS championship. Obama on Monday joined the team from Ohio in the Rose Garden to honor a turnaround from a losing season in 2007 to the best record in the league for 2008. The president joked that he's been watching plenty of soccer these days -- for his daughters' games. **He says he's learned two main rules for youth soccer: no matter the position, players should run toward the ball all at once; and snacks at halftime must never be forgotten.** Obama says soccer's popularity is on the rise in the United States and that the national team has been playing with distinction (NBC News, 2009).



**Date:** July 14, 2009

**Source:** MLB (Major League Baseball), Jonathan Mayo

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Visits FOX Booth, Keeps It Light*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama is used to doing interviews on national TV, but the topics usually range from the economic crisis to the war in Iraq. On Tuesday night, he got a brief respite from the normal line of questioning when he joined Joe Buck and Tim McCarver in the FOX broadcast booth during the bottom of the second inning of the All-Star Game. Obama's time in the booth was filled with light banter about his ceremonial first pitch, his choice of wardrobe and his thoughts on the state of the game. The president was relieved he got the chance to warm up for this first pitch, something that wasn't the case when he was a senator and had the same honor during the 2005 American League Championship Series. **"When you're a senator, they show you no respect, so they just hand you the ball,"** Obama told Buck and McCarver. **"You don't get a chance to warm up. Now here, I was with Albert Pujols in the batting cage practicing before. To go down there, to meet Stan Musial, Bob Gibson and those guys, it's such a reminder of what's great about this country. You can't beat it and it's a real treat."** The president had made no qualms about where his loyalties on the field are and Buck gave him credit for not "playing it down the middle" by wearing non-team-specific garb. **"Everyone knows I'm a White Sox fan and my wife thinks I look cute in this jacket,"** Obama quipped. **"Between those two things, why not?"** In fact, the president wanted to take some credit for his favorite team's good fortunes back in that 2005 season. After his first pitch, he pointed out, Chicago could do no wrong en route to winning the World Series. **"It was just wonderful,"** Obama said. **"I was just talking to Jerry Reinsdorf, the White Sox owner, about this. After I threw out my pitch, they won eight straight after losing the first game. Any of these teams need a lefty?"** The president showed a pretty good grasp of the game beyond the South Side of Chicago, discussing how the overall season was shaping up with the FOX broadcasting duo. "I tell you what, though, what's been interesting about baseball this year, other than the Dodgers, who have been playing great baseball," Obama said. **"There's a lot of parity, which I think is terrific, because it means everybody around the country has a little bit of hope for the team."** Obama has developed a bit of a reputation for his prowess as a sports prognosticator. Buck pointed out that he's 2-for-2, referring to Obama correctly picking the Steelers to win the Super Bowl in February and the University of North Carolina to win the NCAA men's basketball title in April. He couldn't entice the president, however, to make a call on the 2009 Major League Baseball season. **"It's a little early for that,"** Obama said. **"You know, I tend to try to get a little more information"** (Mayo, 2009).

**Date:** July 14, 2009

**Source:** ESPN, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Williams Visits Obama At White House*

**Abstract:** It was tennis before baseball for President Barack Obama on Tuesday. Before heading off to St. Louis to throw the first pitch at the All-Star Game, the president welcomed Wimbledon champion Serena Williams to the White House. **"It was amazing,"** Williams said before her World Team Tennis match with the Washington Kastles. **"I love President Obama; he has such an unbelievable presence, and he seems to be so normal -- and he noticed my shoes. I think that was the highlight of the whole day, was he liked my shoes."** Williams said she was wearing five-inch heels for the presidential visit. "He asked me, 'Should I be wearing high heels?' So I thought that was kind of funny because he may have been right," Williams said. "Because it is a job hazard for me, but I insist on wearing them." Williams got to meet Michelle Obama and the rest of the first family. "I didn't know she had such an amazing personality," Williams said. **"She had me cracking up and laughing. I knew she was a great person, but now I really understand how important this first family is to the United States. And the kids were just so cute and sweet, and the dog was nice"** (ESPN, 2009).



DAILY NEWS

**Date:** July 15, 2009

**Source:** NY Daily News, Mark Feinsand

**Title/Headline:** *President Obama Throws First Pitch At 2009 All-Star Game In St. Louis*

**Abstract:** Barack Obama may not have fired a perfect strike with his ceremonial first pitch, but the President did more than enough to draw rave reviews from the All-Stars Tuesday night. **Obama visited the AL and NL clubhouses before last night's Midsummer Classic, showing off his knowledge of the game while having some fun with many of the best players in the majors.** "It was wonderful to meet him," Mariano Rivera said. "He said, 'Keep throwing that cutter.' It was outstanding. I know he's the President of the United States, but he was a regular man." **Obama is the seventh President to appear at an MLB All-Star Game, but only the fourth to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, joining John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, who did it twice.** "Without question, that's the thing I'll take from this All-Star Game," Derek Jeter said. "He said he was a fan, which is kind of hard to believe when you think that he's the President." **Obama signed baseballs for several players in both leagues, including the Mets' Francisco Rodriguez and Johan Santana. "He seemed like a really humble person," Rodriguez said.** "He was walking around and shaking hands with all of the guys. When you think about the President, you think he's a guy really restricted. He was the opposite. I really enjoyed that experience." The President toed the rubber to throw the ceremonial first pitch to Cardinals fan favorite Albert Pujols, who spared Obama - sporting a White Sox jacket to represent his favorite team - the embarrassment of bouncing the pitch in front of home plate. "It was good," Rivera said of Obama's toss. "Nobody can hit that pitch." **Following the lead of his predecessor, George W. Bush, who warmed up in the indoor batting cage at Yankee Stadium before throwing the first pitch before Game 3 of the 2001 World Series, Obama planned to throw a few pitches before taking the field for his big moment.** "Well, I think it's fair to say that I want to loosen up my arm a little bit," Obama said earlier in the day. The President - then a U.S. Senator - last threw out a first pitch at a White Sox playoff game in 2005. "When you're a senator, they show you no respect, so they just hand you the ball," Obama said. "You don't get a chance to warm up. Now here, I was with Albert Pujols in the batting cage practicing before." Pujols was thrilled to be chosen as Obama's catcher. "Obviously it's an honor to catch the first pitch from the President, as our leader," he said. "Tomorrow I think it's going to get to me." Obama's All-Star appearance capped a day in which he welcomed Wimbledon champion Serena Williams to the White House and picked up Hall of Famer Willie Mays in Michigan for the flight to St. Louis. Mays' advice for Obama? "Follow through," Mays told reporters aboard Air Force One. "He'll be fine. I guarantee it (Feinsand, 2009).

**Date:** July 15, 2009

**Source:** The Washington Times

**Title/Headline:** *Obama - A Sports Fan In Chief*

**Abstract:** From making March Madness bracket picks in the White House Map Room to thanking Russians for Washington Capitals hockey star Alex Ovechkin, President Obama is embracing his role as America's No. 1 sports fan. **He plays basketball and golfs most weekends, and he's hosted nine sports teams from the Pittsburgh Steelers to the Columbus Crew soccer champions at the White House since taking office in January - a record-setting pace.** "The passion that Obama has is on the extreme side and shared by only a small handful of presidents," said Marc Ganis, a sports analyst and president of Chicago-based SportsCorp Ltd. Mr. Obama's enthusiasm goes beyond the usual photo-op. He knows his facts and he loves his Chicago teams - pro basketball's Bulls, pro football's Bears and big league baseball's White Sox. **On Tuesday night, Mr. Obama was in the sports spotlight again, throwing the ceremonial first pitch at the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in St. Louis and trading quips with Fox Sports play-by-play announcer Joe Buck - including an insult to the Washington Nationals' lousy season.** The southpaw president had practiced his delivery in the White House Rose Garden and in Busch Stadium for a warm-up session with St. Louis Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols. Mr. Obama was hoping for a better pitch than his 2005 attempt at the Angels-White Sox game, but his pitch was short of the plate. Still, the president did a fist pump after the throw and later told Mr. Buck that baseball is "such a reminder about what's great about this country. You can't beat it" "This is as much fun as I've had in quite some time," he added. **His color commentary included "Uh-oh" on a tough play, and "How 'bout that?" during a good moment. He also joked baseball couldn't have a federal bailout because "We're out of money."** In the locker room before the game, Mr. Obama hugged players and signed autographs. Mr. Obama, who took to the mound in a White Sox jacket, was introduced to TV viewers as "A Sox fan through and through." "I like the fact that he's active in sports," a Washington ESPN Zone bartender said as Mr. Obama was on the jumbo television screen. Former President George W. Bush, a former part-owner of the Texas Rangers franchise, threw out several first pitches and also was known to love sports. His first year in office, Mr. Bush hosted six teams and some Hall of Fame inductees at the White House, according to a tally kept by Mark Knoller of CBS News, the unofficial presidential historian for the press corps. The Obama White House is similarly sports-obsessed, and Mr. Obama has Mr. Bush beat - the current president has hosted nine teams in less than six months. **"Bush in total hosted 40 sports teams [over eight years]. Obama is on his way to besting that record,"** said John Sayle Watterson, author of "The Games Presidents Play: Sports and the Presidency." Mr. Obama also works sports references into just about everything - noting his Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor is a "lifelong" New York Yankees fan and lauding the Russian-born Mr. Ovechkin, hockey's reigning most valuable player, during a speech in Moscow last week. Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig told reporters in St. Louis that the White House accepted his invitation for Mr. Obama to throw the opening pitch within 24 hours, noting that made him happy because Mr. Obama has had such a busy schedule this month **"No matter what one thinks politically, right or left or whatever, this is a big thing. The players will**

enjoy it. The fans will enjoy it," Mr. Selig said. Mr. Ganis and Mr. Watterson said Mr. Obama is unusual among politicians because he is such an overt fan of his preferred teams - though he did waffle on his World Series choice when teams from the swing states of Florida (the Tampa Bay Rays) and Pennsylvania (the Phillies) were competing in October. **The White House Flickr.com feed has posted photos of the president with a golf club or basketball, as well as 14 photos of Mr. Obama with a football. The administration also posted video of Mr. Obama shooting hoops with the University of Connecticut champion women's basketball team. Some are frustrated that the new president has not shown the local D.C. teams much love. The only Washington game he attended was when the Washington Wizards played the Bulls on Feb. 27 - one night after he treated the Chicago team to a White House tour.** He sat courtside at the Verizon Center during the game. This White House frequently issues e-mails offering "readouts" of Mr. Obama's meetings and phone calls with foreign leaders. **This summer, it also put out details of Mr. Obama's calls to Stanley Cup-winning Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma and Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson. The president congratulated each coach on their championship seasons and invited them to the White House. Mr. Obama went further with Jackson, expressing "interest in the Lakers' innovative triangle offense," according to the official White House "readout" of the call.** At 86 words, the Jackson readout was shorter than the 123-word readout of Mr. Obama's calls to the Japanese prime minister on North Korea's nuclear test, but was 20 words longer than the official report on Mr. Obama's June call to British Prime Minister Gordon Brown (The Washington Times, 2009).

**Date:** July 27, 2009

**Source:** UPI

**Title/Headline:** *President Obama Welcomes The WNBA Champions Detroit Shock To The White House In Washington*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama poses with Detroit Shock captain Cheryl Ford (L) and team MVP Katie Smith of the 2008 WHBA Champions Detroit Shock as they give him a ball and a personalized jersey as Obama welcomes the team to the White House in Washington on July 27, 2009 (UPI, 2009).



**Date:** September 10, 2009

**Source:** The Huffington Post, Darlene Superville

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Honors Stanley Cup Champion Pittsburgh Penguins*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama welcomed the 2009 Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins to the White House on Thursday and celebrated the hockey team for its performance on and off the ice. The Penguins won the best-of-seven series in June, defeating the defending champion Detroit Red Wings. They then took the cup on a road trip to thank their fans, an act that earned the players the thanks of a grateful president. **"They took it on fishing trips and stopped by neighborhood barbecues. They visited elementary schools and brightened the days of children recovering in the hospital," Obama said during a ceremony that was moved indoors to the East Room because of threatening skies. "I think this Cup has even held a baby or two. So this is a team that understands that being a champion doesn't end when you step off the ice,"** Obama added. His administration is making an effort to encourage volunteerism and public service nationwide. Before arriving at the White House, the team held a hockey clinic for local children that was part of the administration's United We Serve summer of service. Some of those kids were in the audience to see Obama hoist the large trophy, accept a team jersey and pose for pictures. **"That's what the Stanley Cup is all about. Not just having your names engraved alongside the best players in history, but also giving back to others along the way,"** the president said. **"And this spirit of service helps to strengthen our communities, it strengthens our country, and I know the team gets a lot in return for it as well"** (Superville, 2009).

**Date:** October 2, 2009

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Obamas Fail In Personal Pitch To Bring 2016 Olympics To Chicago*

**Abstract:** President Obama's failure to grab gold in his personal quest to send the 2016 Olympics to Chicago was a stunning setback for a president who has enjoyed a pop star reception abroad. But Obama's stumble may cost him more than the \$1.2 million of taxpayer money to make the overnight dash from Washington to Copenhagen. Obama and first lady Michelle Obama risked their political capital and the prestige of the presidency on an enormous Olympic campaign that resulted in an early exit for Chicago and the top prize going to Rio de Janeiro. After returning to Washington, Obama said he wished he had come back with better news on the Olympics but congratulated Brazil and thanked everyone who worked on Chicago's bid. **"I'm proud I was able to come in and help make the case in person,"** he said from the White House. **"I believe it's always a worthwhile endeavor to promote and boost the United States of America and invite the world to see what we're all about."** But critics immediately decried Obama's visit to Copenhagen, the first time a U.S. president made such an in-person appeal. **"It demeans the office,"** said GOP consultant Brad Blakeman, a former Bush administration official. **"For the president to be reduced to the effect of the Billy Mays pitchman for the United States to get the Olympics for his home city of Chicago is just not something that presidents do."** Blakeman said Obama spent more time wooing International Olympic Committee officials than he did in his meeting with Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top commander in Afghanistan, before returning to Washington. **"His priorities are screwed up and the American people are seeing that this president just doesn't get the effects and importance of governing,"** Blakeman told FOX News. Instead of making a personal



appearance, Blakeman said Obama should have sent a delegation led by the first lady and the mayor of Chicago. **"But it does not warrant the participation of the president of the United States, especially when we didn't get the games," he said. "It puts his prestige on the line and we're rebuffed by a bunch...of thugs steeped in fraud and abuse and the president lowered his high office by doing this."** The White House expressed no regret about Obama's effort. **"There was never any guarantee. All the bids were strong; we knew that,"** senior White House adviser David Axelrod told FOX News minutes after Chicago was eliminated (Fox News, 2009).

**Date:** November 28, 2009

**Source:** The Huffington Post

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Family Attends Oregon State-George Washington Game*

**Abstract:** President Obama attended today's Oregon State-George Washington University basketball game to cheer on his brother-in-law, Beavers coach Craig Robinson. The first lady, Malia and Sasha Obama, and President Obama's mother-in-law Marian Robinson were in attendance as well. According to the AP, the family was "intensely interested in the outcome." **All of the cheering paid off, as Oregon State won, 64-57.** Below, see photos of the Obamas rooting for the Beavers (The Huffington Post, 2009).

**Date:** January 9, 2010

**Source:** ESPN, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Spokesman: Obama Called UT's Brown*

**Abstract:** A Texas spokesman says President Barack Obama called Longhorns coach Mack Brown to congratulate him on the team's season that ended with a 37-21 loss to Alabama in the BCS championship game. Obama first met Brown and the Longhorns in 2008 when the then-Senator from Illinois was on campus to debate challenger Hillary Rodham Clinton during the Democratic primary. The president told Brown on Saturday he was disappointed for quarterback Colt McCoy that he was unable to play after injuring his shoulder on the Longhorns' first drive. Obama called Alabama coach Nick Saban on Friday to congratulate him on the Crimson Tide's title (ESPN, 2010).



**Date:** January 25, 2010

**Source:** NBC Sports, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Welcomes Lakers To White House*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama welcomed the NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers to the White House Monday, praising the team for their accomplishments on the basketball court and their service in the community. An avid basketball fan himself, Obama said he gets enormous pleasure from watching excellence on the court — and nobody exemplified excellence more than the Lakers last year, as they won their 15th league title, defeating the Orlando Magic. **Obama said he was especially excited to meet Lakers' coach Phil Jackson, who has won 10 championships, though he didn't hesitate to point out that six of those victories were with Obama's hometown Chicago Bulls "You remember that," Obama joked with former Lakers all-star Magic Johnson, who was on the losing end of the Bulls 1991 victory.** Obama commended the Lakers players not only for their athletic achievements, but also their work off the court. The players held a fitness clinic for Washington-area school children Monday, and several players are donating money to relief efforts in Haiti. The Lakers added to Obama's collection of sports jerseys, presenting him with a bright yellow jersey with the president's name stitched on the back (NBC Sports, 2010).



**Date:** January 30, 2010

**Source:** NBC Sports, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Headset On, Obama Does Hoops Commentary*

**Abstract:** There was a familiar voice behind the microphone during the Duke-Georgetown basketball game — that of Barack Obama. The president, attending as a fan, provided about seven minutes of nationally televised hoops commentary in the second half of Saturday's matchup of two top 10 teams at the Verizon Center near the White House. The president shook hands with several fans as he entered the arena, and enjoyed the game from a front-row seat, not the luxury suites that top government officials sometimes prefer. Those with him included Vice President Joe Biden, White House senior adviser David Axelrod and White House spokesman Robert Gibbs (NBC Sports, 2010).



**Date:** January 31, 2010

**Source:** ESPN, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama On Hand For Duke-Georgetown*

**Abstract:** There was a familiar voice behind the microphone during the Duke-Georgetown basketball game -- that of Barack Obama. The president, attending as a fan, provided about seven minutes of nationally televised hoops commentary in the second half of Saturday's matchup of two top 10 teams at the Verizon Center near the White House. **The president shook hands with several fans as he entered the arena, and enjoyed the game from a front-row seat, not the luxury suites that top government officials sometimes prefer.** Those with him included Vice President Joe Biden, White House senior adviser David Axelrod and White House spokesman Robert Gibbs. Shortly after the second half began, the president was seated between CBS announcers Verne Lundquist and Clark Kellogg. Obama, an avid fan of the sport who often plays pickup basketball games, seemed to impress the pair. After Obama described a spin move and basket by one player, Kellogg told him he could handle the job of announcing. **"After retirement, I'm coming after your job, Clark," Obama replied. "I'm just letting you know. So you either have three more years or seven more years," he said, referring to the possibility that he might be re-elected to a second term.** At another point, CBS aired tape of a pickup game Obama played during the 2008 presidential campaign, including a missed left-handed layup. That prompted Lundquist to ask Obama if he has problems dribbling to his right. **"I went to the Republican House caucus just yesterday to prove that I could go to my right once in a while,"** Obama joked, referring to a televised session Friday when the president attended a House GOP retreat in Baltimore. **The president munched on popcorn and occasionally used his Blackberry.** A Columbia University graduate, he revealed no preference for either team, despite sitting among a throng of wildly cheering Georgetown fans, including some who were shirtless, smeared in blue and gray body paint and wearing wigs. After a referee made a call that went against Georgetown, an obscene chant was cut short after one student admonished another, **"Dude, the president of the United States is right there** (ESPN, 2010).

**Date:** February 5, 2010

**Source:** Fox 5 San Diego

**Title/Headline:** *Little League Champs Meet Obama*

**Abstract:** Chula Vista's world champion Park View Little League baseball team toured the White House Friday and met with President Barack Obama. In the official White House photograph, taken by Chuck Kennedy, Park View Little League player, Bulla Graft shakes Obama's hand as Congressman Bob Filner, coach, and team watch. President Barack Obama shook hands with each member of the Park View Little League team in the East Room of the White House. **"It was pretty cool," outfielder Bradley Roberto told The San Diego Union-Tribune. "We met the leader of our country"** (Fox 5 San Diego, 2010).



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Post

**Date:** February 6, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Post, Ed O'Keefe

**Title/Headline:** *Half Of Obama's Cabinet Coming Over For The Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** Nine Cabinet secretaries and several lawmakers will join President and Mrs. Obama to watch Sunday's Super Bowl, the White House said Friday. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr., EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, United Nations Ambassador Susan E. Rice, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki and Agriculture Secretary will join the first couple for the big game. No word if they're bringing their significant others or who's bringing the chips and dip. Reps. Xavier Becerra (D-Calif.), Rick Boucher (D-Va.), Joseph Cao (R-La.), Andre Carson (D-Ind.), Brad Ellsworth (D-Ind.), Baron Hill (D-Ind.), Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) and Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) are also slated to join the party. Cao, Carson, Ellsworth and Hill hail from Super Bowl states Louisiana and Indiana, home to the New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts. Veterans injured in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families will also attend Sunday's party (O'Keefe, 2010).

**Date:** February 28, 2010

**Source:** Bloomberg Business Week, Gadi Dechter

**Title/Headline:** *Canada Brings Home Hockey Gold, Obama Beer In Overtime Match*

**Abstract:** With an overtime goal by Sidney Crosby, the Canadian men's hockey team brought home the gold medal -- and a case of Molson's Canadian lager for Canada's Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, paid for by Barack Obama. The U.S. president and Harper made a "friendly wager" on the gold medal game today that pitted the North American neighbors in the final event of the Vancouver Olympic Games. **If the U.S. had defeated the hometown favorites, Harper would have suffered the added ignominy of having to buy Obama a case of Yuengling beer, with headquarters in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, said White House spokesman Nick Shapiro.** Canada beat the U.S. 3-2, earning its eighth hockey gold medal. The game was extended after U.S. player Zach Parise scored in the last 24 seconds of regulation play (Dechter, 2010).

**Date:** March 8, 2010  
**Source:** Mobile Press Register, Gentry Estes  
**Title/Headlines:** *More On Tide's White House Visit*

**Abstract:** Moments after Alabama's football team met with U.S. President Barack Obama in the East Room of the White House, Obama's spokesman Robert Gibbs (an Auburn man) sent out this message by way of Twitter: "As President welcomes Tide to White House, I prefer to remember the other 58 mins of Iron Bowl WDE!" Obama referenced Gibbs' rooting interest during his remarks (which are transcribed below), saying "I've got to tell you, everyone was really excited about this team coming today, except for my Press Secretary Robert Gibbs, because he was born and raised in Auburn. He's hiding in his office right now." Now that's a rivalry, folks ... Anyway, we go back to Twitter for a little response from Tide quarterback **Greg McElroy**, who commented, "**President Obama was much taller than expected. I did get buried in the back because we aligned tallest to shortest. But I did get my handshake**" (Estes, 2010).

**Date:** March 17, 2010  
**Source:** Washington Post, Chris Cillizza  
**Title/Headline:** *President Obama Makes His NCAA Tournament Picks*

**Abstract:** Obama, in a clear attempt to get in good with the ole Fix, had a string of kind words for the Georgetown Hoyas. "I think they're getting better," Obama said of the team "[Coach John] Thompson [III] does a good job and I am feeling pretty good about Georgetown making a little run." Us too! Obama picked the Hoyas to lose to Kansas in the Elite Eight with Kansas State, Kentucky and Villanova rounding out the Final Four. **His championship game is between Kentucky and Kansas with the Jayhawks emerging as the champions.** We did picks of our own -- to slightly less fanfare. Like the president, we picked our beloved Hoyas all the way to the Elige Eight but just couldn't bring ourselves to choose them over Sherron Collins, Cole Aldrich and company (Cillizza, 2010).



**Date:** April 6, 2010  
**Source:** Guardian, Adam Gabbatt  
**Title/Headline:** *Obama's First Pitch Of Baseball Season*

**Abstract:** Barack Obama threw the ceremonial first pitch of the baseball season last night, a century after President William Taft started the American tradition. Every president since 1910 has thrown out a baseball on the opening day of the season – with varying degrees of success – and reaction to the current incumbent's latest effort was mixed. On Twitter critiques of Obama's pitch ranged from "pretty sad" and "appalling" to the rather more generous "good job" and "he should stick to basketball". The current US president was applauded as he took to the field at the start of the Washington Nationals' match wearing the home team's jacket, but the plaudits turned to boos as Obama produced and donned a Chicago White Sox cap. Wearing khaki trousers and brown leather brogues, the president grimaced as he lofted his toss some way wide of Nationals' baseman Ryan Zimmerman, requiring him to jump up to take the catch. Speaking afterwards, Obama said he felt there was room for improvement. "**I was a little disappointed with the pitch. It was high and outside,**" he said. "**Fortunately, Zimmerman has a tall reach.**" "**If I had a whole inning, I'm telling you, I would have cleaned up,**" the president added, somewhat optimistically. Obama's wayward technique may have rubbed off on the home side, who were soundly beaten by Philadelphia Phillies 11-1 after having taken a 1-0 lead (Gabbatt, 2010).

**Date:** April 6, 2010  
**Source:** Swamp Politics, Mark Silva  
**Title/Headline:** *Obama Calls Duke, Challenges Butler*

**Abstract:** This isn't Kansas anymore. President Barack Obama, his Final Four bracket busted early in the series, called a couple of coaches today: Coach Mike Krzyzewski at Duke University, who led Duke to its fourth victory in the NCAA Men's Division One Basketball championship. And Coach Brad Stevens, whose Butler University team came within a few points of an audacious victory. The president invited Duke's coach and his team to the White House. And Obama told Butler's coach his team "**played a great game**" and "**showed tremendous heart**" -- and voiced his hope of getting a chance to play with them (Silva, 2010).

**Date:** April 19, 2010  
**Source:** The Telegraph, Toby Harnden  
**Title/Headline:** *Barack Obama Plays Golf Eight More Times Than George W Bush*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama has played golf 32 times since he took office, eight more than his predecessor George W. Bush - who was mocked by the Left for his fondness for the game - did in his entire presidency. Mr Obama's latest outing on the links came on Sunday, when an opportunity opened up on his schedule after flying bans over most of northern and central Europe forced him to cancel his trip to Krakow to attend the funeral of Lech Kaczynski, the Polish president. Mr Bush was shown in the Michael Moore film Fahrenheit 9/11 condemning "terrorist killers" in the Middle East when asked a question on the golf course in 2002. Barely pausing for breath, he added: "Thank you. Now watch this drive." Mr Bush later gave up golf, saying in a 2008 interview: "**I don't want to some mom whose**

son may have recently died to see the commander-in-chief playing golf... And I think playing golf during a war just sends the wrong signal." The golfing figures were compiled by Mark Knoller of CBS Radio, the unofficial White House statistician. Mr Obama's Sunday golf game prompted anger in Poland, where the Warsaw Business Post carried a headline reading: "Obama goes golfing instead of attending Kaczynskis' funeral" (Harnden, 2010).

**Date:** April 21, 2010

**Source:** The Examiner, Clifford Bryan

**Title/Headline:** *Michelle Obama Hosts United States Olympic And Paralympic Athletes At The White House*

**Abstract:** Prior to the afternoon event with Vancouver Olympians that First Lady Michelle Obama will co-host at the White House with President Obama, Mrs. Obama will highlight physical activity as a critical element of the Let's Move! initiative with several Olympians and Paralympians Wednesday morning at the DC River Terrace School. She will be joined by 2010 Olympians Shani Davis and Hannah Kearney and 2010 Paralympians Alana Nichols and Heath Calhoun. In addition to promoting the need for kids to get 60 minutes of active play a day, the US Olympians will promote the Olympic philosophy of excellence, friendship and respect. **President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama together with the White House Office on Olympic, Paralympic and Youth Sport will host members of the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams on the South Portico.** The President and First Lady will congratulate Olympians and Paralympians on their performance and thank them for representing the United States during the Vancouver Winter Games. They will also discuss the First Lady's Let's Move! campaign to solve the childhood obesity epidemic within a generation (Bryans, 2010).

**Date:** April 26, 2010

**Source:** New York Daily News, Mark Feinsand

**Title/Headline:** *President Barack Obama Welcomes World Series Champion New York Yankees To White House*

**Abstract:** When President Obama picked up the World Series trophy for a photo opportunity near the end of Monday's ceremony at the White House, Yankees assistant general manager Jean Afterman threw a little Bronx attitude at the longtime White Sox fan. "Let him hold it," Afterman said. "He may not get a chance again." As the crowd in the East Room laughed at the crack, the President answered quickly with a one-liner of his own. "And you wonder why the other teams don't root for you," Obama said with a smile. It was a festive atmosphere as the Yankees were honored for their 2009 title, presenting Obama with a signed No. 27 pinstriped jersey to commemorate the visit. "It's been nine years since your last title - which must have felt like an eternity for Yankees fans," Obama said toward the beginning of his eight-minute address. "I think other teams would be just fine with a spell like that - the Cubs, for example." Obama praised the Yankees for their work on and off the field, citing the charitable efforts of Mark Teixeira and Jorge Posada, the work ethic of Derek Jeter and the HOPE Week initiative the organization began last summer (Feinsand, 2010).



**Date:** May 3, 2010

**Source:** USA Today

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Honors Navy Football, Again*

**Abstract:** Presidents engage in many annual ceremonies, such as release of the budget and State of the Union speeches. And, lately, awarding the Commander-in-Chief trophy to the Navy football team. Last season, Navy again beat both Army and Air Force to claim its seventh straight C-in-C trophy as the nation's best service academy team. Seven years -- almost two full presidential terms. "I do have to warn you that I consulted with the White House counsel," Obama told the team at the White House, "and according to the 22nd Amendment, you're only allowed to come back here one more time before it's somebody else's turn." Obama also kidded quarterback Ricky Dobbs for saying he wants to run for president in 2040. "I know people are announcing early these days," Obama said, "but, Ricky, that's a bit much." The team presented the nation's 44th president with a Navy jersey -- number 44 -- as well as a ring commemorating the midshipmen's bowl win over Missouri. "That's a big ring," Obama said (USA Today, 2010).

**Date:** May 17, 2010

**Source:** The White House

**Title/Headline:** *Remarks By The President Honoring the NCAA Champion University Of Connecticut Women's Basketball Team*

**Abstract:** THE PRESIDENT: Hello, everybody! Please, have a seat, have a seat. Well, welcome to the White House, everybody. **Congratulations to the UConn Huskies on your second straight undefeated season and your second straight NCAA championship.** (Applause.) I want to point out this team has not lost a game since I was elected President. (Laughter.) I'm just saying. (Laughter.) I want to acknowledge a few UConn fans who made the trek from the other side of Pennsylvania Avenue. We've got Senators Chris Dodd and Joe Lieberman in the house. (Applause.) And Congressmen John Larson and Joe Courtney are here as well. (Applause.) **Now, when this team came to the White House last year, I was just pointing out to Maya, we went out back -- I've got a little court, we shot a little bit. I'm not going to say who won.** (Laughter.) But I noticed then there were people who were saying,

you know, these Huskies, they've got a little too much swagger, because they said that they'd be back in 2010. They said that at the time. I'm not sure anybody believed them. I believed them, listening to them, and that confidence was well-deserved (The White House, 2010).

**Date:** May 24, 2010

**Source:** The Examiner, Cherie Saunders

**Title/Headline:** *Marv Albert's Obama Interview To Lead Lakers-Suns Game 4*

**Abstract:** TNT play-by-play announcer Marv Albert conducted a White House interview with President Obama that will premiere Tuesday (May 25) during the network's pre-show for Game 4 of the Western Conference Finals. Taped Saturday (May 22) on the White House basketball court, the president discussed his passion for hoops, the Phoenix Suns stand against Arizona's new immigration law and the future of Cleveland Cavaliers star **LeBron James**, who Obama would love to see in the uniform of his hometown Chicago Bulls. "I don't want to meddle," Obama told Albert. "I will say this: (Derrick) Rose, Joakim Noah it's a pretty good core. You know, you could see LeBron fitting in pretty well there." James's decision whether to leave the Cavaliers once he becomes a free agent this summer is a hot topic in sports media – particularly since his team was knocked out of the playoffs in the second round by the Boston Celtics. "I think that the most important thing for LeBron right now is actually to find a structure where he's got a coach that he respects and is working hard with teammates who care about him and if that's in Cleveland, then he should stay in Cleveland," Obama said. "If he doesn't feel like he can get it there, then someplace else." Obama cited the Bulls' situation in the 90s as an example, stating the team didn't start winning until Jordan had confidence in coach Phil Jackson, Scottie Pippen and the rest of his teammates. Once that happened, Chicago went on to score six NBA championships. "It wasn't until you got that framework around you that you could be a champion," Obama said, according to the AP. "Same thing happened with Kobe (Bryant). You know, I think that, first with Shaq (O'Neal) then later with (Pau) Gasol, you know, he's gotten that sense of a team around him and I think LeBron hasn't quite been able to get that yet. That's what he needs to find." Albert -- a 40-year veteran of sports broadcasting, including 11 with TNT -- said of his time with Obama, "It is clearly one of the highlights of my broadcasting career, and a great honor and privilege for me personally, to interview the President of the United States at the White House and talk NBA basketball with him." Albert is calling TNT's exclusive coverage of the Western Conference Finals alongside analyst **Doug Collins**. His interview with President Obama will air during Tuesday's "NBA Tip-Off," the network's pre-game show beginning at 8 p.m. ET, prior to TNT's coverage of Game 4 between the Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers at 9 p.m. ET (Saunders, 2010).

**Date:** May 26, 2010

**Source:** ESPN, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama: Lakers 'Looking Pretty Good'*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama is projecting a Los Angeles Lakers win in the NBA Finals. Obama told TNT in an interview that he's been surprised by Boston, but believes Kobe Bryant, Pau Gasol and coach Phil Jackson would be too much for the Celtics. "I've got to go with the Lakers again," Obama said. "I think Gasol may be the best big man in the league right now. He's different from Dwight Howard, but he's [got] unbelievable footwork, speed, savvy, he's playing magnificently. "Kobe is the fiercest competitor in the league and they've got what I continue to believe is the best coach in the NBA right now in Phil Jackson, so they're going to be formidable and I think it'll be a tough series. Boston's a veteran club, but the Lakers are looking pretty good." In the interview that aired Tuesday before Game 4 of the Western Conference finals, Obama also praised the Suns for taking a stand against Arizona's immigration law, said it'd be great if Washington got John Wall with the No. 1 pick, and that ticket prices would be his biggest concern if he was NBA commissioner for a day. "I mean, I think that ticket prices have gotten so high, and I understand that salaries are high, ticket prices are going to be high, but you know, you hate to think that the only person that can go to a game is somebody who's got a corporate account," Obama said. "And that's something that I'd love all professional sports, that's not just NBA, but all professional sports to be thinking about that a little more." The interview was conducted by broadcaster Marv Albert on the White House basketball court. It is available on www.NBA.com and is also being shown on NBA TV (ESPN, 2010).

**Date:** May 27, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Sunlen Miller

**Title/Headline:** *'Duke Day' At The White House, Obama Jokes 'You're Going To Try To Bust My Bracket Once Again'*

**Abstract:** Payback is sweet, isn't it, coach?" President Obama quipped to Coach K of the Duke Blue Devils, as he honored the team for their NCAA championship win in the Rose Garden today. "I know that all of you remember last year, when I filled out my bracket I picked North Carolina to win it all. It wasn't anything personal. Just trying to win some money. I was right. Coach K wasn't too happy. He basically told me to stick it. Or stick to my day job, is what he said. "The president joked that Coach K led his team to victory this year just so he could come to the White House to "crow" about it. The president called Duke's season and NCAA tournament "incredible" from the start to finish. "The championship game against Butler --- the most-watched championship game in more than 10 years --- was everything fans hoped it would be. It came down to the final possession. And these guys hung in there and won it all." The president's personal assistant and former Duke basketball player Reggie Love -- who almost got as much applause as the president when he walked in the Rose Garden to arrange his boss' papers on the podium -- got a fair portion of the president's speech today. "Reggie was so excited to see his old coach today that I had to make him come out and run some sprint drills -- just to calm him down," Obama laughed, "I play with Reggie now, and when Reggie was playing, Coach said, 'don't shoot.' And when he's on my team, I say to Reggie, 'don't shoot.' So things haven't changed that much. Go down in the post, rebound." The president wished the team good luck next season. "I suspect that you're going to try to bust my bracket once again. But I may not make the same mistake twice" (Miller, 2010).



**Date:** May 27, 2010

**Source:** USA Soccer Stud

**Title/Headline:** *Forget Italy! USA Is "The Best-Dressed Soccer Team," Says President Obama*

**Abstract:** Ranked 14th in the world, the U.S. national team is by no means the favorite to win the World Cup next month. But we just might just be the most handsome, according to U.S. President Barack Obama. **"This may be the best-dressed soccer team I've ever seen,"** President Obama said Thursday, after meeting with the *athletic casual* team at the White House. **"We're going to be proud of what you do in South Africa,"** he added, **"And you will have somebody in the Oval Office watching ESPN to make sure things are going OK."** In April, South African officials said President Obama informally committed to attending a U.S. game the team made it to the deeper rounds of the tournament. Both vice president Joe Biden and former President Bill Clinton said they will attend (USA Soccer Stud, 2010).

**Date:** June 4, 2010

**Source:** The Examiner, Lisa Van App

**Title/Headline:** *President Obama Hosts 2009 MLS Cup Champions Real Salt Lake At The White House*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama hosted Real Salt Lake at the White House on Friday, formally congratulating the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup champions. Obama's ceremonial speech in the East Room of the White House drew laughter and applause from players, coaches, and staff members, as he described the team's remarkable path to the championship. **"I know that this team had a pretty unlikely journey to get here. You qualified for the playoffs on the last day of the season with a losing record,"** Obama said. **"That's cutting it a little close guys. You beat your biggest rival, took down the defending champions on your way to the title game. And with the Cup on the line, you held two of the game's biggest stars scoreless in regulation and went on to win in a shootout—all of which goes to show that in Major League Soccer, there's no such thing as a foregone conclusion"** (App, 2010).

**Date:** June 8, 2010

**Source:** USA Today

**Title/Headline:** *Obama: Baseball May Have To Look At Instant Replay*

**Abstract:** President Obama isn't exactly advocating instant replay for baseball, but he does suggest it's something that needs to be looked at. **"I think that baseball is going to have to take a look at what football and basketball already decided, which is replay may in some cases be appropriate,"** Obama said during a wide-ranging interview on NBC's *Today* show. **"I'm not advocating for it ... I'm saying that you may have a take a look at it."** Obama was commenting on last week's blown ninth-inning call that cost Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga a perfect game. Major League Baseball made the right decision in not awarding Galarraga a perfect game after the fact, Obama said. The president also praised Galarraga and umpire Jim Joyce for the way they handled what could have been a very ugly situation: What was wonderful was how a potentially sour story ended up being, for me, an inspiring story. I think the class with which the pitcher handled it, the way Joyce owned up to making a mistake, the way the whole team went out there the next day and said, **You know what? We all make mistakes. But you've had a great career as an umpire. I thought that that showed something about sportsmanship that you don't see enough** (USA Today, 2010).

**Date:** June 16, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph

**Title/Headline:** *Michelle Obama Joins LA's Elite To Watch Basketball*

**Abstract:** Michelle Obama became the latest high profile fan of the LA Lakers as she and her daughters attended the basketball finals match on Wednesday night. Mrs Obama, 46, daughters Malia, 11 and Sasha, 9, and Mrs Obama's mother Marian Robinson, enjoyed Game 6 between the Lakers and arch rivals The Boston Celtics at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Rather than sit courtside like regular attendees Jack Nicholson and Leonardo Di Caprio, the Obamas enjoyed the action from a private box, along with Black Eyed Pease singer Will.i.am. **The first lady, whose brother Craig Robinson is the head coach of the Oregon State Beavers basketball team, was presented with a Lakers jersey by a club official, as she watched the team and star player Kobe Bryant overcome the Celtics 89-67. Other celebrities in attendance included Sean 'Diddy' Combs, Transformers star Megan Fox and Peaces Geldof. Christina Aguilera sang the US national anthem** (Telegraph, 2010).

**Date:** June 18, 2010

**Source:** Associated Press, John Kroluk

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Congratulates Lakers*

**Abstract:** The Associated Press is reporting that Phil Jackson was congratulated on his 11th championship by a very satisfied NBA fan yesterday -- President Barack Obama. Obama, a longtime basketball fan, called Jackson from The White House on Friday, congratulating Jackson on the win and telling him that the series was worthy of the rivalry between the Lakers and the Celtics. Obama also told Jackson that he looked forward to congratulating the players in person at the White House. To provide some perspective on just how long Jackson has been on top of the coaching heap, Obama was graduating from law school around the time Jackson won his first championship with Obama's hometown Chicago Bulls (Kroluk, 2010).



**Date:** June 23, 2010

**Source:** The Huffington Post, Robert Ross, Dr. David Washington

**Title/Headline:** *President Obama Takes Fitness, Sports And Nutrition To The Next Level*

**Abstract:** Taking a bold step forward for public health and well-being, today President Obama announced his "Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition." Now if that doesn't strike you as bold or important, allow us to take you down memory lane for a moment. Remember the old patch you'd get in physical education class back in the day for doing a certain number of push-ups, sit-ups and running a mile in a certain time? Sometimes it felt like you just got it for showing up because the tests seemed so generic and there were one or two kids who couldn't quite finish it but the coach might give them a patch anyways so they didn't feel left out. Well that is what the Council is, as they call it in the sports world and White House circles, and it has just gotten a huge makeover. This makeover represents what change looks like and is reflective of the 21st century. This is a really BIG deal for a number of reasons. For starters, we know the power of role models on our young people in today's world, we know the great reverence given to sports heroes. **So for the President to put together a rock star collective of contemporary sports heroes and industry leaders in areas of healthy living, cooking, coaching and nutrition from a diversity of backgrounds, each with an incredible personal story, is tremendously powerful. Co-chairing the Council will be Drew Brees, who is nearly as well known for his endless charity and humanitarian work in post-Katrina New Orleans communities as he is for winning this past season's Super Bowl, and three-time Olympian Dominique Dawes, whose 10-year career on the U.S. national gymnastics team inspired millions of youngsters to go for the gold.** With role models like this at the helm, expect big results. And that's where President Obama has taken it to another level: by urging our youth and all Americans to realize that fitness and healthy living requires a holistic approach. We'll need more than one form of intervention to successfully combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes and other health problems. This challenge requires a multi-faceted response. We need to not only focus on obesity, but also more broadly on general fitness and nutrition (Ross & Washington, 2010).

**Date:** June 24, 2010

**Source:** Tribune News, WGN 9 News

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Hails U.S. Team On World Cup Win*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama called the U.S. World Cup soccer team Thursday to congratulate it on an "extraordinary victory" this week and to wish the team luck in the next round of the tournament. The U.S. team scored in injury time at the end of the second half Wednesday to beat Algeria 1-0 to advance out of group play. **The game was poorly timed for the president, coming as he accepted the resignation of Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who had served as his top commander in Afghanistan. Obama was meeting with McChrystal's replacement, Gen. David Petraeus, in the Oval Office when he heard staffers in the West Wing erupt in cheers when U.S. midfielder Landon Donovan scored the winning goal.** During his call with the team, Obama congratulated Donovan on the goal. He also asked goalkeeper Tim Howard how his ribs were feeling after the injury he suffered in the team's first game, and checked on midfielder Clint Dempsey, who got a split lip in Wednesday's game. Obama told the team the entire country would be cheering when the Americans face Ghana on Saturday (Tribune News, 2010).



CHICAGO **SUN-TIMES**

**Date:** June 26, 2010

**Source:** Chicago Sun Times, Lynn Sweet

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Pays Off World Cup Bet With Goose Island 312 Beer From Chicago*

**Abstract:** President Obama paid off a World Cup bet with British Prime Minister Cameron on Saturday with Goose Island 312 beer from Chicago. Though the U.S.-England game ended up in a tie, both leaders paid off their respective bets. Obama and Cameron mentioned the beers after a joint meeting in Toronto, where they are attending the G-8 and G-20 economic summits. **"We are exchanging -- and paying off our debts at the same time -- this is Goose Island 312 beer from my hometown of Chicago,"** said Obama. Cameron showed off his local brew. "This is Hobgoblin from the Wychwood brew in Witney, in my constituency," he said. Obama said **"so I advised him that in America we drink our beer cold. So he has to put this in the refrigerator before he drinks it, but I think he will find it outstanding. And I'm happy to give that a shot, although I will not drink it warm"** (Sweet, 2010).

**Date:** July 2, 2010

**Source:** USA Today, Robert Klemko

**Title/Headline:** *Sky Blue FC Honored As WPS Champs By President Obama*

**Abstract:** President Obama met and honored Sky Blue FC, 2009 champions of Women's Professional Soccer, in a ceremony Thursday in the East Room of the White House. Sky Blue FC earned the league's inaugural title, and Thursday the team enjoyed a distinction typically reserved for champions of the NFL and NBA — an audience with the president. **"This is a pretty exciting time for soccer in America,"** Obama said. "This team came together when it counted. No matter what obstacles they faced. No matter what disappointment and distractions they had to deal with, they had each other's backs and they stayed focused on the ultimate goal. And that's what teams do." Sky Blue captain and 2010 WPS All-Star Christie Rampone, who took over the team's coaching duties during its championship run, presented Obama with a Sky Blue jersey with the number "09" and "Obama" across the back. **"It's great to know that he cares about women's sports,"** Rampone said. "This recognition is huge for us on the female side. It's the next step for

us. The buzz around the country is there's a lot of people supporting and watching the World Cup. Hopefully that can transfer to the women's side" (Klemko, 2010).

**Date:** July 19, 2010

**Source:** CBS News, Mark Knoller

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Honors WNBA Champion Phoenix Mercury*

**Abstract:** Since taking office, President Obama has held 21 events to honor championship teams in amateur and professional sports. Today in the State Dining Room, he offered congratulations to the 2009 WNBA Champion Phoenix Mercury. "I know how much hard work goes into a championship season," said the President in praise of the team. Such presidential events are meant to be light-hearted in words and spirit. At today's reception for the Mercury, some of whose members stood taller in their heels than is Mr. Obama, he thanked them for "setting a wonderful example." "Because I live with 3 tall, good-looking women who are quite competitive and push me around under the boards all the time," said the president of his wife and daughters. The tributes to sports teams are a long-stranding presidential tradition. They are political events designed to endear the politician in the Oval Office to the fans of the teams he honors. The current White House prefers it not be seen that way. "It's an opportunity for the President to celebrate excellence and achievement in our country," said Deputy Press Secretary Bill Burton when asked to explain why championship sports teams receive a presidential tribute (Knoller, 2010).



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NEWS**

**Date:** July 27, 2010

**Source:** CBS News, Jaywon Choe

**Title/Headline:** *Madden 11 Features Appearance By Obama*

**Abstract:** News that President Obama will make a cameo in the latest installment of the popular Madden football games has been feverishly circling through the blogosphere. According to gaming website IGN, players who manage to lead their team to a Super Bowl victory in Madden NFL '11 will be treated to a special video featuring the full fanfare associated with winning the coveted title, including a meeting with the president of the United States. You can see a picture from the video at left featuring last year's champions, the New Orleans Saints, with a virtual Mr. Obama greeting the team on the White House's South Lawn where he poses for pictures along with a custom "Obama" jersey -- much like he has done in real life. The videos and accompanying commentary after the win are tailored to each specific team. This is not the first time Mr. Obama has made an appearance in a video game. During the 2008 presidential campaign, the Obama camp placed an advertisement in the racing game Burnout Paradise reminding players that "Early Voting Has Begun" (Choe, 2010).

**Date:** August 1, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Times, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Attends Mystics Game*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama checked out the WNBA's Washington Mystics on Sunday after spending the morning shooting some hoops himself. Obama, his daughter Sasha and a friend of Sasha's had courtside seats for a women's basketball game between the Mystics and the Tulsa Shock at the Verizon Center in downtown Washington. Sasha and her friend, whom the White House declined to identify, both wore Mystics jerseys. The crowd at the arena roared when the scoreboard showed the president's arrival. Obama chatted during the game with Mystics owner Ted Leonsis and team president Sheila Johnson. Obama and his party left the arena a few minutes before the end of the game, which the Mystics won, 87-62. Earlier Sunday, Obama played basketball against an Army team at Fort McNair in the District of Columbia. Obama has attended basketball games at the Verizon Center before. In January he had front-row seats for a Duke-Georgetown game, and even sat in with CBS' announcers for about seven minutes. Last year, he saw his hometown Chicago Bulls lose a game to the Washington Wizards at the arena (The Washington Times, 2010).

**Date:** August 4, 2010

**Source:** Long Island Tennis Magazine

**Title/Headline:** *USTA Conducts Clinic At White House In Support of Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" Initiative*

**Abstract:** The USTA has conducted a tennis clinic featuring the QuickStart play format on the White House South Lawn alongside USTA Chairman of the Board and President Lucy S. Garvin, World Team Tennis Washington Kastles Owner Mark Ein, world number 20th-ranked player Sam Querrey, and the doubles team of Bob & Mike Bryan on Tuesday, Aug. 3. The event was part of the South Lawn Series, a summer-long series of events that brings local children, sports leagues and community programs together to the South Lawn in support of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative to combat childhood obesity. "This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase all the benefits of the sport of tennis," said Garvin. "Tennis is a lifetime sport and can help keep people of all ages active and healthy. The USTA is proud to join the First Lady and her Let's Move! initiative, and we are thrilled that she recognizes the positive impact that tennis can have on children" (Long Island Tennis Magazine, 2010).

**Date:** August 8, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *It's Hoops For The Troops: Basketball Stars, Obama Play For Wounded Vets*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama pulled together an informal dream team of current and former basketball superstars Sunday. But only a few people got to see it. LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Carmelo Anthony and other NBA all-stars joined Obama in Washington to entertain wounded troops. The present-day stars were joined by some retired legends, including Bill Russell and Magic Johnson. College player Maya Moore of the Connecticut Huskies women's team also played. The game was played for a group of "wounded warriors" -- troops injured in action -- and participants in the White House's mentoring program. It took place at a gym inside Washington's Fort McNair, a short drive from the White House. The president was inside the gym for about two hours. The reporters assigned to keep tabs on the president were shut out of the gym, forced to wait in vans outside. Asked why media coverage was blocked, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama "just wanted to play." After the game some of the players joined Obama and a group of his friends for a barbecue at the White House, capping the president's 49th birthday week (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** August 13, 2010

**Source:** White House

**Title/Headline:** *President Obama To Honor NCAA Champion Student Athletes At The White House*

**Abstract:** Next month, President Obama will continue a tradition started by President George W. Bush by honoring championship teams and student athletes from across the NCAA with a reception at the White House. The President will welcome student athletes from dozens of schools and various sports to congratulate them on their accomplishments in the classroom as well as on and off the playing field. In association with this event, various championship teams and players will be recognized for their efforts to give back to their communities, continuing an effort begun by President Obama of sports champions being commended for service as part of a White House visit. More details, including press access information, will be released in the coming weeks. Some of the schools and teams invited to attend the September 13 event include:

1. Augusta State University Men's Golf
2. Boston College Men's Ice Hockey
3. Duke University Men's Lacrosse
4. Fairleigh Dickinson University Women's Bowling
5. Oklahoma State University Men's Cross Country
6. Pennsylvania State University Women's Volleyball
7. Pennsylvania State University Men's & Women's Fencing
8. Purdue University Women's Golf
9. Stanford University Men's Volleyball
10. Stanford University Women's Tennis
11. Texas A&M University, College Station Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field
12. Texas Christian University Men's & Women's Rifle
13. University of California, Los Angeles Softball
14. University of California Los Angeles Women's Gymnastics
15. University of Denver Men's & Women's Skiing
16. University of Florida Men's Indoor Track and Field
17. University of Florida Women's Swimming and Diving
18. University of Iowa Wrestling
19. University of Maryland, College Park Women's Lacrosse
20. University of Michigan Men's Gymnastics
21. University of Minnesota Duluth Women's Ice Hockey
22. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Field Hockey
23. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Women's Soccer
24. University of Oregon Women's Indoor Track and Field
25. University of South Carolina Baseball
26. University of Southern California Men's Tennis
27. University of Southern California Men's Water Polo
28. University of Southern California Women's Water Polo
29. University of Texas at Austin Men's Swimming and Diving
30. University of Virginia Men's Soccer
31. University of Virginia Women's Rowing
32. Villanova University Women's Cross Country
33. Villanova University Football (White House, 2010).



**Date:** September 20, 2010

**Source:** Pasta Padre, 2K Sports

**Title/Headline:** *NBA 2K11 Includes Obama Appearance*

**Abstract:** 2K Sports has confirmed that President Barack Obama will be making a virtual appearance in NBA 2K11 (Pasta Padre, 2010).

**Date:** August 9, 2010

**Source:** NFL, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *President Obama Welcomes Super Bowl Champs To White House*

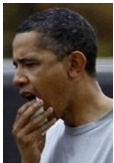
**Abstract:** The New Orleans Saints marched in to the White House on Monday and received a salute from President Barack Obama for lifting up "the hopes and the dreams of a shattered city" with their Super Bowl victory. Obama welcomed the Saints in an East Room ceremony where he congratulated the players, owner and coaches several months after they beat the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17, for their first-ever football championship. Obama said it was an unbelievable season for the team after decades of frustration. "I'm a Bears fan, I'm not going to lie, but this was a big win for the country -- not just New Orleans," the president said. He noted that after Hurricane Katrina the Saints had to play an entire season on the road because their home stadium, the Superdome, was ruined in the storm. "Back then, people didn't even know if the team was coming back. People didn't even know if the city was coming back," Obama said. "Now, New Orleans and the New Orleans Saints are here to stay." Obama noted that he has to make tough decisions as president. "But I never decided on an onside kick in the second half of the Super Bowl," the president joked, referencing the bold play that helped the Saints clinch their victory. Team members presented Obama with a Saints jersey with the number of his presidency -- 44 -- on the back (NFL, 2010).

**Date:** October 23, 2010

**Source:** Go Huskies (UW)

**Title/Headline:** *2009 Team Meets President Obama*

**Abstract:** Usually when a team wins a national championship they get a trip to the White House to meet the current president, however, in 2009 when the UW softball team won it all, a lot of teams didn't have a chance to make it to D.C. **When President Obama visited UW last week, he took some special time out of his visit to meet with the 2009 team and the 2008 women's cross country team** (Go Huskies, 2010).



**Date:** November 27, 2010

**Source:** CBS Sports, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Gets 12 Stitches After Errant Elbow To Mouth*

**Abstract:** President Barack Obama needed 12 stitches in his upper lip after taking an errant elbow during a pickup basketball game Friday morning with family and friends visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday, the White House said. First word of the injury came in a statement from press secretary Robert Gibbs nearly three hours after the incident. The White House did not initially name the person who caused the injury, but identified him later Friday as Rey Decerega, director of programs for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. **Obama received the stitches under local anesthesia in the doctor's office on the ground floor of the White House after returning home. Doctors used a smaller filament than typically used, which increases the number of stitches but makes a tighter stitch and leaves a smaller scar.** The president had gone to nearby Fort McNair to indulge in a game of basketball, one of his favorite athletic pursuits. It was a five-on-five contest involving family and friends. **Among the players were Obama's nephew, Avery Robinson, Education Secretary Arne Duncan and Reggie Love, Obama's personal assistant, who played at Duke University.** The White House said the injury happened during their fifth and final game when Decerega turned to take a shot and hit Obama, who was playing defense, in the mouth with his elbow. **Obama emerged from the building after about 90 minutes of play, wearing a short-sleeve T-shirt and gym pants, and was seen dabbing at his mouth with what appeared to be a wad of gauze.** A few hours later, reporters who had gathered on the White House driveway for the arrival of the Christmas tree saw the president in an upstairs window, pressing an ice pack against his mouth before he stood and walked away. "After being inadvertently hit with an opposing player's elbow in the lip while playing basketball with friends and family, the president received 12 stitches today administered by the White House Medical Unit," Gibbs said. Decerega

issued a statement through the White House late Friday. He did not immediately respond to an e-mail request from The Associated Press for independent comment. **"I learned today the president is both a tough competitor and a good sport," the statement said. "I enjoyed playing basketball with him this morning. I'm sure he'll be back out on the court again soon"** (CBS Sports, 2010).

**Date:** December 02, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *President Peeved By FIFA World Cup Decision*

**Abstract:** President Obama said Thursday the world's soccer association got it wrong in awarding Qatar the 2022 World Cup rather than the United States. **"I think it was the wrong decision,"** Obama said as he was caught in passing by reporters while headed out of the Oval Office. The reporters, including Fox News' Wendell Goler, bumped into the president as they were headed into a briefing on unemployment insurance and tax rate negotiations. **Obama said he was confident the U.S. team would make it to the finals wherever the contest. FIFA announced earlier in the day that Qatar had beat out the United States, Australia, Japan and South Korea for the 2022 games. Earlier, it awarded Russia the role of host of the 2018 World Cup, beating out England and joint submissions from Spain and Portugal and the Netherlands and Belgium.** The United States last hosted soccer's World Cup in 1994. Last year, the president and first lady were not rewarded with the 2016 Olympics games after traveling to Copenhagen. On this occasion, Obama sent Attorney General Eric Holder to Zurich, Switzerland to bid for the quadrennial championship games. Former President Bill Clinton and actor Morgan Freeman joined Holder. According to National Review Online, **Obama asked Holder to "make clear that the United States has the capacity to host a World Cup that is both secure and welcoming to the people of the world"** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** December 27, 2010

**Source:** CBS News, Kevin Hechtkopf

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Lauds Michael Vick's Second Chance*

**Abstract:** President Obama has voiced his approval of the second chance Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick is getting this season, just a year removed from serving 18 months in federal prison on charges related to a dog fighting ring. Peter King of Sports Illustrated and NBC Sports reported Monday that Mr. Obama recently called Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie to praise the team for giving Vick a chance. Lurie said Mr. Obama told him that **"So many people who serve time never get a fair second chance," King reported on SI.com. Lurie said Mr. Obama was "passionate about it," adding that the president said "it's never a level playing field for prisoners when they get out of jail. And he was happy that we did something on such a national stage that showed our faith in giving someone a second chance after such a major downfall"** (Hechtkopf, 2010).



**Date:** December 28, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Eve Zibel

**Title/Headline:** *President Obama Talks Vick But Still Loves His Bears*

**Abstract:** President Obama may love his Chicago Bears, but that love didn't stop him from calling Jeffrey Lurie, the owner of the surging Philadelphia Eagles and talking about quarterback Michael Vick. The call, placed by the president to Lurie and reported in Sports Illustrated, was to discuss the use of alternative energy at Lincoln Financial Field, the home of the Eagles, and the host of Tuesday night's football game between the Eagles and the Minnesota Vikings. **In the course of the conversation, the president brought up Vick and discussed the second chance quarterback received when the Eagles picked him up after time spent in prison for dog fighting.** White House Spokesman Bill Burton told Fox News' Mike Emanuel about the conversation, "He [Obama] of course condemns the crimes that Michael Vick was convicted of but, as he's said previously, he does think that individuals who have paid for their crimes should have an opportunity to contribute to society again." **Lurie told Sports Illustrated's Peter King about the conversation saying, "He said, 'So many people who serve time never get a fair second chance. He was ... passionate about it. He said it's never a level playing field for prisoners when they get out of jail. And he was happy that we did something on such a national stage that showed our faith in giving someone a second chance after such a major downfall.' And Lurie made sure to point out that even if President Obama is known for his basketball skills, he has equal respect for gridiron greats. 'He's a real football fan,' Lurie told King. 'He loves his Bears. He really follows it. He knew how Michael was doing. It was really interesting to hear.'**" The ASPCA has also sent out a statement regarding Vick. Since Vick's release from prison, he has worked with the Humane Society and traveled around the United States speaking to children about dog fighting and what he says were mistakes he made. The organization says it wants to remind people Vick was convicted for dog fighting and he also participated in the killing of dogs who did not perform well, but the group also agrees with the president when talking about second chances - although with limits(Zibel, 2010).

**Conclusion:** Barry Soetoro aka Barack Obama has met with almost every major sports star and celebrity in America, and when a nuke goes off he will demand their full support. From secret meetings at the White House with LeBron James to LIVE TV appearances and courtside seats, Obama's handlers have made sure that every American knows how much Obama loves sports. This is most likely a political ploy aimed at gaining the sports community's support when the Super Bowl is nuked. The Powers that Be are betting that the professional athletes will support Obama in a nuclear crisis and are hoping the American people will also fall in line. Don't bet on it.



## The Nuclear Bible: Terrorism & America



**Intro:** The link between Muslim/Arab extremists and “white” American citizens has been successfully drawn with the fabrication and propagation of mass arrests of alleged “terrorists” of both American, Spanish, African, and Middle Eastern descent. The most disturbing of all of these accounts is the implications drawn from Americans arrested for allegedly seeking nuclear secrets and access. Tying the American people with alleged terrorists from the Middle East is key in painting the Americans as sympathizers should a nuclear attack transpire. In the war on terror, making all races of people suspects in eliminating people’s God given rights.

**Date:** June 11, 2002

**Source:** USA Today, Donna Leinwand, Jack Kelley

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Citizen Arrested In 'Dirty Bomb' Plot*

**Abstract:** With the arrest of a former Chicago street gang member in a suspected al-Qaeda plot to explode a radioactive "dirty bomb" in the United States, authorities are seeking others who might have been involved, U.S. law enforcement officials said Monday. Abdullah Al Muhajir, 31, who officials say changed his name from Jose Padilla after adopting a radical brand of Islam while jailed in Florida, was believed to have been on a scouting mission for possible targets when he was arrested last month in Chicago, where he grew up. Al Muhajir was stopped as he tried to re-enter the USA at O'Hare International Airport after flying there from Zurich. He had been in Pakistan, where authorities working the case have arrested two unidentified Pakistanis. **Authorities said that for much of the past month Al Muhajir, like several other detainees in terrorism probes, had been held in the New York area while officials investigated them.** Sunday, he was moved to the U.S. Navy jail in Charleston, S.C., authorities said. U.S. officials provided few details on Al Muhajir's alleged path from Chicago's gang culture to al-Qaeda, but their sketchy portrayal of him reflects the increasing threat they say is posed by the terror network's efforts to recruit Westerners. **Officials said that after Al Muhajir's release in 1992 from a jail in Broward County, Fla., where he served 10 months for aggravated assault and weapons violations, he continued to live in South Florida, where his mother had moved from Chicago. A U.S. law enforcement official said Al Muhajir went to the Middle East in 1998, then lived in Egypt but traveled frequently to Pakistan and Afghanistan.** Before his arrest, the official said, Al Muhajir had returned to the USA once or twice. A Defense Department official said Abu Zubaydah, a top al-Qaeda official in U.S. custody, led U.S. authorities to Al Muhajir — possibly to try to sow fear in the USA by showing that al-Qaeda had recruited an American. Al Muhajir met Zubaydah in Afghanistan last year and then traveled to Pakistan, where he studied how to assemble a radioactive bomb at an al-Qaeda safe house in Lahore, a senior U.S. law enforcement official said. Weeks later, Al Muhajir met with senior al-Qaeda leaders in Karachi. **The dirty bomb plot was in its initial stages and did not have a target, although Al Muhajir has "indicated some knowledge of the Washington, D.C., area," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Monday. Intelligence sources said Chicago also might have been a potential target.** A senior U.S. law enforcement official said part of the plot involved attacking hotels and gas stations with conventional explosives. U.S. officials wouldn't comment on any alleged co-conspirators. **A senior Pakistani intelligence official said security agents there detained Al Muhajir and two Pakistanis for a few days in April for passport irregularities. Pakistani authorities told FBI agents, who asked them to re-arrest the three. The Pakistanis were arrested quickly; the FBI and CIA tracked Al Muhajir to Switzerland, where agents believe he picked up money for his trip to Chicago.** When he was arrested, he had more than \$10,000, authorities said. "We have disrupted an unfolding terrorist plot," Attorney General John Ashcroft said in Moscow, where he met with Russian officials. **"Al-Qaeda officials knew that as a citizen of the United States ... Al Muhajir would be able to travel freely in the U.S."** A dirty bomb uses a conventional explosive such as dynamite to spread radioactive material. Al-Qaeda has been trying to acquire such material, and in 2000 authorities learned that the network wanted to detonate a dirty bomb in the U.S. Capitol. Officials said Al Muhajir had not obtained any radioactive material. **No charges have been filed. Al Muhajir's transfer to Defense Department custody as an "enemy combatant" does not necessarily mean that officials plan to reverse plans not to try U.S. citizens in military tribunals, officials said. Authorities suggested the transfer was aimed at giving them a way to hold Al Muhajir indefinitely while they try to unravel the plot (Leinwand & Kelley, 2002).**

**Date:** January 14, 2008

**Source:** The Raw Story, David Edwards, Muriel Kane

**Title/Headline:** *Fox Hypes Terror Of 'White Al Qaeda Army'*

**Abstract:** The hosts of Fox & Friends are all worked up over a claim in the British press that al Qaeda may be recruiting Caucasian members to infiltrate Western societies. **"Have you heard about this new thing going on in Great Britain," asked host Gretchen Carlson, "[where] Al Qaeda [is] rooting up all these Britons, essentially, 1400 strong, apparently, in a new, what's being called a new 'White al Qaeda Army.'"** Tougher to detect, potentially ... "Yeah, because they're not Muslims," co-host Steve Doocy commented. **"They look just like regular British people."** **"This is what we've always talked about,"** Carlson went on, "That if you have people in one country transplanting to another religion and they maybe aren't exactly what you *think* they are, that can be more difficult to fight. **"Yeah. They're converting them in prison, to, uh..." "To kill us!" "Yeah, great,"** said co-hosts Brian Kilmeade and Steve Doocy in turn. Brian Kilmeade then brought on Mike Baker, a former CIA agent and professional counter-terrorism expert. **"Mike Baker's here -- this word that al Qaeda's building up a white terror army of up to 1500 operatives in the UK:"** said Kilmeade. "How soon could they strike us here, and would they be trying to do something similar using convicted criminals?" Baker told Kilmeade that al Qaeda looks for

operatives who can fit in, just as the CIA does, saying, **"If they can recruit a Scandinavian, that's the holy grail for them."** He added, **"They need people who can move around freely and do their bidding,"** apparently implying that **blue-eyed blondes are the people who blend most seamlessly into Western society.** However, Baker dismissed Kilmeade's suggestion that al Qaeda would be particularly interested in recruiting in US prisons. "To go into a prison and try to recruit individuals -- that person's already tainted. What they really need, they need people who haven't run afoul of law enforcement in the past. ... Their problems are extreme in trying to recruit someone who can go out there and carry out their business" (Edwards & Kane, 2008).

**Date:** March 7, 2008

**Source:** CBS News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Commander Warns Of Homeland Terror Threat*

**Abstract:** **Al Qaeda terrorists may be plotting more urgently to attack the United States to maintain their credibility and ability to recruit followers,** the U.S. military commander in charge of domestic defense said. Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart, chief of the U.S. Northern Command, also told reporters that he has not seen any direct threats tied to the U.S. presidential elections. But he said it would be rash to think that such threats are not there. "We need only to look at Spain and see that they're certainly willing to try to do something that is significant that could affect an election process," Renuart said. **"I think it would be imprudent of us to let down our guard believing that if there's no credible threat that you know of today, there won't be something tomorrow."** While he said that U.S. authorities have thwarted attacks on a number of occasions, he said terrorist cells may be working harder than ever to plot high-impact events. He did not point to any specific intelligence that authorities have received but said the "chatter" they are hearing "gives me no reason to believe they're going to slow down" in their efforts to target the U.S. "If an organization like that is to maintain credibility and continue to grow more of its extremists, it has to show tangible results," Renuart said. "So I think there may be a certain sense of urgency among that organization to have an effect. So it would tell me that they're trying harder." Asked about the terror threat, Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said, **"There continues to be no credible information telling us about an imminent threat to homeland at this time."** In July, U.S. intelligence analysts, in a threat assessment, concluded that al Qaeda had rebuilt its operating capability to a level not seen since just before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The report said the terror network had regrouped along the Afghan-Pakistan border, but it also noted that officials knew of no specific credible threat of an attack on U.S. soil. About the same time, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff raised eyebrows when he said he had a "gut feeling" that the United States faced a heightened risk of attack. **"There continues to be no credible information telling us about an imminent threat to homeland at this time."** Russ Knocke, Homeland Security spokesman stated. On Thursday, however, Chertoff said the U.S. has successfully lowered the risk of a large-scale domestic terrorist attack for the near future. **"We have significantly reduced the risk of a major attack in the short term,"** Chertoff told a group of editors at The Washington Post in a report posted online Thursday. Chertoff said the U.S. effort was one of the reasons there has been an increase in attacks by Islamic extremists in Europe. Improvements in U.S. traveler screening and border security have shifted the focus of al Qaeda operatives and sympathizers to Europe, he said. Renuart said that of the more than **a dozen daily events that Northern Command responds to - ranging from natural disasters to threats - two or three may have the potential to be terrorist incidents.** The chatter, which included public audio and video tapes released on the Internet by al Qaeda leaders, suggests that they are looking for a way to have a big impact again, he said. Pressed for details, he said the chatter was more common but "whether that's louder or more ominous, I'm not sure I'm ready to draw that conclusion." **He did, however, repeat his assertion - which he first made in July - that he believes there are al Qaeda cells or sympathizers within the United States.** President Bush, in a speech Thursday, also said the United States remained under threat from terrorists. Marking the fifth anniversary of the creation of the Homeland Security Department, Bush said that in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks **"it was hard to imagine that we would reach this milestone without another attack on our homeland."** Yet he said, **"On this anniversary, we must also remember that the danger to our country has not passed. Since the attacks of 9/11, the terrorists have tried to strike our homeland again and again. We've disrupted numerous planned attacks - including a plot to fly an airplane into the tallest building on the West Coast and another to blow up passenger jets headed for America across the Atlantic Ocean."** Mr. Bush said the lesson is clear: **"The enemy remains active, deadly in its intent - and in the face of this danger, the United States must never let down its guard"** (CBS News, 2008).



**Date:** June 10, 2009

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Guard Killed During Shooting At Holocaust Museum*

**Abstract:** **A rifle-wielding white supremacist entered Washington's Holocaust museum on Wednesday afternoon, fatally shooting a security guard before being wounded himself by return fire from other guards,** authorities said. Stephen Tyrone Johns, a six-year veteran of the museum's security staff, later "died heroically in the line of duty," said Sara Bloomfield, museum director. **Law enforcement sources identified the suspect as James W. von Brunn, an 88-year-old white supremacist from Maryland. He is a known Holocaust denier** who created an anti-Semitic Web site called "The Holy Western Empire." He has repeatedly claimed "The Diary of Anne Frank," a widely read book about a teenage girl's experiences under Nazi rule, was a hoax. The museum shooting occurred on a day the museum was to stage a play based on Anne Frank and two days before what would have been her 80th birthday. Investigators found a notebook in the suspect's car listing other locations in Washington, a federal official told CNN. It was unclear what purpose the list served. **Von Brunn allegedly entered the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum at 12:50 p.m. Wednesday and immediately shot Johns with a rifle, said**

**Chief Cathy Lanier of the District of Columbia's Metropolitan Police Department. Two other security guards returned fire, according to Lanier and the museum statement.** Both Johns and Von Brunn were taken to George Washington University Hospital, said D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty. Johns died at the hospital. Von Brunn was in critical condition, Fenty said. Johns, 40, was a resident of Temple Hills, Maryland, according to a statement issued by Wackenhut Services Inc., which has provided security services at the museum since 2002. "Obviously there are no words to express our grief and shock over the horrific event that took place at this museum today," Bloomfield, the museum director, said. She said the museum was closed for the remainder of the day and would remain closed Thursday in honor of Johns. **Brunn served six years in prison for trying in 1981 to kidnap Federal Reserve board members because of high interest rates.** He blamed his prison term on a "Negro jury, Jew/Negro attorneys" and "a Jew judge," he said on his Web site, "Holy Western Empire." The Southern Poverty Law Center, which focuses on human rights, said Brunn has "an extremely long history with neo-Nazis and white supremacists." A place that stimulates visitors to confront hatred and promotes peace and human dignity, the Holocaust museum on Wednesday became the scene of everything that was opposite. Witnesses described blood on the floor and chaos within the museum's halls. Visitor Maria Hernandez told CNN she heard five shots and saw the wounded security guard. "It was definitely a security guard; he was down bleeding on the floor," said Hernandez, 19. "He was face down. His back ... blood was coming out." Sirens blared as emergency vehicles converged on the area, which is near the Washington Monument and other popular tourist attractions. The museum was full at the time, with a "couple of thousand" people inside, said William Parsons, chief of staff at the museum. **"Never take your guard force and security people for granted," he said. "They did exactly what they were supposed to do to protect people in the museum."** The shooting sent shock waves throughout the nation's capital and elsewhere. **"I am shocked and saddened by today's shooting at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum," said President Obama, who just days earlier had spoken emotionally about the Holocaust when he visited Buchenwald, a former Nazi concentration camp with Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel. "This outrageous act reminds us that we must remain vigilant against anti-Semitism and prejudice in all its forms,"** Obama said. "No American institution is more important to this effort than the Holocaust Museum, and no act of violence will diminish our determination to honor those who were lost by building a more peaceful and tolerant world." Israel issued a statement through its embassy, expressing sadness and condemning the attack. Fenty called the shooting "an extremely isolated incident" in the nation's capital, which is a major tourist destination. **"In these days and times, you never know when someone is going to grab a gun and use it in an inappropriate way," he said. The museum canceled a performance scheduled for Wednesday night of a play about racism and anti-Semitism, based on a fictional meeting between Anne Frank and Emmett Till, the teenage victim of a racist killing in the United States. U.S. Attorney Gen. Eric Holder and Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tennessee, were among those planning to attend the play, which was written by Janet Langhart Cohen, the wife of former Defense Secretary and U.S. Sen. William Cohen. Langhart Cohen told CNN that Anne Frank's young life was ended by people filled with hate. She said it was hard to see that same hate manifest itself at this place of remembrance (CNN, 2009).**

**Date:** December 16, 2009

**Source:** The European Union Times

**Title/Headline:** *Prepare For Rebellion, Obama Orders US-Canadian Troops*

**Abstract:** Kremlin position papers presented to Prime Minister Putin today on his upcoming meeting with NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen state that the European-US military alliance has authorized an 'emergency request' from President Obama to utilize American and Canadian NATO troops to put down what is expected to be a "rebellion" after the expected January, 2010 'declaration of bankruptcy' by the State of California. According to these reports, **Obama's fears of rebellion are due to the economic health of California** (the United States largest State) after the 3rd largest US State, New York, declared a 'fiscal emergency' and refused to release to its cities and towns over \$750 Million due them this past week with the Governor of New York, David Paterson, declaring "I can't say this enough: The state has run out of money." New York's fiscal crisis, however, pales in comparison to California's, where new economic data points to its expected 5-year budget deficit reaching the staggering amount of over \$100 Billion which Russian economists warn will result in budget cuts so steep as to create 'social chaos' among this States 36 million citizens. **Reports from the United States are, indeed, confirming the mass movement of military supplies and thousands of Canadian Special Forces Troops to California from the Canadian Forces Base of Petawawa to join their American military counterparts, with 'secondary' reports stating that at least 1,000 tanks are massing their too. Russian Military Analysts are further warning in this report that Obama has decided to implement the feared RAND Corporation (one of the most powerful research arms of the US Military-Industrial-Homeland Security Complex) police state 'blueprint' tilted "Stability Police Force for the United States: Justification and Creating U.S. Capabilities" that has been modeled on the Nazi German secret police forces organization Geheime Staatspolizei (Gestapo) meant to 'control and demoralize' any opposition to the state. Even worse for these American people is the legalization process currently embedded in their new health care legislation which will see everyone of them becoming virtual slaves of their government, and as warned about by the Fox News Service in their report titled "Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid of Obama's Latest Big Brother Plan" and which says: "Under the Democrats' national health care scheme not only would OPM be charged with overseeing and administering federal employees health care but they will have the added charge of administering civilian federal health care as well. What does that mean? Basically, that Americans will be treated as "civil servants." Are you starting to see the danger? The more government seeks to control our lives the more Orwellian it gets. This "big brother" mentality that "government knows best" and that it is their mission to provide cradle to grave "care" of its citizens will doom America as we know it. Under such a system the individual becomes meaningless and the state becomes the entity upon which we are all forced to rely."** Unfortunately, with or without these Americans succumbing to the loss of their Nation through the establishment of a police state, their fate appears to have already been sealed as new reports are showing that by their continued saving they are failing to provide China with the money needed through the buying of goods to purchase US bonds to keep them afloat, and which has led to the incredible circumstance of the United States, through its Federal Reserve and other financial entities, becoming the largest buyers of their own debt. Not being seen in all of these dire events by the American people is that their present collapse as an independent Nation was engineered by their own President Obama, who working in concert with the previous President, George Bush, sold them out to Wall Street by packing his administration with banking insiders have, literally, pillaged the entire

economic future of the United States for the benefit of their elite classes and, incredibly, supported these once collapsing banks with over \$352 Billion in drug money. **And so grave has it become for ordinary Americans that new reports are now showing that in what was once the most powerful Nation on Earth, there now exists an 'epidemic' of child hunger and one their fastest growing cities is a tent-town of newly homeless named "Obamaville" in a stark reminder of the thousands of shanty towns named Hoovervilles built during the Great Depression.** For those American people believing their propaganda media reports that a recovery is underway they couldn't be more mistaken, as newly released data shows that of the millions of jobs lost these past 2 years almost all of them are permanent. And, as always, these people are being kept from knowing the full and brutal truth of their economic collapse with reports also showing that the latest unemployment figures released by the US government were faked. **But to the greatest fears of these Americans should be the newly released information showing that US scientists have perfected, for the first time in history, a new drugless technique to wipe from these people's minds their very own memories, and as we can read: "In a scientific experiment that brings to mind the memory-erasing escapade in the 2004 film "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," scientists have blocked fearful recollections in human participants, sans drugs. The results challenge the view that our long-term memories are fixed and resistant to change."** Russian Military Psychologists have long warned that the West's longest term plan to control their soon to be rebellious populations lie in memory altering techniques such as are being perfected in the United States and due to be deployed through their mass media in radio programmes, television, and movie broadcasts outlets as these Nations past reliance on the drugging of their citizens through mass fluoridation is becoming more and more ineffectual. Important to note too is that the economic collapse of the United States is just one of the catastrophic dangers they are facing, as this past week the giant plant genetics company Bayer admitted in a US Federal Court that it has been "unable to control the spread of its genetically-engineered organisms despite 'the best practices' to stop widespread contamination" and which may very well see the destruction of the American's ability to feed themselves as these 'monster plants' reap their destruction on Nature. To all of these events, it is not in our knowing if the American people will awaken from their self induced slumber to arise, as they have many times throughout their history, to reclaim for themselves what is now rapidly being stolen from them. **But, and if their present actions are a predictor to what they may do in the future, one can only fear for them as they are marched in lockstep towards an abyss they only fail to see because they won't open their eyes** (The European Union Times, 2009).

**Date:** January 20, 2010

**Source:** Bloomberg

**Title/Headline:** *FBI Chief Tells Congress Terrorist Threat Grows More Worrisome*

**Abstract:** The head of the FBI, Robert Muller, statements that the U.S. faces threats from "homegrown terrorists" who live in the communities they attack and train on their own. Muller also stated that that law enforcement agencies have disrupted terrorist plots in Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Colorado, Texas and elsewhere in the past year, **"We cannot discount the lone offender threat here at home -- the individual who may take up arms and strike without notice."** Muller went on to state that the terror threat increases "with each passing day," and told the Senate Judiciary Committee that law enforcement agencies have disrupted several plots in the past year as terrorists "...remain determined to strike the United States." Mueller testified that, "As the Christmas Day attempted bombing illustrates, the threats we face are becoming more diverse and more dangerous with each passing day. **We not only face threats from Al-Qaeda, but also from self-directed groups not part of Al-Qaeda's formal structure**" (Woellert, 2010).

**Date:** January 22, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Suspect In Recruit Shooting Claims Al Qaeda Ties*

**Abstract:** The man accused of killing one soldier and wounding another outside an Arkansas military recruiting center has asked a judge to change his plea to guilty, claiming ties to Al Qaeda. Abdulhakim Muhammad's attorney, Claiborne Ferguson, said Thursday night that his client sent a letter earlier this month to the judge in his case asking to change his plea to capital murder and attempted capital murder charges. Ferguson said he hadn't discussed the request with his client before the letter was sent. **Under Arkansas law prosecutors would have to agree and waive the death penalty before the judge could consider it, Ferguson said. Pvt. William Long of Conway was killed in the June 1 attack, and Pvt. Quinton Ezeagwula was wounded. Muhammad has called the shootings justified retaliation for U.S. military action in the Middle East. He told The Associated Press in a telephone interview last year that he doesn't believe he's guilty.** The New York Times, which first reported the letter on its Web site Thursday, said Muhammad described himself in the letter as a soldier in Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and called the shooting "a Jihadi Attack." The group has claimed responsibility for the attempted Christmas Day bombing of a Detroit-bound American airliner. **"I wasn't insane or post traumatic, nor was I forced to do this act,"** Muhammad claimed in the handwritten letter, the newspaper reported. Ferguson said he didn't know how seriously to take Muhammad's claims of terror ties and expressed frustration with his client sending the letter without consulting him beforehand. **"He's said lots of things. None of them seem to be real consistent with each other,"** Ferguson said. **"I'm a little irritated with it."** Pulaski County Prosecutor Larry Jegley did not immediately return a message left on his cell phone Thursday night, but prosecutors have said they plan to seek the death penalty in the case. Muhammad was arrested about eight miles from the recruiting center, on Interstate 630, shortly after the shootings. Police said they recovered Molotov cocktails, three guns and ammunition from his pickup truck. **An internal law enforcement memo said Muhammad may have considered other targets, including military sites and Jewish organizations in the Southeast. A law enforcement official told the AP in June that Muhammad had been under investigation by an FBI-led terrorism task force since he returned to the United States from Yemen in 2008.** Muhammad, who was born Carlos Bledsoe, had moved to Little Rock to work in his father's Memphis-based tour bus company as it branched out. Muhammad, who has called the AP twice since his arrest, has claimed responsibility for the shooting and said it was justified because of what he called American-directed hostilities toward the Muslim world. Last week, Pulaski County Circuit Judge Herbert Wright Jr. ordered the state public defenders commission to pay some of the legal bills for Muhammad's trial, which is scheduled to begin in June. Ferguson was hired by Muhammad's family to represent him (Fox News, 2010).





**Date:** January 24, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Bin Laden Claims Responsibility For Christmas Day Bomb Attempt*

**Abstract:** Usama bin Laden claimed responsibility for the failed attempt to bomb a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas day, releasing a new audio message Sunday threatening more attacks on the United States. A senior U.S. intelligence official in Washington called the latest message "curious," commenting that the tape is uncharacteristically brief and shows efforts by bin Laden to attach himself to Palestine's cause. **The official also said there is no evidence that bin Laden had any involvement on the Christmas Day attack — or even knew about it beforehand — but that perhaps the leader hopes to attach himself with a "successful" operation by Al Qaeda.** The message suggests the Al Qaeda leader wants to appear in direct command of the terrorist group's many affiliates around the world at a time when some analysts have suggested he is mostly a figurehead. In the minute-long recording carried by Al-Jazeera Arabic news channel, bin Laden addressed President Obama saying the Christmas attack was meant to send a message similar to that of the Sept. 11 attacks. "The message delivered to you through the plane of the heroic warrior Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was a confirmation of the previous messages sent by the heroes of the Sept. 11," he said. **"America will never dream of security unless we will have it in reality in Palestine," he added. "God willing, our raids on you will continue as long as your support for the Israelis continues."** White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said the tape has yet to be authenticated, but wouldn't offer an opinion on whether bin Laden had any role in the Christmas Day bombing. "I think everybody in this world understands that this is somebody that has to pop up in our lives over an audio tape because he's nothing but a cowardly, murderous thug and a terrorist that will someday, hopefully soon, be brought to justice," Gibbs told "Fox News Sunday." **On Christmas Day, Nigerian Abdulmutallab attempted to blow up his Northwest Airlines flight as it approached Detroit Metro Airport. But the explosive powder he was hiding in his underwear failed to detonate.** He told federal agents shortly afterward that he had been trained and given the explosives by Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, an Al Qaeda affiliate in Yemen. The U.S. intelligence official said the Yemen-based group is linked with the central Al Qaeda group that bin Laden heads and recent intelligence indicates there are ongoing contacts between Al Qaeda in Yemen and Pakistan. **He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the information. Bin Laden's message, coming long after AQAP gave its own claim of responsibility, appears to be an effort on his part to stay relevant, said Rohan Gunaratna, author of "Inside Al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror."** "The training and the definition of the attack was by the local leaders of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, so in many ways you can say bin Laden is exploiting for his benefit this particular attack," he said. "Bin Laden still wants to claim leadership for the global jihad movement." **Of all the various offshoots and branches of Al Qaeda around the world, Gunaratna said the group in Yemen is one of the closest to bin Laden since it is made up of bodyguards and associates of the organization's top ideologues. Yemen is bin Laden's ancestral homeland.** "Today the operational relationship has somewhat suffered, but the ideological relationship is very strong and that is why bin Laden claimed this attack," Gunaratna said. Two of the group's top members were former detainees released in November 2007 from the U.S. military prison Guantanamo Bay. Since the Christmas Day attempt, the Yemeni government, at the U.S.'s urging has stepped up its attacks on the group's hideouts in the rugged country's remote hinterland. Analysts have long debated how much control bin Laden, who is believed to be somewhere in Afghanistan-Pakistan border region, really has over the various organizations using his group's name (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** January 25, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Matthew Cole, Richard Esposito, Brian Ross

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Mulls Legality of Killing American al Qaeda "Tumcoat": Opportunities to "Take Out" Radical Cleric Anwar Awlaki In Yemen May Have Been Missed*

**Abstract:** White House lawyers are mulling the legality of proposed attempts to kill an American citizen, Anwar al Awlaki, who is believed to be part of the leadership of the al Qaeda group in Yemen behind a series of terror strikes, according to two people briefed by U.S. intelligence officials. **One of the people briefed said opportunities to "take out" Awlaki "may have been missed" because of the legal questions surrounding a lethal attack which would specifically target an American citizen.** A spokesperson said the White House declined to comment. While Awlaki has not been charged with any crimes under U.S. law, intelligence officials say recent intelligence reports and electronic intercepts show he played an important role in recruiting the accused "underwear bomber" Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab. Awlaki also carried on extensive e-mail communication with the accused Fort Hood shooter, Major Nidal Hasan, prior to the attack that killed 12 soldiers and one civilian. **According to the people who were briefed on the issue, American officials fear the possibility of criminal prosecution without approval in advance from the White House for a targeted strike against Awlaki.** An American citizen with suspected al Qaeda ties was killed in Nov. 2002 in Yemen in a CIA predator strike that was aimed at non-American leaders of al Qaeda. The death of the American citizen, Ahmed Hijazi of Lackawanna, NY, was justified as "collateral damage" at the time because he "was just in the wrong place at the wrong time," said a former U.S. official familiar with the case. In the case of Awlaki, born in New Mexico and a college student in Colorado and California, a strike aimed to kill him would stretch current Presidential authority given to the CIA and the Pentagon to pursue terrorists anywhere in the world (Cole, Esposito & Ross, 2010).





**Date:** January 26, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Man With Weapons, Map Of Military Base Arrested*

**Abstract:** A man was arrested Monday after police found an arsenal of high-powered weapons and a map of a U.S. military base in his New Jersey hotel, authorities said. Lloyd R. Woodson, 43, was arrested and faces multiple weapons charges after an investigation into his suspicious behavior at a store in Branchburg, New Jersey, said local prosecutor Wayne J. Forrest. Woodson, wearing a military jacket, went to a store called Quick Chek on Monday afternoon and was acting suspiciously, Forrest said in a statement. The clerk called authorities. When officers arrived, Woodson ran into the woods. He was subdued after wrestling with officers, the statement said. During the struggle, officers noticed that Woodson was wearing a bulletproof vest and carrying an assault rifle in his coat. Officers searched Woodson's hotel room and found another assault rifle, a grenade launcher, a police scanner, another bulletproof vest, a map of a U.S. military base, hundreds of rounds of ammunition and a Middle Eastern-style headdress, the statement said (CNN, 2010).

**Date:** January 27, 2010

**Source:** The New York Times, Andrea Elliott

**Title/Headline:** *The Jihadist Next Door*

**Abstract:** Omar Hammami had every right to flash his magnetic smile. He had just been elected president of his sophomore class. He was dating a luminous blonde, one of the most sought-after girls in school. He was a star in the gifted-student program, with visions of becoming a surgeon. For a 15-year-old, he had remarkable charisma. In the thick of his adolescence, he was fearless, raucously funny, rebellious, contrarian. **"It felt cool just to be with him," his best friend at the time, Trey Gunter, said recently. "You knew he was going to be a leader."** A decade later, Hammami has fulfilled that promise in the most unimaginable way. Some 8,500 miles from Alabama, on the eastern edge of Africa, he has become a key figure in one of the world's most ruthless Islamist insurgencies. **That guerrilla army, known as the Shabab, is fighting to overthrow the fragile American-backed Somali government. The rebels are known for beheading political enemies, chopping off the hands of thieves and stoning women accused of adultery. With help from Al Qaeda, they have managed to turn Somalia into an ever more popular destination for jihadis from around the world.** More than 20 of those fighters have come from the United States, many of them young Somali-Americans from a gritty part of Minneapolis. But it is Hammami who has put a contemporary face on the Shabab's medieval tactics. In a recent propaganda video viewed by thousands on YouTube, he is shown leading a platoon of gun-toting rebels as a soundtrack of jihadi rap plays in the background. **He is identified by his nom de guerre, Abu Mansoor Al-Amriki, "the American," and speaks to the camera with a cool, almost eerie confidence. "We're waiting for the enemy to come," Hammami whispers, a smile crossing his face. Later he vows, "We're going to kill all of them."** In the three years since Hammami made his way to Somalia, his ascent into the Shabab's leadership has put him in a class of his own, according to United States law-enforcement and intelligence officials. **While other American terror suspects have drawn greater publicity, Hammami exercises a more powerful role, commanding guerrilla forces in the field, organizing attacks and plotting strategy with Qaeda operatives,** the officials said. He has also emerged as something of a jihadist icon, starring in a recruitment campaign that has helped draw hundreds of foreign fighters to Somalia. **"To have an American citizen that has risen to this kind of a rank in a terrorist organization — we have not seen that before,"** a senior American law-enforcement official said earlier this month. Not long ago, the threat of American-bred terrorists seemed a distant one. Law-enforcement officials theorized that Muslims in the United States — by comparison with many of their European counterparts — were upwardly mobile, socially integrated and therefore less susceptible to radicalization. **Perhaps the greatest proof of this came with the absence of domestic terrorist attacks following 9/11, a period that has brought Europe devastating homegrown hits in Madrid and London. America is now at a watershed. In the last year, at least two dozen men in the United States have been charged with terrorism-related offenses. They include Najibullah Zazi, the Afghan immigrant driver in Denver who authorities say was conspiring to carry out a domestic attack; David Coleman Headley, a Pakistani-American from Chicago who is suspected of helping plan the 2008 attacks in Mumbai; and the five young men from Virginia who, authorities say, sought training in Pakistan to fight American soldiers in Afghanistan.** These cases have sent intelligence analysts scurrying for answers. The American suspects come from different backgrounds and socioeconomic strata, but they share much in common with Europe's militants: they tend to be highly motivated, even gifted people who were reared in the West with one foot in the Muslim world. Others may see them as rigid or zealous, but they envision themselves as deeply principled, possessing what Robert Pape, a professor at the University of Chicago, calls "an altruism gone wildly wrong." **While their religious piety varies, they are most often bonded by a politically driven anger that has deepened as America's war against terrorism endures its ninth year. The presence of Western troops in Afghanistan and Iraq has brought those conflicts closer for many Muslims in America.** Through satellite television and the Internet, the distance between here and there — between Fort Hood, Tex., and Yemen, between Daphne, Ala., and Somalia — has narrowed. For Omar Hammami, the war in Iraq provided a critical spark as he turned toward militancy. In an e-mail message in December, Hammami responded to questions, submitted to him through an intermediary, about his personal evolution and political views. **"We espouse the same creed and methodology of Al Qaeda," he wrote. Of Osama bin Laden, he said, "All of us are ready and willing to obey his commands." Did Hammami, like bin Laden, consider America a legitimate target for attack? "It's quite obvious that I believe America is a target,"** he wrote. Hammami's life in Somalia appears to be more precarious than he let on. He spends much of his time shuttling between villages in southern Somalia, where many of the Shabab's camps are based, according to Somali intelligence officials. In addition to his role as a military tactician, they said, Hammami helps guide the Shabab's recruitment strategy and

management of money — exercising surprising power after landing in Somalia as a 22-year-old rookie. **The Somali government is seeking increased American aid to fight the Shabab and may have reason to play up the threat of foreigners like Hammami. But they were adamant about his role. “This guy is dangerous,” says Abdullahi Mohamed Ali, the Somali minister of national security. “He’s a threat to the region. I want him to be eliminated.”** When Hammami engages in combat, he makes an impression on other militants, said a former Shabab commander, Sheikh Mohamed Sheikh Abdullahi Sheikh Mohamed. **“He doesn’t blink in the face of the enemy,” said Mohamed, who recalled four battles in 2008 and 2009 in which he and Hammami took part. In combat, Hammami used a sharpshooter’s rifle, firing calmly and with precision,** said Mohamed, who spoke to me by telephone this month from a government compound in Mogadishu after defecting to the government’s side. Somali officials said they were keeping him there for his protection. **Until recently, the few visible images of American jihadis were of young men on the margins: John Walker Lindh, a Californian loner who wandered into Afghanistan to join the Taliban; or Adam Gadahn, now a Qaeda spokesman, who grew up home-schooled on a goat farm and channeled his teenage energies into death-metal music.** If Omar Hammami followed his own compass, others followed him. Years later, more than one of his classmates compared him to the incongruous high-school hero of the 1986 film “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off.” Hammami’s journey from a Bible Belt town in America to terrorist training camps in Somalia was pieced together from interviews with his parents, sister, best friends and law-enforcement officials, as well as hours of home videos and passages from his e-mail messages, journal entries and hundreds of his postings on an Internet forum. If anything has remained a constant in Hammami’s life, it is his striving for another place and purpose, which flickered in a poem he wrote when he was 12: **“My reality is a bore. I wish, I want, I need the wall to fall and the monster to let me pass, the leash to snap, the chains to break. . . .“I’ve got a taste of glory, the ticket, but where is my train?”** That trademark smirk — the same one that would later appear in the Shabab’s propaganda — **hinted early at Hammami’s delight in causing trouble.** He was exceedingly smart but easily bored and short-tempered, once turning over his desk in second grade. His teachers tired of his endless questions. **“He had a big mind in a small-minded place,”** Dena says (Elliot, 2010).



**Date:** January 29, 2010  
**Source:** The Chieftain, Anthony A. Mestas  
**Title/Headline:** *‘Anarchist’ Detained In La Junta*

**Abstract:** Police arrested a 64-year-old New Jersey man in Colorado for allegedly **threatening to blow up an Amtrak passenger train.** Ojore Nuru Lutalo of Elizabeth, N.J., was taken into custody at the La Junta train station when Amtrak officials called police to report a suspicious passenger **making terrorist threats** on the train. An affidavit signed by two train passengers stated that they allegedly overheard Lutalo talking on a cell phone saying, "Haven't killed anyone yet." They also allegedly heard him say, "Are you willing to go to jail with me? **This Homeland Security thing is serious.** They are going to do to you what they did to me. **We have to work in small groups.** They can hold you for 18 months. Do they have security on these trains? **Are you with me or not?"** The passengers also stated that **Lutalo allegedly mentioned Al Qaeda** and said, **"17th century tactics won't work, we have 21st century tactics."** The conductor said Lutalo had a tan blanket over his entire body so she could not see what he was doing. Police said they found what they called a large amount of propaganda recruiting materials from the Afrikan Liberation Army, including **photos of President Barack Obama and other items that raised suspicions.** A background check showed that Lutalo has **ties to the Afrikan Liberation Army** and that he had a violent criminal past. Several sources on Google that claim Lutalo was a **"political prisoner," and that he is an anarchist.** According to several websites, Lutalo was held in Trenton State Prison in Trenton, N.J., for "actions carried out in the fight for black liberation." According to Copwatchla.org, **Lutalo is a New Afrikan Anarchist/Black Liberation Army member who was released from prison Aug. 28 after serving 28 years.** Another site, Denver Anarchist Black Cross, said in December 1975 that Lutalo and BLA member Kojo Bomani Sababu were arrested after they attempted to rob a bank to fund revolutionary projects, which ended in a shootout with the police (Mestas, 2010).

**Date:** January 29, 2010  
**Source:** USA Today, Associated Press  
**Title/Headline:** *Unarmed Amtrak Passenger Arrested After Alleged Threat*

**Abstract:** Ojore Nuru Lutalo, was freed on \$30,000 bond and now in Denver, and denies mentioning Al Qaeda or making any threats. Bonnie Kerness, a member of the American Friends Service Committee Prison Watch Program, said that Lutalo was returning to New Jersey from a speaking engagement at a book fair in Los Angeles and had spoken with him by phone several times while he was on the train. **"It seems like so much ado about nothing,"** she said from the group's offices in Newark, N.J. (USA Today, 2010).

**Date:** February 15, 2010  
**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press  
**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda Looking To Recruit English Speakers, Women*

**Abstract:** Al Qaeda in Yemen is actively recruiting English-speaking individuals, intelligence officials told Fox News, saying that investigators are looking for people who are more like Americans, having been born in the United States or Canada. "Anyone who can fit in and not attract suspicion" is desirable to the terror network right now, said one official. An investigative source also said that

among those attracting attention by the intelligence community are women recruits. **The next wave of terrorists may include Western women, possibly Canadian, with forged documents.** The use of women would be seen an evolution in Al Qaeda's strategy from the failed Christmas Day attack by accused "underpants bomber" Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab. Cleric Anwar al-Awlaki is considered the top "talent spotter." He is tied to three of the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers, the Fort Hood shooting and Flight 253, which carried Abdulmutallab. **A former senior intelligence official who first identified Awlaki as a threat in 2008 said he believes Awlaki has hundreds of followers in the United States, so the focus of the intelligence community is not solely on overseas operatives but on people inside the United States.** Abdulmutallab, who is educated and born into a wealthy Nigerian family, told investigators that about 20 or 30 more people like him were training in Yemen. Yemen is also where English-speaking, Muslim converts go to learn Arabic, so one U.S. official said Abdulmutallab's information will be vetted thoroughly. However, that official said just because someone is studying Arabic in Yemen doesn't mean he or she has made the leap to terrorism. **"I think we constantly have to be on our guard, the enemy is adapting,"** said Rep. Peter King, the top Republican on the House Homeland Security Committee. **"We have to look for not just the usual suspects, if you will, but obviously Al Qaeda is going to try to find people who would blend into our society, people who can speak English, speak it fluently, and you know not give the appearance of what we identify as the traditional Al Qaeda suspect."** Meanwhile, one woman was questioned at length off the Amsterdam-Detroit flight that came in Saturday. That's the same flight Abdulmutallab took when he tried to set off a bomb as the plane descended into Motor City. **The initial reporting was that she had some kind of incendiary device with her but that turned out to be a medical device** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** February 17, 2010

**Source:** New York Post, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Father Of Terror Suspect Zazi Gets Bail*

**Abstract:** A Colorado man accused of trying to destroy chemicals and other evidence in the terror case against his son was granted bail Thursday, but ordered not to speak to his son. As part of a deal reached in federal court in Brooklyn, Mohammed Wali Zazi must post \$50,000 bond signed by his wife and daughter and secured by \$20,000 cash. **He also will be subject to electronic monitoring when he returns to his home in suburban Denver,** possibly as early as Friday. The judge also barred the one-time New York City cab driver from having phone or other contact with four people — his jailed son, Najibullah Zazi, and three whose names were not made public. Both Zazis have pleaded not guilty. The father "intends to fight the case and we'd ask the public to withhold judgment until the facts are revealed," his attorney, Deborah Colson, told reporters outside court. **The government alleges Najibullah Zazi, who was an airport shuttle driver, and others bought beauty supplies in Colorado to make peroxide-based bombs and that he tried to mix the explosives in a hotel room there.** Last fall, he drove to New York, where investigators say they lifted notes on bomb-making from his computer. Authorities have said they believe the son, who remains in custody in New York following his arrest in September, wanted to attack the city's transit system. At the time of the arrest, Attorney General Eric Holder called the terrorism case the most serious since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. **FBI agents arrested Zazi's father on obstruction charges, alleging he conspired with others to destroy or hide "glasses, masks, liquid chemicals and containers" that were evidence in the case. Two New Yorkers have also been charged but were not directly linked to the foiled bomb plot. Authorities have said the two, Adis Medunjanin and Zarein Ahmedzay, traveled to Pakistan, where Zazi allegedly received training in explosives from al-Qaida.** Ahmedzay, Medunjanin and Najibullah Zazi are former high school classmates in Queens. They have denied wrongdoing (New York Post, 2010).



**Date:** February 18, 2010

**Source:** Newsweek, David A. Graham

**Title/Headline:** *Joseph Stack And Right-Wing Terror: Isolated Incidents Or Worrying Trend?*

**Abstract:** Thursday's antitax domestic terror attack on an IRS building in Austin, Texas, may reopen a debate that's been quiet since last summer: are violent incidents against the federal government on the rise? **The notion of far-right terror was much discussed following the June incident at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., in which white supremacist James von Brunn killed a security guard and injured two other people. That followed on the brutal February murder of abortion provider Dr. George Tiller in Wichita, Kansas, by a militant abortion foe.** Meanwhile, there had been a spike in threats against Barack Obama since his inauguration. Suddenly much of the media was in an uproar about a new domestic terror threat, with Fox News' Shep Smith offering a stunningly frank and heartfelt statement of concern live on the air. And then things quieted down. Joseph Stack's suicide note, a lengthy screed posted online—it's since been removed but can be viewed here—shows signs of both right- and left-wing extremism. **The tax protest movement has historically been linked to right-wing groups like the Sovereign Citizen movement, white supremacist groups, and militias.** Stack mentions meetings with groups that meet that rubric, and his antigovernment rhetoric fits that mold too. But he also takes traditionally left-wing swipes at corporations for keeping the little guy down, and signs off, **"The communist creed: From each according to his ability, to each according to his need. The capitalist creed: From each according to his gullibility, to each according to his greed."** Groups that track extreme right-wing violence say they see a definitive spike in activity. **"This attack comes in the context of an absolute explosion in militias and the larger antigovernment 'patriot' movements in the last 12 to 18 months,"** says Mark Potok, director of the Intelligence Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center. **"This has been driven initially by nonwhite immigration for the last 10 years, which is reflected in the person of Barack Obama, which represents a very real and irreversible demographic change. Second, the economy has played a role. Unemployment has stayed high. There's a huge amount of anger about bonuses for bankers, at the same time that most middle-class and working-class Americans don't see things getting better, and in fact getting**

worse." In a report tracing far-right terror between the Oklahoma City bombings and fall 2009, SPLC found six cases of attacks targeting the Internal Revenue Service. More important, 12 of the 75 overall incidents documented have happened since Obama's election, or else happened prior but involved Obama (as a motive or a target) anyway. Potok says the level of violence is reaching levels last seen during the 1990s, when a wave of militias arose—especially in states like Montana and Michigan—of people who believed they needed to protect themselves from the government. **But that activity was fed by fears of large government, and especially confrontations involving the government at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, and in Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Although left-wing administrations are a common denominator, these groups didn't like the Bush administration's record on civil liberties, either. It's just that after the movement ran out of gas in the 1990s, the economic crisis provided a new burst of energy.** Mark Pitcavage, the director of investigative research at the Anti-Defamation League, also says that Obama's election has "energized" the extreme right. In strict numbers of members, he says the biggest increases are in antigovernment groups, while white-supremacist groups, though more active, have seen less growth. **Pitcavage, who has recently begun tracking the number of domestic terror incidents, says there was a marked increase in such attacks in 2009—33 attacks (a figure that includes Islamist attacks at Fort Hood and in Little Rock, Ark., as well as a suspected left-wing attack in Seattle) as compared with 13 in 2008, 21 in 2007, and 14 in 2006.** But he warns against assuming that the difference between the Obama and Bush administrations is too vast. **"In terms of violent incidents, they did not stop [when Bush was in office]," he says, adding that the number of hate-related incidents tend to be undercounted—the motives often aren't clear, they don't become clear until later. "A lot don't get covered beyond local and regional news" (Graham, 2010).**

**Date:** February 19, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Army Investigates Alleged Attempt By Soldiers To Poison Food At Fort Jackson*

**Abstract:** The U.S. Army is investigating allegations that soldiers were attempting to poison the food supply at Fort Jackson in South Carolina. The ongoing probe began two months ago, Chris Grey, a spokesman for the Army's Criminal Investigation Division, told Fox News. The Army is taking the allegations "extremely seriously," Grey said, but so far, "there is no credible information to support the allegations." **Five suspects, detained in December, were part of an Arabic translation program called "09 Lima" and use Arabic as their first language, two sources told Fox News. Another military source said they were Muslim.** It wasn't clear whether they were still being held. Grey would not confirm or deny the sources' information (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** March 11, 2010

**Source:** BBC News

**Title/Headline:** *Profile: 'Jihad Jane' From Main Street.*

**Abstract:** The blonde middle-aged woman apparently raised no concerns with her boyfriend or her neighbours on Main Street, Pennsburg, near Philadelphia. But online she had allegedly agreed to kill in the name of holy war, believing her European looks would allow her to blend in among Swedes as she homed in on her target. Colleen LaRose, according to a US court indictment, posted messages online under the name Jihad Jane, expressing her desire to participate in jihad, or holy war. **Arrested in October 2009, Ms LaRose had exchanged emails over 15 months to recruit fighters for "violent jihad".** Her activities apparently came as a surprise to her boyfriend Kurt Gorman, whom she met in 2005. Mr Gorman told Associated Press: "She was a good-hearted person. She pretty much stayed around the house." She looked after his father until his death in August 2009, but left their residence a day after the father's funeral, taking Mr Gorman's passport with her, allegedly to give to a contact in South Asia she had agreed to marry. "I came home and she was gone. It doesn't make any sense," he said. **Having left the US in August, by the end of September, she had allegedly written online that it would be "an honour & great pleasure to die or kill for" her intended spouse, the indictment said. "Only death will stop me here that I am so close to the target!"** she is accused of writing. A Department of Justice statement said Ms LaRose and five others **"recruited men on the internet to wage violent jihad in South Asia and Europe, and recruited women on the internet who had passports and the ability to travel to and around Europe in support of violent jihad".** Ms LaRose, a US citizen born in 1963, is charged with "conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, conspiracy to kill in a foreign country, making false statements to a government official and attempted identity theft." She was apparently approached by others after she posted a video on YouTube in June 2008, saying she was "desperate to do something somehow to help" ease the suffering of Muslims, the indictment said. Web images show her wearing a Muslim headscarf, but Mr Gorman said he never saw anything like that at their home, nor did she attend any religious services. **Unknown to him, she had allegedly agreed to travel to Sweden and kill Swedish artist Lars Vilks, who had angered Muslims by drawing the Prophet Muhammad with the body of a dog.** She denies soliciting funds for terrorist groups and of being the Jihad Jane of online postings, the indictment said. Very few women have been charged with terrorism in the US, the Justice Department said (BBC News, 2010).

**Date:** March 12, 2010

**Source:** NY Daily News, Brian Kates

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda-Linked New Jersey Man Sharif Mobley, Arrested In Yemen, Worked In Nuclear Power Plants*

**Abstract:** A New Jersey man charged in Yemen as an Al Qaeda member worked at nuclear power plants in the U.S., officials said Thursday. Sharif Mobley, a 26-year-old American native of Somali heritage, was arrested in Yemen this month in a roundup of



suspected Al Qaeda members. He was being treated at a hospital in San'a when he killed one guard and wounded another in an escape attempt, officials said. Before Mobley moved to Yemen two years ago, ostensibly to learn Arabic and study the Koran, he worked for several contractors at three nuclear power plants in New Jersey from 2002 to 2008, PSE&G Nuclear spokesman Joe Delmar said. Mobley carried supplies and did maintenance work at the plants on Artificial Island in Lower Alloways Creek and worked at other plants in the region as well, Delmar said. He satisfied federal background checks as recently as 2008, Delmar said. Mobley was always supervised, caused no problems and was not believed to have breached security at the plants, said Mike Drewniak, a spokesman for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Mohammed Albasha, spokesman for the Yemeni Embassy in Washington, said there was no immediate connection between Mobley's activities or capture in Yemen and his work at the plants. It was not immediately clear if Mobley worked at any of the region's other power plants. Joe Szafran, a spokesman for Exelon Corp., which owns nuclear plants at three facilities in eastern Pennsylvania, referred questions to the FBI. The FBI declined to comment on the case. **"We don't know nothing. We're trying to hear something," Mobley's father, Charles Mobley, told New Jersey's WMGM-TV. Sharif Mobley is the latest example of what anti-terrorism experts fear is a growing trend: the radicalization of American Muslims who join overseas terrorist groups.** Yemeni groups are of special concern, as are Somali-Americans. The Al Qaeda branch in Yemen was linked to the failed Christmas Day bombing of a Detroit-bound airliner. Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist accused of killing 13 people in the Fort Hood shooting spree, exchanged e-mails with an extremist cleric in Yemen. Young Somali-American men have been traveling from the U.S. to fight jihad in Somalia, raising fears they are receiving terror training. Mobley graduated from high school in 2002 in the rural southern New Jersey town of Buena and lived in Philadelphia and Newark, Del. In recent years, Mobley organized religious pilgrimages to the Middle East for other Muslims. Umar Hassan-El, assistant imam at the Islamic Society of Delaware's mosque in Wilmington, Del., told the Associated Press he roomed with Mobley during a 2004 pilgrimage to Mecca. **"He gave no indication that he would join a group that he's alleged to be a part of right now,"** said Hassan-El. "I never heard that boy ever talk about shooting anybody, killing anybody." Roman Castro, 25, a high school classmate who served with the Army in Iraq, told the Associated Press that the last time he saw Mobley, about four years ago, Mobley yelled, "Get the hell away from me, you Muslim killer!" **Former classmate Dawn Bass said she was "shocked" to learn of the allegations against Mobley, who she said was a "sweetheart" who was "always showing off in the back of the classroom doing his karate moves and stuff."** She said, Mobley "was just a regular kid, he was always talking to everybody - he was not shy" (Kates, 2010).

**Date:** April 29, 2010

**Source:** Prison Planet, Kurt Nimmo, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Army Trains To Confront Tea Party 'Terrorists'*

**Abstract:** In a shocking development that outstrips even the infamous MIAC report, it has emerged via whistleblowers that the U.S. Military in Kentucky is training to confront Tea Party protesters and anti-government demonstrators, who in official intelligence advisories are described as bomb-making terrorists. On April 17, the Courier-Journal in Louisville, Kentucky, reported on a military exercise dubbed "Mangudai," named after the special forces of Genghis Khan's Mongol army who could fight for days without food or sleep. The Kentucky newspaper portrayed the exercise as an effort to train soldiers to battle the Taliban in Afghanistan. "Designed to test the limits of officers' physical, mental and emotional endurance, the emerging Army exercise offered a revealing window onto modern combat training in the era of Iraq and Afghanistan," Chris Kenning wrote for the newspaper. **"Over three days last week, participants had to crawl on their bellies under real machine-gun fire, shimmy commando-style over a single rope high in the air and march for more than 22 miles through forests.** But according to information received by The Patriot Post blog, there is another aspect to the military exercises not reported by local media. "This week, I was contacted by a number of military personnel, enlisted and officer ranks, who expressed concern about a military exercise underway at Ft. Knox, the U.S. Bullion Depository. As with most such exercises, the Ft. Knox alert occurred in stages, as if real time intelligence was being provided at various intervals," writes Mark Alexander. Alexander cites an intel advisory issued on Friday, April 23, 2010, that identifies terrorist threat adversaries as "Local Militia Groups / Anti-Government Protesters / TEA Party". In short, the military was training in Kentucky to take on mythical militias — no word if they were of the FBI-created variety — and remarkably the non-violent Tea Party movement. "Anti-Government – Health Care Protesters have stated that they would join the TEA Party as a sign of solidarity" during a protest at Fort Knox. The Tea Party "groups are armed, have combative training and some are former Military Snipers. Some may have explosives training / experience," according to the intel report. An intel report update, dated Monday, 26 April 2010, noted that a "rally at the Militia compound occurred," and "Viable threats ... have been made... Many members were extremely agitated at what they referred to as Government intervention and over taxation in their lives. Alcohol use 'fanned the flames.' Many military grade firearms were openly carried. An ad hoc 'shoot the government agent' event was held with prizes (alcohol) given for the best shot placement." In addition to being drunkards, the report describes the Tea Party as bomb-throwers. "Components of bomb making are reported to have been on the site. Some members have criminal records relating to explosive and weapons violations." In response to the this "immediate threat," the military established concentration camps for "mass arrests." QRF, short for the Quick Reaction Force of the 16th Cavalry Regiment and the 194th Armored Brigade were placed on two hour recall. **"The 26 April order gives specific instructions for the 5-15 CAV (a 16th Cavalry battalion) to have weapons, ammo, vehicles and communications at ready, and it places the other 2,200 members of the units on two-hour recall. In other words, these orders are to gear up for defending Ft. Knox against Tea Party folks and their co-conspirators who oppose nationalization of our health care sector,"** writes Alexander. Military officers and enlisted personnel told Alexander about their concerns: As one put it, the exercise "misrepresents freedom loving Americans as drunken, violent racists — the opponents of Obama's policies have been made the enemy of the U.S. Army." **They were equally concerned that command staff at Ft. Knox had signed off on this exercise, noting, "it has been issued and owned by field grade officers who lead our battalions and brigades,"** which is to say many Lieutenant Colonels saw this order before it was implemented. In fact, we can assume this "exercise" was orchestrated at the highest levels in the Pentagon. Lieutenant Colonels merely carry out orders. An Army document entitled "Army Continuity of Operations Program (COOP)" spells out the militarization of the U.S. "Homeland" under Northcom. **In July, 2009, Infowars reported on a Missouri National Guard unit out of Camp Crowder engaged in a training exercise designed to take on a fictitious militant group. An earlier exercise in the Black Hills of South Dakota trained soldiers to confront an "insurgent group" with "a**



reputation for harassing convoys with ambushes and improvised explosive devices.” In September, 2008, the Pentagon announced the 3rd Infantry Division’s 1st Brigade Combat Team would be deployed in the United States under the control of Northcom. “They may be called upon to help with civil unrest and crowd control or to deal with potentially horrific scenarios such as massive poisoning and chaos in response to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-yield explosive, or CBRNE, attack,” the Army Times reported. (Emphasis added.) Since the end of the Civil War deployment of the U.S. military inside the U.S. has been prohibited under The Posse Comitatus Act. In early 2006, the 109th Congress passed a bill containing controversial provisions granting the president the ability to use federal troops inside the United States in emergency situations. These changes (in Section 1076) were included in the John Warner Defense Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2007. **In 2008, Congress restored many of the earlier limitations on the president’s ability to deploy troops within the United States, but Bush issued a signing statement indicating he was not bound by the changes. Obama has taken up with signing statements where Bush left off. A report issued in 2008 by the U.S. Army War College discussed the use of American troops to quell civil unrest brought about by a worsening economic crisis.** The report from the War College’s Strategic Studies Institute warned that the U.S. military must prepare for a “violent, strategic dislocation inside the United States” that could be provoked by “unforeseen economic collapse” or “loss of functioning political and legal order.” **For more than a decade the Pentagon has endeavored to acclimate Americans to the presence of troops on the streets. Instances of the Pentagon putting troops on the streets are numerous and have increased in frequency over the last few years. In March of 2009, Infowars reported on U.S. Army soldiers dispatched in Samson, Alabama, supposedly in response to a rampaging gunman. In December, 2008, the Marine Corps Air and Ground Combat Center and the local California Highway Patrol worked together “in a joint effort to reduce accidents and drinking and driving” in San Bernardino County, a blatant violation of Posse Comitatus. The Iowa National Guard planned an exercise in the small town of Arcadia but rolled back the invasion after citizens complained about soldiers patrolling the streets of an American town. Military police were positioned at the 2009 Kentucky Derby and in April of the same year 400 National Guard Combat Support Battalion troops were dispatched to “maintain public order” at the Boston Marathon. In April of 2009, an Infowars reader sent a page taken from the Hardeman County, Tennessee, Bulletin Times announcing a seat belt checkpoint to be conducted on April 4 “in conjunction with a Homeland Security training exercise by the 251st Military Police in Bolivar who recently returned from Iraq.” On April 15, 2009, we reported on how the Maryland National Guard was put on alert in anticipation of Tax Day nationwide Tea Party protests. A Force Protection Advisory issued on April 11 instructed the National Guard to be on alert during the Tea Party protests because Guardsmen and Guard facilities might become “targets of opportunity.” It was later learned that the Department of Homeland Security had put the protesters under surveillance. Adding the Tea Party to the list of “insurgents” is a new and especially surreal development, but hardly an unexpected one considering the fear of the establishment to this growing political movement. A poll conducted earlier this month found supporters of the Tea Party to be primarily white, male, married and older than 45. “Of the 18 percent of Americans who identified themselves as supporters, 20 percent, or 4 percent of the general public, said they had given money or attended a Tea Party event, or both. These activists were more likely than supporters generally to describe themselves as very conservative and had more negative views about the economy and Mr. Obama. They were more angry with Washington and intense in their desires for a smaller federal government and deficit,” the New York Times reported. They are not, as the DHS and the Southern Poverty Law Center would have it, disgruntled returning veterans, white supremacists, and violent militia members who hate Obama because of his skin color. Over the last several months the government and corporate media have endeavored to portray this demographic as potentially violent and has fallaciously connected it to white supremacists and a mythical militia movement that is supposedly gearing up to attack the government. If we are to believe the above report, the U.S. military is preparing to attack Tea Party supporters. All that will be required is an appropriate false flag event to set this act in motion (Nimmo & Watson, 2010).**

**Date:** May 1, 2010

**Source:** CBS News, WCBS TV, Sean Hennessey

**Title/Headline:** *Brooklyn Men Accused of Helping Al Qaeda*

**Abstract:** A chilling plan exposed has landed two local men in handcuffs. The pair stands accused of trying to give al Qaeda a 21st century upgrade, to make terrorism more modern. CBS 2 HD caught up with their neighbors and families in Brooklyn. They were buying Casio digital watches over the Internet and using sophisticated computer software to communicate. **That's just some of the ways the feds said the two suspects were trying to modernize al Qaeda from New York City.** "Obviously it's pretty scary," said Kyle Miller, a neighbor of one of the suspects. Scary said neighbors at the thought there may be enemies living among us. "What he did, he hurt me. I can't accept that," said Waheiz Mohmand, the suspect's tenant. **Mohmand and his family rent a house in Queens from suspect Sabirhan Hasanoff, who on Friday was accused of being paid \$50,000 by a co-conspirator, travelling to New York to perform tasks for al Qaeda and allegedly instructing by a co-conspirator not to fill his U.S. passport with stamps to retain the passport's value to al Qaeda.** "If it's true, then shame on him because what he did, he didn't do it for himself, he did it for all Muslims and respect for his family," Mohmand said. Hasanoff's alleged partner is Wesam El-Hanafi, who prosecutors said took an al Qaeda oath of allegiance, travelled to Yemen to meet with al Qaeda, purchased sophisticated software to enable secret communication over the Internet and bought seven watches to be delivered to his home in Brooklyn. On Friday night El-Hanafi's relatives were watching out for our cameras but not coming to the door. While some weren't surprised at El-Hanafi's alleged connection, not everyone is ready to convict. "You see activity that's not normal. Lot of single guys come in and out of the place," neighbor Hector Martinez said. "I would give him the benefit of the doubt until all the facts are in," neighbor James Lum added. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said the case is a reminder the city faces a constant threat from al Qaeda. Both men are being held in Virginia but will be tried here in New York. **El-Hanafi, 33, is a U.S. citizen who was born and lived in Brooklyn. Hasanoff, 34, is a dual citizen of the United States and Australia, who also resided in Brooklyn. The defendants are each charged with one count of conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization, and face up to 15 years in prison (Hennessey, 2010).**

**Date:** May 1, 2010

**Source:** New York Daily News, James Gordon Meek, Kerry Burke, Alison Gendar

**Title/Headline:** *Two Brooklynites Accused Of Plotting To Aid Al Qaeda By Modernizing A Cell In Yemen*

**Abstract:** Two dapper Brooklyn professionals were accused yesterday of being homegrown terrorist agents who pledged allegiance - and technical help - to Al Qaeda. One is a computer engineer, the other an accountant. They sported French cuffs and polished shoes when they were hauled from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to the U.S. to face charges yesterday. They have degrees from Baruch, impressive résumés, wives and children - and neighbors who never suspected a thing. **"There are people among us who are plotting with Al Qaeda,"** Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said as charges were announced in Manhattan after a joint NYPD-FBI probe. **A federal indictment charged Wesam (Khaled) El-Hanafi, 33, and Sabirhan (Tareq) Hasanoff, 34, with trying to modernize an Al Qaeda cell in Yemen.** The vaguely worded court papers raise as many questions as they answer, but sources said the two were to act as technical attachés for Al Qaeda. **"They wanted to bring Al Qaeda into the 21st century, to give them the most up-to-date technology,"** said a source briefed on the arrests. Among their duties: buying seven digital Casio watches to be shipped overseas. The indictment doesn't say why, but the timepieces have been used to make bombs. **"They were high-tech guys, and would have wanted more high-tech solutions, but were told to buy Casio because they worked the best - nothing fancier,"** a law enforcement source said. The papers suggest they collected passports for their cohorts, bought encryption software for secret Internet communication and took a \$50,000 payoff from an unnamed co-conspirator. **Each is charged with one count of conspiring to provide material support to Al Qaeda. Because they were extradited from Dubai - where both spent time - they were arraigned in federal court in Virginia, looking more like business travelers than jihadists. They will be brought to Manhattan next week. El-Hanafi is a computer engineer.** Born in Brooklyn, he went to Public School 200, Lafayette High School and Baruch, where he played on the basketball team. He later worked for Lehman Bros. and was the pride of his Egyptian-born family, neighbors said. **"I know my husband and he's a good man. He's a perfect man," El-Hanafi's wife said at their Bath Beach home. "My husband is innocent. I'm positive he's innocent. We're stepping up for him."** Hasanoff was born in Australia but raised in Brooklyn and Queens. He attended Abraham Lincoln High School and Baruch, where he headed the Alpha Gamma fraternity, sources said. After graduation, he went to work for PricewaterhouseCoopers as an accountant, neighbors said. He's married to an Afghan woman and they have two children. He owns a building in Queens, neighbors said. Susan Naya of Flushing, Queens, who is related to Hasanoff by marriage, said he never discussed politics or said anything critical about the U.S. **"They're such nice people. He has nice kids," she said. "I don't think this is going to be him."** Sources said both men were radicalized while living and working in the United States, and their involvement with Al Qaeda goes back at least three years. **In 2007, Hasanoff allegedly took \$50,000 from the unnamed co-conspirator. Months later, he and El-Hanafi talked about joining Al Qaeda - and El-Hanafi actually went to Yemen, took a blood oath to Al Qaeda and received marching orders, the indictment charges.** The court papers refer to unspecified "tasks" the two carried out but provide few details - but one job may have involved obtaining passports. **In June 2008, Hasanoff told the co-conspirator he shouldn't fill his passport with immigration stamps - a red flag to airport screeners - because it was more valuable to Al Qaeda without them. It's unclear how their activities came to light, but sources said it was not related to the recent arrest of subway bomb plotter Najibullah Zazi. El-Hanafi, his wife and children recently traveled to Dubai for work reasons - and when the family tried to return to Brooklyn, he was yanked off the plane and told he was on the no-fly list, said his lawyer, Victor Knapp. He was not taken into custody while his family tried to get permission for him to fly home. But he was arrested within the past three days and brought to the United States in chains, his lawyer said. Family and friends were in disbelief. "He was a regular, assimilated-into-society guy," said a longtime neighbor, who nevertheless noticed some recent changes. "He was a clean-cut kid, then he started to grow a long beard and his demeanor changed. I asked him, 'Wesam, what happened to you?' he said, 'Nothing, I'm just getting into my religion.'" El-Hanafi's brother, Achmed, said the charges were bogus. "He's lived his whole life here. He grew up here. He wasn't involved. He has nothing to do with Al Qaeda," he said. "He may give money to some Islamic charities, but he's not a terrorist." Both men are charged with one count of providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization, which carries up to 15 years in prison. "These two New Yorkers, who allegedly pledged allegiance to Al Qaeda, will now be held to account for their actions," said Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara (Meek, Burke, & Gendar, 2010).**

**Date:** May 3, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *American Who Recently Visited Pakistan Eyed In Times Square Bomb Plot*

**Abstract:** Federal authorities have identified a person of interest in the Times Square bomb attempt -- a naturalized American citizen who was in Pakistan for several months and returned to the US recently, investigative sources told Fox News. The latest developments seem to support investigators' suspicions that there was a foreign connection behind the failed car bomb attempt in New York City, senior Obama administration officials told Fox News, shedding light on the growing body of evidence. Sources say that evidence includes international phone calls made by the person of interest, who has not been identified publicly. **The Associated Press identified the person as a man of Pakistani descent, citing unnamed law enforcement sources. Police also have interviewed the registered owner of the bomb-laden sports-utility vehicle. They say he is not a suspect, but he recently sold the dark-colored 1993 Nissan Pathfinder on Craigslist to another individual, whom the Associated Press reports was the Pakistani-American (Fox News, 2010).**

**Date:** May 11, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Trish Turner

**Title/Headline:** *Senators Say Nation Needs New Defenses Against New Type of Terrorist*

**Abstract:** "Ten days after the attempted car bombing in Times Square and the arrest of Pakistani-American Faisal Shahzad, the Senate Intelligence Committee was formally briefed by the FBI and members of the intelligence community, with both the chairman, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and ranking Republican, Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., calling that unacceptable. "It's very hard to understand why this

briefing was so difficult to come about," Feinstein puzzled, with Bond adding, **"After 10 days, we finally have a briefing. It's very frustrating...I've been kept completely in the dark."** After an hour-and-a-half long briefing Tuesday, both senators emerged to say **the country needs new defenses against a new kind of terrorist**, like Shahzad, and said the nation's citizens should be prepared to put up with more inconveniences to protect the nation with officials trying to balance civil liberties in the course of doing so. **"In this case, Shahzad was almost completely under the radar, which in many ways is even more ominous. We want to improve our defenses. It's clear, we're facing a new kind of attacker who's already here, able to hide in plain sight, and we need to think about new defenses,"** Sen. Feinstein told reporters. The senator targeted the Transportation Security Administration's "No Fly" lists, which recently were updated as a result of the Time Square bomb attempt, to shorten the amount of time by which an airline must update its information once an additional name is added to the list. But the senator said that is not good enough for a tool she called "one of our best lines of defense." **"It's my very strong belief we need to see that the 'No Fly' lists are complete. I understand that occasionally there's a mismatch, and that's very disconcerting to people involved in that mismatch. But there's a certain amount of this that we're going to have to put up with to protect this nation,"** Feinstein said, as she advocated for shrinking that time to just 30 minutes. Bond went even further, advocating for something much more instantaneous. **"It seems to me when you are chasing somebody who you've just identified as attempting to commit a terrorist act who might be leaving the country, you ought to send out something like an all points bulletin. I mean, this is not something that ought to be waiting on a list hours later."** Feinstein said both Shahzad and Christmas Day bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmuttallab are **"the new prototype" of terrorist with respected family backgrounds and "clean" records.** When asked what can be done about this, Feinstein replied, **"What can be done is improving our screening. And this is difficult, because you have 180,000 people going to Pakistan a year, and you've got...60,000 coming back.** And you also have other countries which are of great concern. So, this is not an easy magic solution. And we've got a country that respects individual rights and civil rights, and we don't want to harass people unnecessarily, but there are things we should look at." **Both Feinstein and Bond said another useful tool to finding these lone wolves is, as Feinstein put it, "follow the money."** Terrorists are known to use a complex, informal system of money transfers known as hawalas, something Bond called, "beyond understanding, beyond regulation." But Feinstein said she has some ideas for shedding light on the organizations, but she would give no details. "I think there is a need to go further into how money is transferred from this country into groups, as well as from groups who would do us harm back into individuals here. **We need to have some process of regulation of these money transfers so that they're not all anonymous, unknown, no audit trail, no record,"** the chairman said. **"They don't keep very good records. I don't know what you could do with legislation. If any of you have good ideas, let us know,"** Bond joked with reporters. In a tense moment of disagreement, Bond criticized the administration of playing fast and loose with intelligence. The feisty Republican accused Attorney General Eric Holder of going too far on Sunday directly linking Shahzad and the Pakistani Taliban. "Definitive statements I heard on Sunday have not been confirmed even at this date," Bond accused. Feinstein would only say, "I do not agree with my colleague," and said she would not explain why in a public setting. Feinstein did give a ringing endorsement to a push made by a group of her Democratic colleagues Tuesday for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to **place the Pakistani Taliban on the Foreign Terrorist Organization list, something the State Department said Tuesday it is discussing.** And Feinstein had another group she would add, an insurgent network in the tribal region of Afghanistan and Pakistan with ties to the Taliban. **"I think there is a very high likelihood that there were interactions between (Faisal Shahzad) and the Pakistani Taliban. I also believe that the Pakistani Taliban ought to be on the designated list, the terrorist list, as well as the Haqqani network ought to be on the designated terrorist list. I just looked at the criteria for that, and I believe they fulfill that. So I think that's something that the Administration should do forthwith,"** Feinstein said" (Turner, 2010).

**Date:** May 15, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Prosecution Rests In Trial Of 5 Americans Charged With Planning Terror Attacks in Pakistan*

**Abstract:** The prosecution concluded its case Saturday against five Americans on trial in a Pakistani court facing life sentences after being charged with planning terrorist attacks in the South Asian country. The men — all Muslims in their late teens or early 20s from the Washington suburb of Alexandria, Virginia — have pleaded not guilty to five charges. The accused were given a last chance to respond to the prosecution before the defense presents its side on June 9, prosecutor Nadeem Akram said. In a written statement, the men said the charges against them were trumped up and police planted discriminating evidence. **"We just wanted to go to Afghanistan to help our Muslim brother on humanitarian grounds,"** they said. The prosecution presented 19 witnesses and evidence including e-mail contacts allegedly with the Pakistani Taliban, and receipts of money they allegedly donated to banned militant groups in Pakistan, Akram said. There was a "strong case" for conviction in the trial being heard by one judge, he said. The case is among several of foreigners allegedly signing up to join insurgents. U.S. and Pakistan are continuing to investigate the Pakistani-American suspect in the botched Times Square bombing on May 1. **Family members have said Faisal Shahzad never exhibited signs of extremism, raising questions as to why men who spent much of their lives in the West would seemingly be drawn to militant Islam.** The five men were arrested in Pakistan in December after being reported missing by their families. One had left behind a farewell video showing scenes of war and casualties and saying Muslims must be defended. Pakistani police have publicly made several accusations against the young men, claiming the suspects contacted Pakistani-based jihadi groups. They accused the five of using the social networking site Facebook and video-sharing site YouTube while they were in the U.S. to try to connect with extremist groups in Pakistan. **Their lawyer has said they were heading to Afghanistan and had no plans to stage attacks inside Pakistan. The trial is taking place inside a high-security prison in the eastern city of Sargodha and media have not been allowed to cover the proceedings. The men have been identified as Ramy Zamzam of Egyptian descent, Waqar Khan and Umar Farooq of Pakistani descent, and Aman Hassan Yemer and Ahmed Minni of Ethiopian descent** (Fox News, 2010).



DAILY NEWS

**Date:** May 18, 2010

**Source:** NY Daily News, Jose Martinez

**Title/Headline:** *Brooklyn Bookkeeper Held Without Bail For Trying To Send Al Qaeda Money, Casio Watches*

**Abstract:** A Brooklyn bookkeeper accused of trying to send Al Qaeda money and Casio watches to build bombs was ordered held without bail Monday. Federal Magistrate Judge James Francis denied a bid to have Sabirhan Hasanoff released to house arrest, citing his technical savvy, conversations about the terror network on the Internet and his purchase of watches prized by terrorist groups. "Were this an individual with minimal skills who perhaps bought digital watches from a street vendor for the benefit of Al Qaeda, it might be a different story," Francis said. Hasanoff, 34, and Wesam El-Hanafi, 33, were busted in Dubai earlier this month and charged with offering Al Qaeda their allegiance and offers of high-tech support. Anthony Ricco, a lawyer for the Australian-born Hasanoff, had argued he should remain free on \$2 million bond and kept under house arrest. Prosecutors also revealed that Hasanoff, a Baruch College graduate, traveled to Syria, Turkey and Yemen and once went to Iraq in hopes of waging jihad. He pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to provide support to Al Qaeda. "The defendant made the decision to join Al Qaeda after being turned on to Al Qaeda in this very city where he used to live," Assistant U.S. Attorney John Cronan said. Cronan said Hasanoff performed "real and tangible work" for Al Qaeda, tasks which allegedly included buying digital watches. "Casio digital watches are very valued by Al Qaeda," Cronan said. "They are part of Al Qaeda's tradecraft because they can be used as timing devices." Hasanoff, a father of two, allegedly used a code while conversing online with El-Hanafi, which included "safari" as a substitute for jihad and "hospitalized" as a term for being in prison (Martinez, 2010).

**Date:** May 20, 2010

**Source:** Washington Post, Ellen Nakashima

**Title/Headline:** *Intelligence Chief Acknowledges U.S. May Target Americans Involved In Terrorism*

**Abstract:** Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair acknowledged Wednesday that government agencies may kill U.S. citizens abroad who are involved in terrorist activities if they are "taking action that threatens Americans." Blair told members of the House intelligence committee that he was speaking publicly about the issue to reassure Americans that intelligence agencies and the Department of Defense "follow a set of defined policy and legal procedures that are very carefully observed" in the use of lethal force against U.S. citizens. Blair's unusually frank remarks come as the issue of targeting Americans for lethal action has attracted more notice. As the United States steps up its campaign against suspected terrorists overseas, it has become more apparent that some extremists may be U.S. citizens. The most prominent case to date is that of a U.S.-born cleric, Anwar al-Aulaqi, who lives in Yemen and has been linked to the Army major who allegedly shot and killed 13 people at Fort Hood, Tex., in November, and to the Nigerian accused of attempting to bomb a Northwest Airlines plane on Christmas Day. Aulaqi is a member of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, an affiliate of the main al-Qaeda organization, and has been linked to the Fort Hood shooter as well as the Nigerian. He was thought to be meeting with regional al-Qaeda leaders at a compound in Yemen targeted by a Dec. 24 strike. He was not said to be the focus of the strike, and he was not killed. But U.S. officials said at the time that they thought he might have been killed. "I just don't want Americans who are watching this to think that we are careless about endangering -- in fact, we're not careless about endangering American lives as we try to carry out the policies to protect most of the country," Blair said at the annual threat briefing before the panel. He did not specifically refer to the targeting of Aulaqi. In response to questions from Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-Mich.), the panel's ranking Republican, Blair said: "We take direct action against terrorists in the intelligence community. If that direct action, we think that direct action will involve killing an American, we get specific permission to do that." Hoekstra pressed for clarification of the policy, especially its threshold for targeting Americans for lethal action. "The concern that I have today is that I'm not sure that . . . [it is] very well understood as to what you and the people in your organization can do when it comes to Americans who have joined the enemy," Hoekstra told Blair. The director of national intelligence said the factors that "primarily" weigh on the decision to target an American include "whether that American is involved in a group that is trying to attack us, whether that American is a threat to other Americans" (Nakashima, 2010).

**Date:** May 21, 2010

**Source:** The Daily Beast, Philip Shenon

**Title/Headline:** *Your Children Could Be Terrorists*

**Abstract:** In the wake of the Times Square bomb case, the feds just issued a chilling warning to Pakistani leaders: check your family and staff for terrorist ties. The United States has warned civilian and military leaders in Pakistan that they need to worry about a newly uncovered breeding ground for anti-American terrorists—their own families. A senior federal law enforcement official tells The Daily Beast that the Obama administration has sent a "clear, if carefully worded warning" to Pakistani leaders in recent days that their own children and others relatives, as well as their subordinates in the government, should be scrutinized for possible terrorist ties. "We've got elements of the Pakistani gentry—people who can get in and out of the United States with ease, if they're not already citizens here — who are getting roped into terrorism," says an American diplomatic official. The official, who has been briefed on details of the Times Square bombing case, says Pakistanis have also been told that the United States is concerned by the large number of connections between Pakistani military officers and some of the recently uncovered terrorist plots aimed at the United States and its European allies. The warning comes in the wake of the discovery that the son of a retired Pakistani air marshal was the culprit in



the attempted terrorist bombing in Times Square last month, as well as the guilty plea in March by a Pakistani-American man in Chicago who has connections throughout the Pakistan government—including a half-brother who is the prime minister's chief spokesman. **The Chicago man, David Headley, attended one of Pakistan's most elite military academies and had, at least until his arrest, maintained friendships throughout the Pakistani military.** A retired Pakistani army colonel who remains at large has also been indicted in the Chicago case. **"With these two cases, you really see what we're up against,"** said an American diplomatic official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to discuss the terrorism cases publicly. **"We've got elements of the Pakistani gentry—people who can get in and out of the United States with ease, if they're not already citizens here—who are getting roped into terrorism."** As a result of the failed Times Square bombing, the United States has publicly warned Pakistan of severe diplomatic repercussions if Pakistani terrorists attempt to strike again on American soil. Officials say the warnings were delivered as recently as this week, when National Security Adviser James Jones and CIA Director Leon Panetta traveled to Pakistan to meet with their counterparts there. Even as the United States has described Pakistan as a key ally in the fight against Muslim extremism and terrorism, Washington has also long signaled its wariness of the intentions of large elements of the Pakistani military and the country's intelligence agencies. The recent terrorism cases have increased tensions between the two countries—and this latest warning from the United States could further complicate relations. Teresita Schaffer, a retired American diplomat who served in Pakistan, tells The Daily Beast that while it was too soon to suggest that family members of the Pakistani military elite and its civilian gentry pose a special risk of recruitment as terrorists, she could understand why it was of concern to the Obama administration. **"It's something to watch," she said. "There certainly are people in the Army and the intelligence service who have some pretty extreme views" in support of Muslim fundamentalism,** said Schaffer, who now directs the South Asia program for the Center for Strategic and International Affairs in Washington. **The Pakistani-born man who is reported to have confessed to the failed Times Square attack, Faisal Shahzad, 30 years old and a naturalized American citizen, is the son of a retired Pakistani vice air marshal, Bahar ul-Haq.** The father, who is reported to have gone into hiding since his son's arrest, was one of Pakistan's most accomplished pilots and flight instructors; he was stationed overseas in Britain and Saudi Arabia. Several other family members have served in the small, close-knit Pakistani Air Force. **American officials say they are aware of—but have been so far unable to confirm—reports that a Pakistani army major was arrested this week in Pakistan for involvement in the Times Square plot, and that the officer may have been a go-between for Faisal and the Pakistani Taliban.** In the Chicago case, Headley, who changed his name from Daood Gilani to make it easier to cross borders as a terrorist, has confessed to involvement both in the 2008 terrorist attacks in the Indian city of Mumbai and in a foiled plot to attack a Danish newspaper that had ran cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed. In the Mumbai rampage, nearly 170 people were killed, including six Americans. **His ties to the Pakistan elite are deep. His father is a retired Pakistani diplomat who is reported to have served at the Pakistani embassy in Washington. He attended a Pakistani military academy, the Hasan Abdal Cadet College, where he mixed with young men who would later go on to the run key elements of the Pakistani military and the civilian government, including the diplomatic corps.** Another man indicted in the case, Tahawwur Hussain Rana, a Pakistani-Canadian who ran a visa company in Chicago with Headley, also attended the military academy. Rana, who is awaiting trial, has insisted that he is innocent of the terrorism charges (Shenon, 2010).

**Date:** May 26, 2010

**Source:** CNN, Pam Benson

**Title/Headline:** *Homegrown Terrorist Threat To Be Part Of National Security Strategy*

**Abstract:** Homegrown terrorism will be part of the United States' National Security Strategy for the first time, according to President Barack Obama's chief counterterrorism adviser, who called it a new phase of the terrorist threat. When the Obama administration unveils its National Security Strategy on Thursday, **it will be the first time any president "explicitly recognizes the threat to the United States posed by individuals radicalized here at home,"** National Security Adviser John Brennan said Wednesday. The strategy acts as a blueprint for how a White House administration intends to protect Americans. In the past, it has focused mostly on international threats. But a spate of terror-related plots in the United States recently prompted the Obama administration to include homegrown terrorism in the document, Brennan said. Earlier this month, Pakistani-American Faisal Shahzad was charged with trying to detonate a car bomb in New York's bustling district of Times Square. U.S. Army Major Nidal Malik Hasan is suspected of fatally shooting 13 people at Fort Hood in November. Colorado resident Najibullah Zazi, an Afghan national, pleaded guilty in February for conspiring to detonate explosives in the New York subway system. And David Headley, an American citizen from Chicago, Illinois, is accused of providing surveillance in the Mumbai, India, terrorist attacks that killed 160 people. **"We've seen an increasing number of individuals here in the United States become captivated by extremist ideology or causes,"** Brennan said. **"We have seen individuals, including U.S. citizens armed with their U.S. passports, travel easily to extremist safe havens, return to America, their deadly plans disrupted by coordinated intelligence and law enforcement."** Brennan, who made his comments at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said that as the United States has strengthened its defenses against massive attacks like 9/11, al Qaeda has shown itself to be a "resilient, resourceful and determined enemy." Brennan said al Qaeda is recruiting individuals with little training, attempting relatively unsophisticated attacks and seeking people living in the United States to launch such attacks. **"They are seeking foot soldiers who might slip through our defense,"** Brennan said. **"As our enemy adapts and evolves their tactics, so must we constantly adapt and evolve ours."** Brennan did not provide any specific details about the president's strategy for combating al Qaeda and its affiliates, but said it **"will require a broad, sustained and integrated campaign that harnesses every tool of American power, military and civilian, kinetic and diplomatic"** (Benson, 2010).

**Date:** May 26, 2010

**Source:** Bloomberg News, Patricia Hurtado

**Title/Headline:** *Man Accused Of Forming 'Mini-Terror' Cell Denied Bail*

**Abstract:** A U.S. citizen charged with conspiring to provide support to al-Qaeda and creating his "own mini-terror cell" was ordered held without bail after he pleaded not guilty in federal court in New York. Wesam El-Hanafi, 35, poses a danger to the community and is a flight risk, U.S. Magistrate Judge Debra Freeman in Manhattan said today at his arraignment. Assistant U.S. Attorney



John Cronan said **El-Hanafi, who was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, was “turned on” to al-Qaeda while living in the U.S. and traveled to Yemen in February 2008 to meet the network’s senior leaders. “Mr. El-Hanafi joined the group and he provided very real support to them,”** Cronan said. **“This is someone who knowingly joined a group whose purpose is to attack America.”** El-Hanafi and co-defendant Sabirhan Hasanoff, 34, are charged with agreeing to provide support to a known terror group, the U.S. said in an indictment. If convicted, both men face as long as 15 years in prison. **While in Yemen, El-Hanafi was taken to an al-Qaeda safe house with a hood over his head and met with two senior leaders. Once there, El-Hanafi took an oath of allegiance, called a bayat, to join the group,** Cronan said. Upon his return to the U.S., El-Hanafi “basically formed his own mini-terror cell,” recruiting Hasanoff, Cronan said. The government said it has a cooperating witness who can testify that El-Hanafi provided encrypted software that allowed the group to communicate over the Internet without detection and mask websites and e-mail addresses. **El-Hanafi communicated with other al-Qaeda members through prepaid mobile phones, which he discarded regularly, and sent as much as \$45,000 at a time by wiring funds or using a courier,** Cronan said. Cronan said El-Hanafi and Hasanoff provided computer advice to the group and that El-Hanafi also bought seven Casio digital watches over the Internet on behalf of al-Qaeda. **Al-Qaeda members have used Casio watches on detonators, prosecutors said. Ramzi Yousef, convicted of planning the 1993 World Trade Center bombing in New York, used a Casio watch in 1994 in a bomb that downed a jetliner in the Philippines.** Jane Anne Murray, El-Hanafi’s lawyer, argued her client should be released on bond and kept under house arrest at his family’s home in Brooklyn. With his family, including his wife and three children, living in New York, El-Hanafi has very strong ties to the U.S., Murray said. She also argued he didn’t have the wherewithal to flee the U.S., saying he lost a job he held in Dubai. **“Were he confined to his family’s apartment, he couldn’t be in a position to engage in activities alleged in the indictment,”** she said. Freeman said the government’s evidence convinced her there was no set of circumstances that could guarantee the public’s safety if El-Hanafi was released or prevent him from fleeing. **“The nature of these charges raise a very large specter of a danger to the community,”** Freeman said. “I have determined that detention is warranted.” At a May 17 hearing, Hasanoff was ordered held without bail. Both men are scheduled to appear June 1 before U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood, Cronan said. The case is U.S. v. El-Hanafi, 10-cr-00162, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York (Hurtado, 2010).

**Date:** May 28, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Bill Hemmer

**Title/Headline:** *Fox News Reporting: The American Terrorist*

**Abstract: This Fox News investigative special goes deep inside the mysterious and deadly world of American born terrorist Anwar al-Awlaki.** Fox News correspondents Catherine Herridge and Greg Palkot follow Awlaki's twisted and destructive trail from suburban communities in the U.S. to his hideout in Yemen. **New evidence emerging in the details about the Times Square bomber, the failed attempt to blow up a plane on Christmas Day and the massacre at Fort Hood has put for the first time a U.S. citizen on the CIA's "capture or kill" list.** Evidence includes documents that relate to the investigation of Anwar Al-Awlaki, the Muslim cleric who has been associated with 9/11 hijackers, Major Nidal Hasan, the alleged-Fort Hood shooter, and Umar Abdulmutallab, the so-called Christmas Day bomber. They include declassified memoranda for the record from the 9/11 Commission, the warrant for Awlaki's arrest from June 2002 as well as the motion to dismiss the warrant from October 2002. Also included is the Justice Department's statement to Fox News regarding our inquiry into the decision to rescind Awlaki's arrest warrant. Exclusive interviews with former and current government agents raise several questions: **Was Awlaki part of a terrorist cell within this country that attacked America on 9/11? And following the attacks, was there an attempt by our government to turn Awlaki into an informant or track him for intelligence?** Following last week's original airing of "Fox News Reporting: The American Terrorist," Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., wrote a letter to FBI director Robert Mueller where he raised "troubling" issues about the handling of the investigation into terror suspect Anwar Awlaki and called to bring back the 9/11 Commission to review purported flaws in national security. **You will see for yourself how this American terrorist is using our system against us** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** June 3, 2010

**Source:** National Terror Alert, U.S. Department Of Justice

**Title/Headline:** *Ohio Couple Accused Of Helping Hezbollah*

**Abstract: Two residents of Toledo, Ohio, Hor I. Akl, age 37, and his spouse, Amara A. Akl, age 37, both of whom are dual citizens of the United States and Lebanon, were arrested today on charges that they conspired to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, conspired to launder money, and committed arson relating to an insurance fraud scheme.** Hor Akl is also charged with two counts of bankruptcy fraud and one count of perjury, U.S. Attorney Steven M. Dettelbach announced today. The Akls were arrested this morning without incident and are expected to make their initial appearance in federal court in Toledo at 3:30 p.m. today. **According to the criminal complaint filed earlier today, from on or about Aug. 30, 2009, to the present, the Akls conspired to provide material support to Hizballah, which was designated by the Secretary of State as a Foreign Terrorist Organization in October 1997, and remains so today.** According to the complaint, the Akls agreed to send money to the terrorist organization Hizballah after they were approached by a confidential informant for the FBI who claimed he worked for an anonymous donor eager to support Hizballah. **The couple researched and proposed at least ten different ways in which the money could be shipped to Hizballah, the complaint alleges. The complaint alleges that the Akls ultimately agreed to conceal approximately \$500,000 in the hollow sections of a vehicle and to ship the vehicle to Lebanon, where they would remove the cash and give it to Hizballah officials on behalf of the purported anonymous donors in the United States.** The Akls expected to receive a fee or commission for arranging the transfer of funds. The complaint alleges that in March 2010, Hor Akl traveled to Lebanon to make arrangements for the delivery of the funds to Hizballah. Akl allegedly returned to the United States claiming that he had met with Hizballah officials. **The complaint further alleges that, during the investigation, the Akls discussed multiple criminal violations in the past, including bulk cash smuggling of large amounts of currency to Lebanon, wire fraud, mail fraud, perjury related to bankruptcy fraud, and concealing property in a bankruptcy proceeding.** According to U.S. Attorney Steven M. Dettelbach, **“This case demonstrates our continued commitment to prosecuting**

those who seek to aid terrorists and terrorist organizations, whether they do so from our backyards, or abroad. Furthermore, those who seek to take illegal advantage of our government, judicial and financial institutions, for their personal benefit or for the benefit of others, will not be ignored." C. Frank Figliuzzi, Special Agent in Charge of the Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said, "Those who willfully work to fund terror with U.S. dollars must understand that the FBI works even harder to ensure that they fail." The maximum statutory penalties upon conviction are: for conspiring to provide material support to a Designated Foreign Terrorist Organization, up to 15 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000; for money laundering conspiracy, up to 20 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000; for each of the offenses of bankruptcy fraud, and perjury, up to 5 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000; and for the arson offense, up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Justin E. Herdman, Duncan T. Brown and Thomas E. Getz and Trial Attorney S. Elisa Poteat of the National Security Division, Counterterrorism Section, following an investigation by the FBI, through its Joint Terrorism Task Force, in Toledo, Ohio, and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. **The public is reminded that a criminal complaint contains mere allegations. Defendants are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt** (U.S. Department Of Justice, 2010).

**Date:** June 3, 2010

**Source:** United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM), Major Dale Greer

**Title/Headline:** *Units Make History With Air Force's First Homeland Defense ORI*

**Abstract:** Three units representing each component of the Air Force made history here May 16 through 23 when they successfully completed the first homeland defense operational readiness inspection. The ORI, held at the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center here, was administered by the Air Mobility Command Inspector General on a trial basis, but it may help pave the way for future inspections, officials said. **"For the very first time, the U.S. Air Force has validated a unit's wartime capability to defend the homeland by fighting an enemy right here on U.S. soil,"** said Col. Greg Nelson, the commander of the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Airlift Wing, which served as the lead organization for the ORI. **"That represents a major shift in the way Air Force (leaders evaluate) unit readiness, because it puts the focus in our own backyard, rather than a simulated overseas location where these evaluations are usually staged,"** he said. The inspection was a total force effort, with the 123rd Airlift Wing representing the Air National Guard; the 317th Airlift Group from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, providing active-duty forces; and the 70th Aerial Port Squadron from Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., contributing Air Force Reserve members and equipment. As with traditional ORIs, this one tested the ability of each unit to mobilize Airmen and equipment, fly to a remote site, operate in a hostile environment, defend against enemy attacks, and redeploy back home, all while AMC inspectors evaluated every phase of the operation. **Unlike traditional ORIs, in this one the participants were tasked with supporting civil authorities while fighting an unconventional foe in the United States.** In the past, ORIs have typically required units to deploy to simulated overseas bases and defend against conventional military forces. **"I'm pleased to say that all three units passed this new test with flying colors,"** Nelson said. **"We are ready to perform our mission of theater airlift anytime, anywhere, whether it be in support of our allies abroad or here at home in defense of the United States of America."** The ORI scenario that played out in Mississippi required more than 300 Kentucky Air Guard members to establish operations in concert with about 175 Airmen from the Texas and Florida units, forming the notional 104th Air Expeditionary Wing. **All three organizations worked seamlessly to launch theater airlift and medical evacuation sorties across the Gulf Coast region, supporting U.S. Northern Command missions and civil authorities, while foiling multiple attacks by well-organized terrorists.** The inspection posed an unusually challenging environment because of extreme weather conditions and several eleventh-hour changes caused by the non-availability of infrastructure, Nelson said. **"We didn't flinch. We didn't whine. We didn't push back to any challenge, from changes in taskings, to changes in locations, to changes in facilities at the last minute,"** he said. **"(With temperatures hovering near 100 degrees), it also was the hottest ORI the team chief had even seen. But we maintained a great attitude, we operated safely, and we performed our mission with a level of excellence that makes me proud. Even more significant, this inspection marked the first time that any Air Force unit has been wartime validated in support of the security and defense of the United States of America. That's huge,"** Nelson said. Col. Dan Dagher, the 317th Airlift Group commander, agreed. **"The 317th (AG), 123rd (AW) and 70th (APS) are ready -- and now tested -- to meet the challenge, reduce human suffering and save lives,"** he said. **"If an attack on the homeland happens, we will be the first responders. Americans can sleep better knowing that the 317th (AG), 123rd (AW) and 70th (APS) can provide defense support to civil authorities in the United States, and that the very survival of thousands of Americans rests on our now-tested ability to immediately respond and perform mass-casualty medical evacuations after a chemical attack."** Nelson said the idea for a homeland defense/homeland security ORI originated at the Kentucky Air Guard, whose leaders asked AMC to consider using the alternate approach because it better reflects the realities of a post-9/11 world in which homeland defense has taken center stage. **"Almost everything that an airlift wing would do in support of a real-world homeland security/homeland defense mission, whether it be response to a terrorist attack on U.S. soil or humanitarian aid following a hurricane, would be in support of a lead civilian agency at the federal, state or local level,"** Nelson said. **"As a result, the overall command and control aspects are completely different from those of an overseas operation. So we took our plan to the IG and said, 'You need to evaluate us on this,'"** Nelson said. **"They thought our approach had a lot of merit, and agreed to implement it on a trial basis. A lot of changes were required to make this approach work, but the IG developed new scenarios to test the interoperability of Department of Defense, federal, state and local agencies in defense of the homeland** (Greer, 2010).

**Date:** June 6, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Jana Winter

**Title/Headline:** *Two Men Arrested Before Boarding Plane To Join Terror Group*

**Abstract:** The FBI arrested Two New Jersey men at JFK International Airport on Saturday night as they were preparing to board separate planes in an alleged terrorism plot tied to a radical Islamic group based in Somalia, Fox News confirmed. Mohamed

Hamoud Alessa, 20, of North Bergen, and Carlos Eduardo Almonte, 26, of Elmwood Park were charged with conspiracy to commit international terrorism and were picked up by the FBI before boarding flights to join the Somali Al Qaeda affiliate Al Shabaab, officials said. **Both men are believed to be American citizens. The two men were arrested following a years-long investigation and were charged with conspiring to commit an act of international terrorism through a group tied to Usama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network,** a federal law enforcement source told Fox News. "FBI New York arrested two men at JFK in support of an ongoing investigation," FBI spokesman Richard Kolko told FoxNews.com. "There was no threat at the airport. No additional information is available at this time." Kolko said the two were arrested in connection with an ongoing investigation and could not provide further details. They are scheduled to appear in court on Monday (Winter, 2010).

**Date:** June 7, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Twelve Americans Detained In Yemen*

**Abstract:** **Yemeni authorities have 12 Americans in custody, and the arrests may be linked to a joint U.S.-Yemeni anti-terror campaign,** a State Department spokesman said Monday. Spokesman PJ Crowley told reporters the U.S. was trying to get more information, but did not provide any further details. The spokesman, P.J. Crowley, declined to provide details about the case, except to say the State Department is aware of the arrests and is seeking more information about the individuals being held. Last Wednesday, **Yemeni security officials said authorities had detained several foreigners, including Americans, Britons and an Australian woman, in connection with an investigation into Al Qaeda's increased activity in the country.** The arrests reported last week were made after foreign intelligence agencies provided lists of names of people they wanted to have detained or put under surveillance, according to two Yemeni security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not permitted to brief journalists. It was not immediately clear whether the 12 Americans cited by Crowley were among those reported to have been rounded up last week, but Crowley suggested there may be an anti-terrorism connection. Foreign language schools, and American students in particular, have been targeted as the Yemeni government gets "very serious" about cracking down on the threat posed by terror group Al Qaeda, Fox News Channel reported. **"If you are an American, you are a suspect," a source in Yemen told Fox News.** Asked whether he could confirm a report that the Americans had been picked up in Yemen at the request of the U.S. government, Crowley replied, **"We have great cooperation with the government of Yemen. Together, we are doing our best to help Yemen reduce the threat posed by Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. That's a threat to Yemen. It's a threat to the United States. But beyond that, I'm not going to talk about specifics"** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** June 8, 2010

**Source:** France 24, AFP

**Title/Headline:** *US Charges 14 Citizens For Aiding Somalia's Shebab Militants*

**Abstract:** **Fourteen US citizens arrested on Thursday have been charged for attempting to join or provide assistance to Somalia's militant, Al-Qaeda-linked group Shebab. Fourteen people, including several US citizens, were indicted on charges of aiding the Shebab, a Somali-based Islamist group linked to Al-Qaeda,** US Attorney General Eric Holder announced Thursday. Some of those charged are believed to be in Somalia fighting for the Shebab, which has claimed responsibility for deadly attacks in Uganda last month. **Holder said four separate indictments unsealed in various locations charge the 14 "with terrorism violations for providing money, personnel, and services" to the group.** The indictments "shed further light on a deadly pipeline that has routed funding and fighters" to the Shebab, Holder said. **Two of those charged were arrested earlier in the day in Minnesota, officials said, including one man and one woman accused of raising money for the Shebab on the pretense of collecting funds "for the poor and needy."** Several of those named in the new indictments had been previously charged by US authorities, and several are believed to be overseas, likely in Somalia where they may be fighting for the Islamist group. **Holder said the latest charges were part of a broader investigation that had charged a total of 19 people, of whom nine had been arrested in the United States or abroad. "Ten of the charged defendants are not in custody and are believed to be overseas,"** he said. One indictment unsealed Thursday in Minnesota charges 10 men, including at least three US citizens, with terrorism offenses for leaving the United States to join the Shebab as foreign fighters, he added. Seven of these had been previously charged by either indictment or criminal complaint. **Also in Minnesota, FBI agents arrested Amina Farah Ali, 33, and Hawo Mohamed Hassan, 63, both naturalized US citizens from Somalia. The woman and man are charged with conspiracy to provide material support to the Shebab.** In two separate cases, two US citizens were charged with providing material support to the Shebab. Both are believed to be in Somalia. The Shebab, an Islamist extremist group that controls most of central and western Somalia, claimed responsibility for the attacks in Uganda's capital on July 11 that killed 76 people gathered to watch the World Cup final. Earlier media reports said 14 Americans had been arrested in the probe. Holder said the Justice Department would continue to pursue cases of so-called homegrown terrorism involving Americans joining foreign extremist groups. **"As demonstrated by the charges unsealed today, we are seeing an increasing number of individuals -- including US citizens -- who have become captivated by extremist ideology and have taken steps to carry out terrorist objectives, either at home or abroad,"** he said. **"It's a disturbing trend that we have been intensely investigating in recent years and will continue to investigate and root out. But we must also work to prevent this type of radicalization from ever taking hold."** In Alabama, prosecutors unsealed a September 2009 superseding indictment against Omar Hammami, 26, a US citizen accused of providing material support to the Shebab. He is believed to be in Somalia. In California, officials today unsealed an October 2009 indictment against Jihad Serwan Mostafa, 28, a US citizen also believed to be in Somalia, on similar charges. In Minnesota, 10 others were named in indictments in addition to the two arrested Thursday. They include three US citizens and four legal US residents, all of whom are believed to be overseas. Among those named are US citizens Abdikadir Ali Abdi, 19, Abdisalan Hussein Ali, 21, and Cabdulaahi Ahmed Faarax, 33; Farah Mohamed Beledi, 26, and Abdiweli Yassin Isse, 26. They are charged with conspiring to kill, maim and injure persons abroad and other charges. Five others who had been previously charged by indictment, on related charges, are Ahmed Ali Omar, 27; Khalid Mohamud Abshir, 27; Zakaria Maruf, 31; Mohamed Abdullahi Hassan, 22; and Mustafa

Ali Salat, 20. Holder said Thursday's arrests and charges served as "an unmistakable warning" to anybody considering joining terrorist groups. "If you choose this route you can expect to find yourself in a US jail cell or a casualty on the battlefield in Somalia," he added. The announcement came a day after a US man was arrested hours before he was scheduled to travel to Somalia to fight with the Shebab. Shaker Masri, 26, was charged with attempting to provide material support to Al-Qaeda and the Shebab (France 24, 2010).

**Date:** June 9, 2010

**Source:** The Intel Hub, Shepard Ambellas, Alex Thomas

**Title/Headline:** *USNORTHCOM Gears Up For Potential Attack On U.S. Soil*

**Abstract:** USNORTHCOM has admitted that they are preparing military operations within the United States. This is the first time in history this has been done and they will be working with DHS, state and local law enforcement on U.S. soil. The focus of this operation will be in our own back yard. Northcom is planning on defending against enemy attacks and supporting civilian authorities with fighting an unconventional foe, all on US soil. NORTHCOM went on to say that the drill will be in the Gulf area. They anticipate no infrastructure and possible extreme weather conditions. **"Even more significant, this inspection marked the first time that any Air Force unit has been wartime validated in support of the security and defense of the United States of America. That's huge," Nelson said. "The survival of thousand Americans rests on this training".** The Intel Hub believes that there could be a mass evacuation of the Gulf. The chemicals that are being used on this oil spill could, by themselves cause a tremendous amount of various health problems. We will keep you posted. This could be part of Operation Garden Plot. and possibly could be why there has been reports of hardened troops building up in the Gulf. BP is currently saying that the oil spill should be stopped by next week. **One thing is for sure, the dispersant isn't going anywhere in months much less weeks** (Ambellas & Thomas, 2010).

**Date:** June 14, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Man, Woman Accused Of Trying To Enter Air Force Base Illegally With Weapons*

**Abstract:** Military-style gear and weapons were found inside the vehicle of a man and woman who attempted to gain illegal entry to MacDill Air Force Base in Florida on Monday, the military said. The two were in custody after trying to access the base about 5:00 p.m. local time through the Bayshore Gate, according to a United States Air Force statement. Base public affairs officer Senior Airman Katherine B. Holt reports a man and woman were unable to show proper identification Monday evening, and their vehicle was searched. **Security found military-style gear and weapons in the sport utility vehicle but no explosives. Holt says she didn't know how many weapons were removed but they were rifle-type. The suspects names were not released.** The base is home to U.S. Central Command, which runs the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The Bayshore Gate is closed but the rest of MacDill, including the Dale Mabry Gate, is operating normally (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** June 16, 2010

**Source:** Army Times, Kate Brumback

**Title/Headline:** *Man Seized At Army Post Had Land Mine, Laser Scope*

**Abstract:** A former national guardsman was charged with pretending to be a U.S. Army soldier after authorities say he convinced an officer at a military base to give him a sophisticated laser sight. Anthony Todd Saxon, 34, was charged with impersonating an Army master sergeant and stealing the infrared laser targeting sight after he was caught on the east Georgia base with a land mine, several grenades and night vision devices, prosecutors said. Saxon was wearing a full combat uniform, including rank and insignia, when he was stopped at Fort Gordon by military police and questioned about his activities, according to the complaint. After Saxon gave them consent to search his vehicle, authorities said they found several grenades and the land mine, among other equipment. According to the complaint, Saxon told investigators he was able to obtain the laser sight by telling a captain in the base's military police office that he was a master sergeant in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and that he needed it to train a soldier. **He told investigators he was able to obtain the device after signing a receipt, according to the court documents. He also said he was a member of the Army National Guard between 1993 and 1995, but was medically discharged for heart problems, according to the records.** Florida National Guard spokeswoman Crystal McNairy said that Saxon joined the Guard in 1993 and left with an honorable discharge in 1994. She said his rank was private 1st class, but she would not provide any other details about his service. Fort Gordon spokesman Buz Yarnell said Saxon was stopped on the Army post because his car matched the description of a vehicle suspected in an earlier theft of military equipment from the post in April. **Yarnell would not say what had been stolen. Yarnell said the grenades, called "flash bangs," use blinding light and loud noise to stun people but don't explode into lethal shrapnel. "He couldn't have done any serious damage,"** said Yarnell, who would not say whether the explosives were detonated. Fort Gordon, near Augusta, is home to the Army Signal Corps, which is in charge of the service's global communication and information systems (Brumback, 2010).



**Date:** June, 21, 2010

**Source:** Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *American Pleads Guilty To Times Square Terror Plot*

**Abstract:** A Pakistan-born U.S. citizen has pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge accusing him of plotting the failed Times Square car bombing. He told the judge he wanted to "plead guilty and 100 times more." He also warned that unless the U.S. leaves Muslim lands, "We will be attacking U.S." Entering pleas one-by-one, he began by pleading guilty to attempted use of weapons of mass destruction (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** June 21, 2010

**Source:** National Public Radio (NPR), Dina Raston-Temple

**Title/Headline:** *Would-Be Bombers In U.S. Hampered By Logistics*

**Abstract:** For years, officials have predicted that it is only a matter of time before the car bombs and suicide attacks that are commonplace in Afghanistan and Iraq arrive in the U.S. But so far, overseas terrorist groups have had little success in launching those kinds of attacks in America. The latest example: the attempted car bombing May 1 in Times Square. An SUV was loaded with an explosive device that smoked and sparked but never went off. Explosives experts say there are many reasons for the string of bomb failures. Among them: It is hard to get explosive materials in the U.S.; putting together a bomb is a complicated process; and those kinds of attacks require a team to get them off the ground.

**Internet's Role Overstated:** Despite reports to the contrary, experts say the Internet's role in guiding do-it-yourself bomb makers has been highly overstated. There are plenty of video guides and recipes for improvised explosives on the Web. But officials say to suggest watching a video will make you a bomb maker is a little like saying that watching a couple of Major League baseball games on TV will provide everything needed to step up to the plate and connect with a fastball. "It is much harder to actually sit down and build and make a functioning bomb than I think has been represented," says Terry Turchie, the former head of the FBI task force that caught Ted Kaczynski, the so-called Unabomber. "You can obtain and acquire the information you need, but having the technical ability to put these bombs together is a totally different story," he says. The arrest of Kaczynski in 1995 ended a nearly 20-year mail-bomb spree in which Kaczynski targeted university professors, corporate executives and airplane passengers. He killed three people and injured some two dozen more. Kaczynski was a Harvard-educated math genius with anarchist leanings and, alone in a cabin in rural Montana, he taught himself how to make a bomb from scratch. It took him years of research and testing. "There were gaps in Unabomber attacks," Turchie says. "We found out later that was because he was trying to perfect his bomb. He was teaching himself the fundamentals of chemistry and engineering. The fact of the matter is, it takes a long time to learn to assemble a bomb without killing yourself."

**Difficult To Assemble The Materials & Get It Right:** Officials say that while some terrorist operatives have come to the U.S. and gathered the necessary ingredients to make a homemade bomb, the devices rarely work. That's a big reason why the U.S. hasn't seen many successful explosive attacks. The expertise to assemble the components — to get the detonator just right, to insert the timer, to pull together an explosive powerful enough — is very hard to do correctly. Regulations in the U.S. present further obstacles. Bomb makers in Afghanistan and Pakistan have military-grade explosives all around them. In the U.S., explosives are regulated, so terrorists are forced to fashion bombs by boiling down household products like peroxide and hair spray. That's what Najibullah Zazi, the man behind a plot to bomb the New York subway system and other transportation targets in 2009, had to do. He was buying hair dye at a Denver beauty supply store so he could concentrate it into a highly volatile explosive called TATP, or triacetone triperoxide. It is unclear whether he was actually able to do that. Zazi, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction among other charges, faces a possible life sentence without parole.

**Lacking Support & Expertise:** Experts say making a bomb is also very hard to do alone. In the Middle East, there are teams of people who are behind bomb plots. "The huge difference between the unsuccessful bombings we've seen here and the highly successful and countless day after day successful bombings we see in Iraq or Afghanistan is that the bomb makers have some significant support with people who knew what they are doing," Turchie says. The teams on the ground include financiers, explosives experts who can predictably turn out devices that work, distributors who get the bombs out to the targets, and people who do reconnaissance. That model was used to successfully attack the U.S. in 1993. An operative named Ramzi Yousef joined forces with a handful of explosives experts to mix a urea nitrate bomb. They put the bomb in a van, drove it into the underground parking garage of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center, and detonated it. The bombing killed six people and injured more than 1,000. Leo West, a former explosives expert with the FBI, says it would be hard to launch that kind of operation now. "The security has improved so much, it has become very difficult for these people to get into the country," he says. Without a team, terrorist groups have been forced to rely on just one or two people at a time, and then hope to get lucky.

**Evading Detection During The Testing Phase:** There is one more hurdle: Even if someone made a bomb, West says, it would need to be tested — and that attracts attention. "That testing phase, as well as the target selection and surveillance phase, those are the phases of the operation where the bomber is most vulnerable to being found out or uncovered," he says. The suspect in the Times Square bombing never tested his car bomb — he just assumed it would work, according to officials close to the case. The fireworks the suspect allegedly hoped to use as part of the detonator wouldn't have ignited in a chain reaction — the safety fuses have to be lit individually. And the fertilizer he allegedly bought wasn't the kind that blew up — the kind that does has been regulated since the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. All these mistakes were made in spite of the fact that the man accused of the Times Square bombing attempt, naturalized U.S. citizen Faisal Shahzad, allegedly had hands-on training in Pakistan. That isn't to say that terrorist



organizations have given up. U.S. intelligence officials say militant groups are still trying to reach into America and find someone who is capable of succeeding where others have failed (Raston-Temple, 2010).

**Date:** June 21, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Lee Ross

**Title/Headline:** *High Court: Americans Can't Help Terrorists*

**Abstract:** Over the objections of three justices, the Supreme Court has upheld a federal law prohibiting American citizens from providing "material support or resources" to foreign terror groups. The 6-3 majority opinion from Chief Justice John Roberts is a victory for the government's efforts to fight terrorist organizations. "It is not difficult to conclude, as Congress did, that the taint of [terrorist's] violent activities is so great that working in coordination with them or at their command legitimizes and furthers their terrorist means," Roberts wrote. "Moreover, material support meant to promote peaceable, lawful conduct can be diverted to advance terrorism in multiple ways." A group called the Humanitarian Law Project sought to provide legal training and political advocacy for a pair of groups designated by the State Department as foreign terrorist organizations. Monday's ruling says that support is illegal because "...all contributions to foreign terrorist organizations--even those for seemingly benign purposes--further those groups' terrorist activities." The Humanitarian Law Project claimed the law violated its First Amendment rights to free speech and assembly. The Court's ruling said that was not the case. Justice Stephen Breyer took the unusual step of reading his dissent from the bench, something that is rarely done and often only when a justice feels particularly strong about the outcome of the decision. **Breyer said he could not agree with the Court's conclusion that "the Constitution permits the Government to prosecute the plaintiffs criminally for engaging in coordinated teaching and advocacy furthering the designated organizations' lawful political objectives."** Breyer was joined in dissent by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor. The case ends 12 years of litigation in which the Humanitarian Law Project had sought to assist the lawful and nonviolent activities of two separatist groups in Turkey and Sri Lanka. Notwithstanding any benevolent activities, the United States government says the groups PKK and LTTE are terrorists groups. **The Project claimed the "material support" law infringed on their First Amendment rights to advocate and speak on behalf of the separatist groups. But the Court concluded that it is "wholly foreseeable" any support for these groups would provide them with "information and techniques that it could use as part of a broader strategy to promote terrorism, and to threaten, manipulate, and disrupt."** It set aside the Project's claims saying its proposals of political advocacy were so broad in scope that they could not prevail on their constitutional claims. Breyer said he does not dispute the Court's concerns about protecting the country from the threat of foreign terrorist groups. But he said he was unable to determine how applying the law actually achieves that purpose. "I believe the Court has failed to examine the Government's justifications with sufficient care. It has failed to insist upon specific evidence, rather than general assertion. **It has failed to require tailoring of means to fit compelling ends. And ultimately it deprives the individuals before us of the protection that the First Amendment demands.**" Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan argued and won the case for the government (Ross, 2010).

**Date:** June 21, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *High Court Upholds Terror Law After Free Speech Challenge*

**Abstract:** A divided Supreme Court has ruled the government's power to criminalize "material support" of a terrorist organization is constitutionally permissible. The 6-3 ruling preserves a key provision of the 2001 Patriot Act, amid claims it threatens the free-speech rights of Americans who would assist non-violent activities of certain militant and terror groups. At issue was whether the federal law allows prosecution of those with knowledge of "any service, training, expert advice or assistance" to a foreign terrorist organization, as designated by the U.S. government (CNN, 2010).

**Date:** June 28, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Pregnant Women Are Being Sent To U.S. To Have Terrorist Babies, Congressman Says*

**Abstract:** A Texas congressman is warning that terror cells are cooking up a patient, complex plot to literally breed future terrorists inside the United States. Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert, speaking on the House floor last week, cited as his source a "retired FBI agent." He said the agent explained to him that foreign terror groups are looking to "game our system" by sending pregnant women to the United States to give birth to terrorists-in-training, who would have the added advantage of U.S. citizenship. Of course, the plot wouldn't come to fruition for decades. "It appeared they would have young women, who became pregnant, would get them into the United States to have a baby. They wouldn't even have to pay anything for the baby," Gohmert said. **"And then they would return back where they could be raised and coddled as future terrorists. And then one day, 20, 30 years down the road, they can be sent in to help destroy our way of life."** Gohmert issued the warning in defense of Arizona's immigration law, which has come under fire by critics who say it will lead to racial profiling. **The Obama administration is planning to sue Arizona over the law, something Gohmert described as the kind of "stupid" approach to immigration that terrorists plan to exploit. "They figured out how stupid we are being in this country to allow our enemies to game our system, hurt our economy, get set up in a position to destroy our way of life, and we won't do anything about it. We'll even sue a state that tries to do something about it,"** he said (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** July 7, 2010

**Source:** U.S. Department Of Homeland Security (DHS)

**Title/Headline:** *Terrorism Cases Force More Muslim Americans To Grapple With Homegrown Jihad*

**Abstract:** The scene is becoming too familiar: A young man is arrested for intending to harm innocent people. He may proclaim he's an Islamic soldier, he may say he wants to be a martyr, or he may have planned a trip overseas with the apparent intent of shooting at American soldiers. Such descriptions jibe with a number of recent arrests: of Faisal Shahzad, the failed Times Square bomber from Connecticut who pleaded guilty June 21; of the five American men from Virginia who have been sentenced in Pakistan to 10 years in prison for conspiring to carry out terrorist attacks; and of Najibullah Zazi, the former airport shuttle-bus driver from Colorado who pleaded guilty to involvement in a bomb plot against the New York subway system – a plot that apparently had the involvement of a high-level Al Qaeda operative. Are these simply anomalies, bad apples within the greater law-abiding Muslim population in the United States? Or do they indicate that something more sinister needs to be confronted within this population so that the idea of killing innocent people does not become a misguided act of martyrdom? Answering these questions is one of the most difficult tasks facing the Obama administration. If it decides that some sort of radical form of Islam is making inroads, it risks provoking millions of peaceful Muslims, who may perceive religious persecution. If the administration decides there isn't a problem, it may miss future terrorists. Here's part of the mind-set that the government is grappling with: **When Mr. Shahzad pleaded guilty to planting a weapon of mass destruction in Times Square, he told a federal judge that he viewed himself as a "mujahid, a Muslim soldier."** "I am part of the answer to the US terrorizing the Muslim nations and the Muslim people, and on behalf of that, I'm avenging the attacks," Shahzad said as he explained why he was pleading guilty. Shahzad may not be the only Muslim-American thinking this way, says Asra Nomani, a Muslim-American and author of "Standing Alone in Mecca: An American Woman's Struggle for the Soul of Islam." On a more general level, she says, it's not unusual for young Muslims growing up in the US to have an identity issue: **Do they wear hair coverings? Do they marry the Muslim boy or girl next door? "I know the identity issue because I lived it,"** Ms. Nomani says. "There is this tug of war inside ourselves of trying to reconcile Islam and being an American." The hearts and minds of some of these young people could be an easy target for radical Muslims who use YouTube and other websites to post inflammatory rhetoric. Such rhetoric can be appealing to the young, Nomani says. **"My awakening came after 9/11 and my friend [and Wall Street Journal reporter] Daniel Pearl's kidnapping. And I realized we are asleep at the wheel here, and we have to be honest about the fact we have a problem inside our community,"** she says. However, other Muslim commentators say their community does not endorse radicalism. After Shahzad's bombing attempt in Times Square, the Muslim community condemned his action, says Osama Siblani, publisher of the Arab American News in Dearborn, Mich. "This is an exception, not the rule," he says, and adds, **"I have assured many people from the younger generation: There is a way to express yourself in a democracy ... even with a decision made in the White House."** Some mainstream Islamic groups say that Shahzad's comments are similar to the rhetoric emanating from radical groups for years. **"The only difference is this took place in an American courtroom instead of on a video from some cave in Afghanistan,"** says Ibrahim Hooper, communications director for the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Washington. "I don't think it will resonate." The official view of the US government seems to meld perspectives. The 2010 Annual Threat Assessment, written by Dennis Blair, then director of national intelligence, says that violence from home-grown jihadists will persist, but will be sporadic. **"A handful of individuals and small discrete cells will seek to mount attacks each year, with only a small portion of that activity materializing into violence against the Homeland,"** the assessment said. It does require walking a tightrope, says Michael P. Jackson, deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security under the Bush administration. It's fair **"to ask the Muslim community to be sensitive to perversions of their core faith and to teachings of coexistence with other religions,"** says Mr. Jackson, now a founder of Firebreak Partners, a security consulting firm in McLean, Va. Recently, Nomani saw firsthand the efforts to avoid antagonizing certain Islamic groups when she was invited with some think tank analysts to a meeting with Farah Pandith, the US special representative to Muslim communities. (That position was created last year and is part of the State Department.) **"I immediately said that we have to fundamentally challenge the interpretations of Islam that are claiming our youth,"** Nomani recalls. **"And yet as soon as I said that, there was an immediate visceral reaction: [The others there] said oh no, the US government can't get into the business of religion, the business of interpretation."** Nomani left the meeting discouraged. **"I thought to myself, if that's not part of our strategy, we are dead in the water, because we are just letting the poison keep infiltrating,"** she says (Scherer, 2010).

**Date:** July 12, 2010

**Source:** Abilene Reporter News, Lance Hunter Voorhees

**Title/Headline:** *Terrorist Recruiting In Prison*

**Abstract:** You've heard their names: alQaida, Hamas, Hezbollah, Taliban and Islamic Jihad. What most haven't heard is that these terrorist organizations are setting up shop in U.S. and Latin American prisons under the guise of ministry. Counterfeit chaplains are converting prisoners to an extreme form of Islam with an eye to cultivate terroristic saboteurs and martyrs willing to wrap themselves in explosives and detonate on Main Street U.S.A. The Jihadist endgame is even more diabolical, which is to cause death and disease of biblical proportions to usher in the end of the world and their Messiah, the Al-Imam al-Mahdi, better known as the anti-Christ. Does that sound any more far-fetched than Jihadist hijackers flying into the World Trade Center on their way to an eternal date with 72 virgins? Read on. Dr. J. Michael Waller, Annenberg Professor of International Communication for the Institute of World Politics, warns of the inroads that radical Muslim chaplains are making in American prisons — North, Central and South America included. Testifying before the Senate's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, Dr. Waller stated that **Muslim chaplaincies are "one of several avenues of infiltration, recruitment, training and operation" for terrorist organizations who are backed by foreign governments like Iran and Syria, who want to gain a foothold in the Western Hemisphere. What begins as a religious conversion may be adulterated into the cultish fervor that is prevalent in many Islamic mosques and madrasah seminaries, radicalizing prisoners into a cadre of militant Muslims who will be soldiers in the ultimate Jihad, or Holy War. Prisoners are pressed into service by threat, or more effectively by bribe paid by the deep pockets of radical Islam.** Various U.S. intelligence sources, including the Israeli Mossad, warn that terror cells are being based throughout Latin America; the highest

concentration being in the tri-bordered area of Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil, known as “The Muslim Triangle,” the Western Hemisphere’s terrorist-central. From here, highly funded terror-brokers are systematically seeding almost 8 million square miles of fertile recruiting ground, building alliances with prison gangs, smuggling rings and drug cartels. As this budding crop of trained terrorists is harvested, their goal will be to mix in with the 3 to 4 million illegals that yearly cross our 1,952-mile backdoor — the Mexican border. The problem of militant Islam has also become a hornet’s nest in U.S. federal prisons, where 9 percent of inmates request Islamic services, most of whom are African-American. The FBI warns that many prisoners are now leaving prison “with extreme Islamist views.” Being that history is known to repeat itself, we could soon experience our own wave of ex-con and illegal immigrant suicide bombings. The loss of life in the U.S. could eventually be staggering and our economy brought to its knees before the altar of radical Islam, which fits comfortably within Mahdistic theology, the messianic doctrine of militant Islam, which also drives Iran’s current foreign policy. In a nutshell, this apocalyptic branch of theology teaches “The world will not come to an end until the Al-Imam al-Mahdi takes charge of the affairs of the world.” The parallels between the Muslim Mahdi and the Christian anti-Christ are notable and disconcerting. If Jihadist Islamists are successful at converting Latino and black martyrs through Mahdistic theology, a race war could ignite within America’s borders that would make the days of segregation pale in comparison. The U.S. waited for the tragedy of Sept. 11 before installing bulletproof cockpit doors to help secure the cockpits on America’s airplanes. What tragedy awaits the U.S. before she is forced to truly secure America’s borders and federal prisons? (Vorhees, 2010).

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**Source:** MSNBC, Associated Press, Eileen Sullivan

**Title/Headline:** *FBI: Uganda Attacks Signal Terror Group Potential*

**Abstract:** If the Somali terror group al-Shabab is responsible for the deadly attacks in Uganda, it could mean the group is capable of carrying out successful attacks in Africa and beyond, according to an intelligence assessment by the FBI and Homeland Security Department. Al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the explosions that killed 76 people watching the World Cup final in Uganda on Sunday. Intelligence officials have long warned that sporting events and large gatherings are attractive targets for terrorists. President Barack Obama, in an interview with South Africa Broadcasting Corp., said the statements indicate that al-Shabab and other terrorist organizations see Africa “as a potential place where you can carry out ideological battles that kill innocents without regard to long-term consequences for their short-term tactical gains.” The attack would be al-Shabab’s first successful strike outside of Somalia, according to the July 12 intelligence analysis obtained by The Associated Press. The document is marked for official use only and was distributed to law enforcement officials across the country. U.S. officials have yet to comment publicly on the significance of the attacks. A senior Obama administration official said there are indications that al-Shabab is responsible for the attacks and that the U.S. had no warning of them. The official was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. Obama said the attacks were “tragic and ironic”, coming as Africans celebrated and watched the World Cup in South Africa. “On the one hand, you have a vision of an Africa on the move, an Africa that is unified, an Africa that is modernizing and creating opportunities; and on the other hand, you with forces join to area Minneapolis the left and recruited were men Somali-American 20 about 2008, 2007. Omar Hammami, a U.S. citizen based in Somalia, has appeared in the terror group’s media productions and urged people to travel to Somalia for terror training, according to a May 21 Homeland Security intelligence assessment about the evolution of terror threats to the U.S. “We cannot exclude the possibility that U.S. persons aligned with al-Shabab in the Horn of Africa may return to the U.S., possibly to carry out acts of violence,” said the assessment, also obtained by the AP. In June, two New Jersey men were arrested as they tried to fly from the U.S. to Egypt with plans to continue on to Somalia to join al-Shabab. Shortly before President Barack Obama’s inauguration, U.S. officials were concerned about intelligence they received regarding a potential threat from al-Shabab to the event. By the time Obama was sworn in, the threat had been debunked. Al-Shabab, which means “The Youth,” has been gaining ground as Somalia’s Western-backed government crumbles. The group’s goal is to establish an Islamic state in Somalia. The FBI’s New York office and the New York Police Department said Tuesday that a team of investigators, including forensic experts, from the city’s Joint Terrorism Task Force was en route to Uganda to assist authorities with the probe. The senior administration official said the U.S. will look at what is needed to support the Ugandan government. The bulk of U.S. aid that has recently been sent to Somalia has been delivered to Uganda, Burundi and Djibouti. Several African nations have pledged forces to the African Union’s peacekeeping force in Somalia, known as AMISOM, and there are now more than 5,000 troops stationed in the country. In several previous operations the U.S. has provided intelligence and surveillance information and as recently as last September delivered a surgical strike against a convoy that reportedly killed powerful insurgent Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan (Sullivan, 2010).

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**Source:** Sedalia Democrat, Dennis Rich

**Title/Headline:** *National Guard Homeland Response Force Coming To Missouri*

**Abstract:** The U.S. Department of Defense announced Monday that Missouri will be one of 10 states to host National Guard Homeland Response Force units to help coordinate federal response to a terrorist attack. The Defense Department will place one unit in each of the 10 Federal Emergency Management Agency regions. Missouri is located in Region VII, which administers FEMA programs and coordinates federal disaster response in Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. The units will include about 570 personnel composed of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive response specialists, as well as command and control and security forces. According to a news release from Rep Ike Skelton’s (D-Mo.) office, the Missouri Homeland Response Force will be established in Fiscal Year 2012. The units will be ready to respond within six to 12 hours of an event, bringing medical, search and extraction, decontamination, security, and command and control capabilities to bear in a regional response. “I am very pleased Missouri will host a National Guard Homeland Response Force. Keeping Americans safe is our number one priority, and this new Homeland Response Force is part of DoD’s efforts to improve emergency response,” Skelton said. According to the DoD announcement, the move came about following the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review — a congressionally mandated report put together every four years that highlights changes and challenges in national defense strategy. The 2010 report calls for improved coordination

with civilian officials and providing resources for large-scale emergency response. Gov. Jay Nixon applauded the move in a statement released on Monday afternoon. Nixon said the move “will create as many as 90 new full-time National Guard positions under the leadership of Adjutant General Stephen L. Danner, and reaffirms our state’s commitment to supporting and encouraging the United States military here at home.” Scott Holste, a Nixon spokesman, said officials were still reviewing the best community to base the new unit in. **The new units should be established between September 2011 and October 2012. The DoD announced in June that Ohio and Washington would host the first two units, and are slated to be established in FY 2011. In addition to Missouri, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Texas, Utah and California will host the remaining homeland response forces. The DoD announced in June that Ohio and Washington would host the first two units, and are slated to be established in FY 2011 (Rich, 2010).**

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**Source:** Toronto Sun, Althia Raj

**Title/Headline:** *Mountie Fears More Canadians Taking Up Jihad*

**Abstract:** Increasing numbers of Canadians are becoming radicalized, taking up violent jihad and leading Canada to become an exporter of terrorism, a top Mountie told QMI Agency Tuesday. “We are seeing more and more Canadians being radicalized and deciding to support the (Islamist) cause through violence,” said Gilles Michaud, the RCMP Assistant Commissioner in charge of the force’s national security criminal investigations. “It is a growing trend that we are very concerned about.” Up until recently, officials believed terror threats would come exclusively from outside Canada and efforts were made to beef up the borders, Michaud said. “Now, what we are seeing is that threat is growing from inside and is going elsewhere,” he said. “It’s like we are exporters of terrorism to a certain extent.” Michaud’s comments come as the Al-Qaida-linked and Somali-based Al-Shabaab group claimed responsibility for co-ordinated bomb attacks in the Ugandan capital of Kampala that killed 76 people Sunday. Senior White House administration officials said Tuesday the bombing was Al-Shabaab’s first terrorist act outside Somalia’s borders. **Although they believe Uganda was targeted because of its support for Somalia’s transitional government, other countries, including Western states, could also be attacked by the “exceptionally violent” group, they said. In Canada, at least six young Somali-Canadian men from the Toronto-area are believed to have joined Al-Shabaab. One is presumed to have died overseas. Michaud said there are many more cases of individuals from across the country, including a few Western converts, who travelled abroad to join the jihad movement in places like Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen, where Al-Qaida is a serious threat.** He would not give a specific number but said it was less than a hundred individuals. The RCMP attempts to track Canadians abroad by working with local enforcement officials where possible, Michaud said. Under the Criminal Code, officials can prosecute Canadians who perform terrorist acts outside the country’s borders. Michaud conceded officials are hesitant to speak out about national security threats but now believe “Canadians are not necessarily up to speed with the threats that exist in Canada and the threats Canadians pose externally as well,” and are hoping a public education campaign will provide the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) with better leads. “We don’t want to be alarmists and create a state of fear,” he said. “But what I do fear is what we don’t know. “Who is out there that we are not aware of that is flying under the radar that is in a position to do something bad?” “Hopefully, the public will be more vigilant and report suspicious behaviour and don’t believe that (CSIS and the RCMP) know everything,” Michaud said. “Yeah, we’ve had some successes but it doesn’t mean we are aware of everything that is going on” (Raj, 2010).

**Date:** July 15, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Aaron Dykes

**Title/Headline:** *National Guard’s “Homeland Response Force” To Patrol Missouri, Nine Other States*

**Abstract:** Homeland Response Forces are descending upon Missouri and nine other states, where National Guard units will be the face of Federal power in the regions in the event of a terrorist attack or disaster. The Sedalia Democrat reports that, along with Missouri, the state where the report was written, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Texas, Utah and California will also host the National Guard *Homeland Response Forces* in the name of fighting terrorism. **A unit will be placed within each of the regions established by FEMA, effectively implementing Federal powers at the state level preemptively.** The U.S. Department of Defense announced Monday that Missouri will be one of 10 states to host National Guard Homeland Response Force units to help coordinate federal response to a terrorist attack. **According to the DoD announcement, the move came about following the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review — a congressionally mandated report put together every four years that highlights changes and challenges in national defense strategy. The 2010 report calls for improved coordination with civilian officials and providing resources for large-scale emergency response. Other states that have announced participation in the program include Ohio. This ties in with other recent reports of National Guard pitted against the domestic population. Infowars reporters recently exposed the National Guard involvement in Vigilant Guardian exercises training for terrorism & disaster during drills taking place in Chicago, Illinois.** Video footage detailing this activity can be seen exclusively at PrisonPlanet.tv. More shockingly, New York State has further announced the use of National Guard—merged with police—to aid in curbing the drug trade by intervening in local neighborhoods (despite the cynical fact that the CIA and other government agencies enable the importation of narcotics). **The reports state that the National Guard will even scan vehicles for ‘guns and drugs’ using high-tech gamma rays. This roll-out of National Guard is not new, but is being phased in at an accelerated pace. The publicly-presented mandate for these National Guard troops continues to revolve around the “disasters” and “terrorism” theme.** However, the RAND Corp., an authoritative think tank that has proven close to the political agendas actually being implemented, has prepared the nation for riots within the United States and control of widespread domestic unrest. Their 2009 report “*A Stability Police Force for the United States*” [PDF] proposes a “hybrid” military/law enforcement unit that would respond to disasters, but effectively act as a Federally-controlled policing force implemented within the bounds of States under the guise of controlling domestic riots, preparing for terrorism and even training for overseas deployment.



### The RAND report outlines in part:

- “The USMS [U.S. Marshalls Service] hybrid option ... provides an important nondeployed mission for the force: augmenting state and local agencies, many of which currently suffer from severe personnel shortages.”
- “Furthermore, the USMS has the broadest law enforcement mandate of any U.S. law enforcement agency.... [This model] provides significant domestic policing and homeland security benefits by providing thousands of additional police officers across the United States.”

**It is clear that while these events seemingly take place independently, and trickle out of the news without alarm, it is part of a larger plan to implement National Guard in duties never meant for them to undertake across the country, functioning, in essence, as another layer of “authority” over the states and individuals, and taking power under the pretense of national disaster, terror attack, biological or chemical warfare, the drug war or general domestic unrest.** Notice the difference between a response to something that might happen utilizing the National Guard when needed vs. the premeditated deployment of the National Guard along the 10 regional lines drawn by FEMA to serve at any pretext that can be justified. I have included both a RAND Corp. study for integrated National Guard response following Hurricane Katrina as well as an Army report playing out the joint command structures and integrated control of National Guard between Federal and State authorities, all closely paralleling the rise of Fusion Centers to ‘protect the homeland.’ **The table outlines how the effects and response requirements of several scenarios now being envisioned by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security — from radiological, nuclear, and biological terrorist attacks to a major earthquake — would be generally comparable to the effects and response requirements experienced in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.** Thus, the lessons so painfully learned from the hurricane could help America become stronger for all types of future catastrophic domestic emergencies. Numerous difficulties beset the military response. **The initial call-up of the U.S. Army National Guard in Louisiana and Mississippi was hindered by the fact that each state had a brigade, or about 3,000 troops, redeploying from Iraq. It took more than three days for roughly 6,000 backup troops to arrive from other states, because many had neither planned nor exercised for such emergencies.** As the forces flowed into the region, they lacked command and control, because it took more than a week for U.S. National Guard (henceforth national guard) division headquarters staffs to arrive. **Finally, the president did not decide until the end of the first week of the response to send in active-duty land units from the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps, in part because most of these units were either overseas or preparing to deploy.**

**To improve military disaster-response efforts, the U.S. Army should take the following steps:**

- Give state national guard units the federal mission to conduct homeland security activities, as is the case today for planning and funding counterdrug operations.
- Create ten regional national guard rapid-reaction homeland security task forces.
- Collocate these task forces with the regional planning offices of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Create opportunities for the regional national guard task forces to train regularly with local first responders, including law enforcement officials, and other local units that are focused on counterterrorism and weapons of mass destruction.
- Train state national guard units for rapid response not only within their states but also for emergencies in other states.
- Prepare governors to call up state national guard units quickly and involuntarily for active-duty, out-of-state emergencies.
- Establish plans to use the Air National Guard or commercial airlines to fly designated national guard units to out-of-state emergencies.
- Prepare state officials to designate backup national guard units that could fill in during disaster response operations for national guard units deployed overseas.
- Assign both national guard and active-duty army units to homeland security missions as part of the army’s routine unit-readiness planning process.
- Prepare state and federal leaders to select quickly from a set of predefined command-and-control alternatives, giving the lead to federal or state task forces, depending on the characteristics of an emergency.

*Excerpts from Army Paper Discussing Use of National Guard for Homeland Disaster & Terrorism Response, Including Debate Over Military Command in Light of State vs. Federal Control*

### Command and Control: Command and Control of Military Forces in the Homeland:

*“To serve in the National Guard is to accept a dual mission. You can be called on to defend the country against enemies abroad, or to protect lives and property here at home in times of local emergency.” ~Richard B. Cheney*

**The U.S. military and state National Guard have a long and proud tradition of defending our nation from attack and assisting civil authority during times of crisis. Notwithstanding their primary Federal purpose of fighting wars, the frequency with which U.S. military forces are employed for missions related to homeland security has risen dramatically since 9/11.** This change is understandable given the increase in the perceived and actual threat to the United States. The American military, which is one of the largest Federal investments, is arguably the most versatile organization in terms of capability and responsiveness. **Fiscal appropriations by**



**Congress for its organizational structure, composition, and equipment are intended to satisfy the current National Military Strategy. In an effort to streamline military roles and responsibilities for homeland defense and civil support, several notable changes have taken place since 9/11.** First, Presidential authority established U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) in 2002. Second, the National Guard reorganized itself at the state level and launched a series of homeland defense and security programs. Likewise, the National Guard Bureau (NGB) also transformed itself by improving its national coordinating ability and refining its supporting role for state governments and the national defense community. **Finally, Congress changed the Federal law (Title 32) that governs the National Guard to create the legal framework for the executive branch to employ the Guard in homeland defense and civil support actions.**

**Polarizing Domestic Military Assistance:** After witnessing complications in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Governor Rick Perry of Texas was determined to lead the Hurricane Rita response by retaining command and control over the Texas National Guard. In response to a White House request to establish an Active-duty officer as a dual-status commander, Governor Perry requested Presidential authorization for a Texas National Guard officer to be approved as a dual-status commander. **Hurricane Rita did not have the impact on Texas that Katrina had on Louisiana, and significant Federal military support was not required. Nevertheless, Governor Perry's request went unfulfilled, and unity of command under a dual-status arrangement never happened. Federal forces operating in Texas answered to the Federal chain of command that ran back to USNORTHCOM versus integrating with the state military response directly.** The stalemate over C2 left the impression with Governors and Guard members that National Guard dual-status commanders are not trusted to lead both state and Federal forces for a disaster response.

**State Command:** The first option is state command and consists purely of National Guard forces ordered to duty by a Governor. Every aspect of such National Guard employment is in accordance with state law and funded by the state. **Several hundred Guardsmen around the Nation are in state Active-duty status every day performing state missions such as search and rescue, incident response, and critical infrastructure protection. These missions also provide a domestic deterrent against potential attackers and indirectly support the Nation's homeland defense and homeland security missions.** The other status that falls under state command is Title 32, by which Guardsmen perform duties to accomplish training for their Federal mission or execute operational missions approved by the Federal Government, such as counterdrug or homeland defense activities. **The use of state command employs a Joint Force Headquarters-State (JFHQ-State) providing command and control for all in-state National Guard forces. The JFHQ-State can also act as a joint Service headquarters for national-level response efforts during contingency operations.** In this role, the JFHQ-State will generate a tailored JTF to assume tactical control of National Guard units supporting emergency response requirements. For operations that demand a large response force or multiple unique military capabilities, subordinate JTFs may be generated. **The primary advantages of the state command option include the preservation of state sovereignty over the response effort, detailed local area knowledge, clear lines of command, unity of effort, unity of command, avoidance of Posse Comitatus restrictions, and fast response times.** With a state-only Guard response, Governors retain their constitutional authority and control. Additionally, this option maximizes familiarity with local conditions, resources, personalities, and organizations. **Because Governors' constitutional responsibilities span a range of issues from enforcement of civil order to protection of critical infrastructure, the National Guard is a powerful capability in supporting a Governor's ability to discharge the duties of office effectively.**

**Parallel Command:** The second command option introduces Federal military forces under the command and control of USNORTHCOM. For civil support operations, the Federal military responds to DOD-approved requests that originate from an incident command within a state, and USNORTHCOM employs capabilities that operate in parallel with state Guard forces. **The underlying assumption for this approach is that the Federal military is available and prepared to respond.** Additionally, it is assumed that the National Guard will already be operationally engaged, given their proximity and ability to respond rapidly. **Parallel state/Federal commands have been used exclusively since Operation Winter Freeze in 2004 for operations ranging from the deployment of Navy salvage divers to multiple JTFs with thousands of troops.** In all cases, USNORTHCOM operates in support of a Federal agency responsible for an emergency support function (ESF) with the exception of ESF-3, Public Works and Engineering, which is the responsibility of the Army Corps of Engineers. The Federal response usually only occurs in support of the already ongoing state response.

**Dual-status Command:** The dual-status command structure combines the advantages of the state command option and the parallel command option. The dual-status command structure addresses the unity of command dilemma directly. Under this construct, National Guard commanders on Title 32 status are ordered to Federal Active duty (Title 10 status), retaining their state commission when activated. **This dual-status provides the statutory authority for one person to command both state and Federal military forces simultaneously. This permits the dual-hatted commander to control a unified military response at the operational level in support of the state. In figure 4, a notional dual-status command illustrates the chain of command beginning with the President and Governor.** National Guard forces in state Active-duty or Title 32 status perform state missions under the authority of the Governor, and assigned Title 10 Federal forces perform defense support of civil authority for USNORTHCOM. **The advantages of the dual-status command include a Governor retaining authority over the response, clear lines of command, and the ability to integrate Federal military forces operationally to achieve unity of effort.** Conversely, Presidential C2 is preserved. Every advantage previously described for the state command applies to the dual-status command.

**Federal Command:** The final option is a pure Title 10 Federal command. In this arrangement, all National Guard forces are federalized and integrated with Active-duty forces under the command and control of USNORTHCOM. **Resorting to this option is unlikely unless an extreme event unfolds and a state is completely overwhelmed and local government ceases to operate.** Under these conditions, the President is constitutionally obligated to restore public order and enforce the laws of the United States. The Federal Government unilaterally makes decisions, and Presidential involvement is expected to be significant until functioning civil authority is restored in the affected state.

The advantages of a Federal command are that it preserves U.S. sovereignty, leverages the Total Force, and establishes unity of command and effort. The disadvantages include the compromise of state sovereignty, political cost of federalizing the National Guard, and economic cost of taking charge of the response (Dykes, 2010).

**Date:** July 17, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Some Suspects Released With Conditions In Long-Running Investigation Of Minnesota Somalis*

**Abstract:** When Minnesota Somalis began traveling to their war-torn homeland to take up arms nearly three years ago, authorities initially feared they might someday return as domestic terrorists. But recent court activity suggests at least some of the men are not as dangerous as once feared. Five have been allowed to go free with various conditions as their cases work through the court system, including two who admitted spending time in a terrorist training camp. **After months in custody, the pair have gradually received more freedom, and are now living with family members.** "Judges tend to err on the side of caution in these cases," said Stephen Vladeck, an associate law professor at American University in Washington. So for a court to release a terrorism suspect, the judge "found clearly and convincingly that the defendant is not a threat." Roughly 20 men — all but one of Somali descent — left Minnesota from December 2007 through October 2009 to join al-Shabab, a violent group that seeks to establish an Islamic state in Somalia. The federal government designated al-Shabab a foreign terrorist organization in March 2008, and said it has ties to al-Qaida. **The threat posed by al-Shabab took on more urgency last week, when the group claimed responsibility for twin bombings in Uganda that killed 76 people during the World Cup final. It was the first time al-Shabab had struck outside Somalia's borders.** In a new audio message released Thursday, the militant group's leader threatened further attacks. It's unclear whether any Minnesota men were involved in the attack. **The FBI is assisting the investigation in Uganda. Federal officials are still seeking some of the Minnesota suspects, and authorities warn the group could still pose a threat in the future. "These individuals still present a dangerousness because of the ideology involved and the training that they get in camps,"** said E.K. Wilson, an FBI spokesman in Minneapolis. At least initially, many of the men appear to have been motivated not by anger at America but at turmoil in their Somali homeland, which has not had a functioning government since 1991, when warlords overthrew a socialist dictator and then turned on each other, plunging the African nation of 7 million into chaos. In late 2006, Ethiopian soldiers were brought into Somalia by a weak U.N.-backed government that was struggling to regain control of the country. Many Somalis saw that occupation as an invasion, and they viewed the Ethiopian soldiers as abusive and heavy-handed. In Minnesota, home of the largest population of Somali immigrants in the United States, anti-Ethiopian sentiment became commonplace — in coffee shops, households and public venues. **By the fall of 2007, some Somali men were holding secret meetings at Minneapolis mosques and homes, plotting ways to fight the Ethiopians, court documents said. The men were accused of varying degrees of involvement in the movement to return to Somalia.** Court documents say some helped pay for weapons or travel. Another person came up with a fundraising scheme. Others went to Somalia to learn to use machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. At least one man helped ambush Ethiopian troops. Someone else carried out a suicide bombing. **"Nationalism may have played a role in the initial attraction or initial draw of these individuals, but radicalism and violent extremism at some point was introduced to many of them,"** Wilson said. Charges have been filed against 14 men — including some people who traveled to Somalia and some who did not. Seven of those charged are still at large. One man is in the Netherlands fighting extradition to the U.S., a process that could take many more months. All except one of the men who are in Minnesota were deemed fit for release with some conditions. For instance, Salah Osman Ahmed and Abdifatah Yusuf Isse both went to Somalia and later pleaded guilty to providing material support to terrorists (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** July 18, 2010

**Source:** Chicago Sun Times, Frank Main

**Title/Headline:** *'Scary' Growth Of Gangs In War Zones*

**Abstract:** Chicago cop who served in Afghanistan and Iraq has warning: **Gang members are coming home with military training** Being in a street gang is now forbidden for members of the U.S. armed forces. But you might not guess that if you were to visit U.S. military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to soldiers who have recently served there. Jeffrey Stoleson, a Wisconsin corrections official, returned from Iraq in January with photos of gang graffiti on armored vehicles, latrines and buildings. Stoleson, a sergeant with a National Guard unit, was there for nine months to help the Army set up a prison facility outside Baghdad. **"I saw Maniac Latin Disciples graffiti out of Chicago,"** Stoleson said, adding that there was a lot of graffiti for Texas and California gangs, as well as Mexican drug cartels. A Chicago Police officer -- who retired from the regular Army and was recently on a tour of Afghanistan in the Army Reserve -- said Bagram Air Base was covered with Chicago gang graffiti, everything from the Gangster Disciples' pitchfork to the Latin Kings' crown. **"It seems bigger now,"** said the officer, who previously served a tour in Iraq, where he also saw gang graffiti. Now back in Chicago, the officer said he has arrested high-level gang members who have served in the military and kept the "Infantryman's bible" -- called the FM 7-8 -- in their homes. The book describes how to run for cover, fire a weapon tactically and do the "three- to five-second rushes" seen in war movies. **"It's scary,"** he said. In 2006, Stoleson saw similar graffiti in Iraq during another tour of duty there. That year, the Chicago Sun-Times reported on gangs in the military -- and published several of Stoleson's photos of gang graffiti. Congress eventually banned members of the military from belonging to street gangs. And last November, the Defense Department added the ban to its rules. Spokesmen for the Army and Defense Department said they could not provide figures on how many soldiers have been thrown out of the military or otherwise disciplined as a result of gang membership. Stoleson, who stressed he was not speaking for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections or the Army, said it appears the problem is worse than ever. He warned that soldiers who return to gang life back home are especially dangerous because they know military tactics that they can use against the police and the public -- as a Marine did in 2005 when he killed a police officer and wounded three others in a California ambush.

"Gang members are coming home now with one or two tours," he said. "Some were on the field of battle." Civilian contractors in Iraq are part of the gang problem overseas, Stoleson said. He said he was involved in destroying a large quantity of drugs confiscated from U.S. contractors in Iraq (Main, 2010).



**Date:** July 19, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Christina Corbin

**Title/Headline:** *N. Carolina Man Appears To Be Top Editor Of Al Qaeda Magazine, U.S. Officials Say*

**Abstract:** A young North Carolina man who has moved to Yemen appears to be the editor-in-chief of a flashy new Al Qaeda magazine that features bomb-making instructions and an article by Usama bin Laden, U.S. officials said Monday. Samir Khan, a 24-year-old American citizen who left the country last October, is believed to be the top editor of Inspire, a newly launched online magazine that seeks to recruit members of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula – the notorious terror group's Yemeni branch that is linked to the attempted bombing of a Detroit-bound U.S. flight last Christmas. The 67-page online publication, written in colloquial English and launched last month, features flashy graphics and punchy headlines like "Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom," as well as an article on global warming said to be written by Bin Laden. Anwar Al-Awlaki, an America-born cleric linked to several attacks on the U.S., including the Foot Hood massacre and the failed Times Square car bomb plot, has held a prominent role with the site and was thought to be its key proponent. Al-Awlaki, designated by the U.S. Treasury Department on Friday as a key leader in Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, recently posted an article on the site titled "May Our Souls be Sacrificed for You," in which he called for the Seattle cartoonist who launched "Everybody Draw Muhammad Day" to be executed. But intelligence sources told Fox News on Monday that they believe Khan, a web-savvy Charlotte, N.C., man who reportedly moved to Yemen to study Arabic, may be the mastermind behind the site – which some in the intelligence community are calling Al Qaeda's most ambitious terrorist recruitment tool to date. Intelligence analysts say Khan represents a new generation of computer-savvy radicals whose online tactics have become increasingly influential in recruiting violent jihadists abroad and promoting acts of terrorism within the U.S. "Khan's capabilities of publishing things fairly quickly and his web savviness elevates him in Al Qaeda's PR media arm," said David Draper, director of strategic operations for NEFA, a U.S. terror-watch group. "The launch of this English magazine is extraordinarily important." Khan first gained attention in 2007 when intelligence officials began monitoring his militant Islamic blog, "Inshallahshaheed" ("A martyr soon if God wills") from his parents' home in Charlotte, N.C. Citing free speech laws, U.S. officials never charged him with a crime, arguing that Khan's website never crossed the line from inflammatory rhetoric to violence. Khan was born in Saudi Arabia and moved to Queens, N.Y., when he was 7. FoxNews.com profiled Khan in 2008, traveling to Charlotte to interview him about his website, which called for the death of U.S. soldiers in Iraq and featured blood-drenched videos of U.S. troops injured in combat. Khan declined to comment, saying only that the messages on his blog "represent Muslims." In a later e-mail sent to FoxNews.com, Khan lashed out at the "arrogance" of the media, saying it should focus instead on converting to Islam. "When you go down in to the earth six feet deep, nothing will matter except what Religion you died upon," he wrote. Draper and other terrorism analysts say Khan's new role with the Al Qaeda website gives U.S. officials ample evidence to charge him with aiding a terrorist organization. Under the Patriot Act, he said, U.S. authorities "have enough to charge him with providing material support." "You do not have the right to aid and abet a terrorist organization in the United States," added Neil Livingstone, chairman and CEO of ExecutiveAction LLC, a security consultancy based in Washington. "You can agree with Al Qaeda's ends and means, but the moment that you start recruiting or sending messages, you've run afoul of the law" (Corbin, 2010).

**Date:** July 19, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *FBI Warning Of Al Qaeda Hit Lists, Bomb-Making Tips Led To Shutdown Of Blogging Site*

**Abstract:** A popular website that hosted more than 70,000 bloggers was shut down suddenly last week after the FBI informed its chief technology officer that the site contained hit lists, bomb-making documents and links to Al Qaeda materials, it was reported on Monday. When the WordPress platform Blogetery.com went dead, the initial explanation from the site's host, Burst.net, was that "a law-enforcement agency" had ordered it to shut down, citing a "history of abuse." The explanation caused a wave of conspiracy theories in the blogosphere. But according to a report on CNET Monday, Burst.net shut down Blogetery.com when it became spooked by a letter from the FBI, in which the bureau detailed the presence of terrorist materials among the blog posts. Burst.net CTO Joe Marr explained that the FBI contacted them with a request for voluntary emergency disclosure of information, bringing to their attention that terrorist material presenting a threat to the lives of Americans was found on a server Burst.net hosted. FBI agents said they wanted specific, immediate information about the people who posted the material. Paul Bresson, unit chief for the FBI's national press office, wrote in an email to FoxNews.com Monday that Burst.net shut down the website on its own. "We did not make a request to shut down a website," Bresson wrote. Burst.net executives and public relations staffers were not available for comment; answering machines at the office appeared to be disconnected. Bloggers had been theorizing for days about the shutdown, mostly speculating about conspiracies and anti-piracy movements. File-sharing news site TorrentFreak claimed it was most likely the work of anti-piracy authorities. The site speculated that it could be part of a new initiative called "Operation: In Our Sites," designed to crack down on Internet piracy and counterfeiting under the authority of Vice President Joe Biden and U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator Victoria Espinel. "Operation: In Our Sites" has already targeted numerous sites including TVShack.net, Movies-Links.TV, FilesPump.com,

Now-Movies.com, PlanetMoviez.com, ThePirateCity.org, ZML.com, NinjaVideo.net and NinjaThis.net. Others wondered whether this was a step by the government to assert control over the Web. Just weeks ago, a plan giving the President emergency power to turn off the Internet was approved by the Senate. The reality turns out to be much more serious. A representative for Burst.net said the company had offered Blogetery's operator his money back, but that "should be the least of his concerns." **"Simply put: We cannot give him his data nor can we provide any other details,"** the representative said. **"By stating this, most would recognize that something serious is afoot"** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** July 21, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Joshua Rhett Miller

**Title/Headline:** *Virginia Man Arrested On Charges He Aided Terror Group*

**Abstract:** The Virginia man who warned on a radical Islamic website that the creators of the cartoon series "South Park" will be targeted for death for their caricature of the Prophet Muhammad has been arrested on charges that he provided material support to the terrorist organization Al-Shabab, federal officials said Wednesday. Zachary Adam Chesser, aka Abu Talhah Al-Amrikee, admitted to federal agents that he attempted on two occasions to travel to Somalia to join Al-Shabab as a foreign fighter. **After he was stopped from boarding a flight from New York to Uganda on July 10, Chesser, 20, allegedly admitted that he intended to travel from Uganda to Somalia. Chesser, of Fairfax County, Va., attempted to board the plane with his infant son; court records allege he intended to use his son as part of his cover to avoid detection. "This case exposes the disturbing reality that extreme radicalization can happen anywhere, including Northern Virginia,"** said U.S. Attorney Neil MacBride. "This young man is accused of seeking to join Al-Shabab, a brutal terrorist organization with ties to Al Qaeda. These allegations underscore the need for continued vigilance against homegrown terror threats." **According to a court affidavit, Chesser allegedly discussed in a series of interviews with law enforcement officials how he has maintained several online profiles dedicated to extremist jihad propaganda. These profiles were allegedly used by Chesser to post pro-jihad messages and videos online. "We can't fight terrorists alone,"** said FBI Assistant Director in Charge Shawn Henry. "Religious leaders of all faiths, family members and particularly the younger members of our communities need to speak up and speak out against individuals who participate in actions like those alleged here." In April, FoxNews.com spoke to Chesser after he posted a warning on the website RevolutionMuslim.com following the 200th episode of "South Park," which included a caricature of the Prophet Muhammad disguised in a bear suit. **The young man, who just two years ago was studying foreign languages at George Mason University, wrote on the site that Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the cartoon's creators, "will probably end up" like Theo van Gogh, a Dutch filmmaker who was murdered in 2004 after making a film critical of Islamic society. "It's not a threat, but it really is a likely outcome,"** Chesser told FoxNews.com. "They're going to be basically on a list in the back of the minds of a large number of Muslims. It's just the reality." Chesser's father, David, said he was unaware of the arrest and declined further comment when reached on Wednesday. Chesser's mother, Barbara, reached at her office in Washington, also declined comment. Chesser is scheduled to make his initial court appearance in U.S. District Court in Virginia on Thursday. **The U.S. Department of State designated Al-Shabab as a foreign terrorist organization on Feb. 29, 2008, describing it as a violent and brutal extremist group based in Somalia with affiliations to Al Qaeda** (Miller, 2010).

**Date:** July 22, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Mary Pemberton

**Title/Headline:** *Alaska Pair Pleads Guilty To Lying About Hit List*

**Abstract:** A National Weather Service employee and his British-born wife pleaded guilty Wednesday to domestic terrorism charges of lying to the FBI about a hit list of possible targets who the couple suspected were enemies of Islam. Paul Rockwood Jr. and his wife, Nadia Rockwood, of King Salmon, Alaska, were charged with lying about the list and making false statements about domestic terrorism during interviews with FBI agents in May. The FBI alleged that the list had about 15 targets. Its contents were not made public, but officials said none of those targeted lived in Alaska. Under a plea deal, Paul Rockwood, 35, who worked as a meteorological technician for the weather service, will get eight years in prison, the maximum allowed. **His 36-year-old wife, who is five months pregnant, will be allowed to return to the United Kingdom and serve five years of probation there. Neither was held in custody prior to the hearing.** U.S. District Judge Ralph Beistline did not immediately sign off on the plea deal. He set sentencing for Aug. 23. **Prosecutors alleged that Paul Rockwood, also known as "Bilal," converted to Islam about a decade ago and began studying the teachings of American-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who has professed hatred for the United States and supports acts of terrorism.** According to court documents, Paul Rockwood converted to Islam in late 2001 or 2002, when the couple lived in Virginia. "After his conversion, and while residing in Virginia, Rockwood became a strict adherent to the violent Jihad-promoting ideology of cleric Anwar al-Awlaki," documents said. **"This included a personal conviction that it was his religious responsibility to exact revenge by death on anyone who desecrated Islam."** Federal authorities claimed Rockwood began researching and selecting possible targets for future execution by visiting websites. **They alleged that after he moved to Alaska in 2006, he began researching explosive components, construction of remote triggering devices, such as cell phones, and construction of bombs to be delivered by common mail carriers. Authorities said that in late 2009, he began discussing using mail bombs and possibly killing targets by gunshot to the head.** They said that by early this year, he had formalized his list. Prosecutors said he gave the list of targets to his wife in April, and she carried it with her on a trip to Anchorage, where the FBI obtained it. Officials did not disclose how the FBI got it or how they knew of its existence. Nadia Rockwood admitted in court that she was aware that her husband wanted to seek revenge and knew the purpose of the list. But when questioned by authorities, she denied delivering the list and instead said it was a book or letter. When the FBI interviewed her husband, he denied having created the list, its purpose or ever having had a list. Rockwood will be held in custody until sentencing. **Nadia Rockwood, who holds dual citizenship in the United Kingdom and the U.S., will be released to take care of the couple's 4-year-old child in Anchorage until her sentencing.** U.S. Attorney for Alaska Karen L. Loeffler said the domestic terrorism case was the first of its kind in Alaska. **"I'm comfortable this is a fair and good result,"** she said. King Salmon is a small community of a few hundred people on the Alaska Peninsula (Pemberton, 2010).



**Date:** August 4, 2010  
**Source:** Fox News, Mike Tobin  
**Title/Headline:** *Jihad Wannabe*

**Abstract:** Court documents don't indicate that 26-year-old Shaker Masri had any contacts with the Al Qaeda-affiliated Al Shabab, global jihadist organization. He didn't have any weapons and didn't have substantial money. What he had, according to his criminal complaint, was a desire to join them and a plan to get to Somalia so he could. FBI Special Agent Ross Rice says he is part of a growing trend both locally in the mid-west and nationally. Federal authorities arrested Masri hours before he was scheduled to leave Chicago's Midway airport, en route to Los Angeles. From LA he planned to drive to Mexico. **He believed from Mexico he could travel to Somalia with less scrutiny. Masri faces two charges: Attempting to provide material support to a designated terrorist organization and attempting to provide that support through the use of a weapon of mass destruction.** In this case, the weapon of mass destruction is defined as a suicide bomb. The criminal complaint says Masri told a federal informant that he wanted to become a "Martyr" by wearing a suicide vest. **"I wish to know how to [sic] the explosive belt is made...I will wear one and I will not take it off."** **If convicted, Masri faces a maximum of 15 years in prison for each count.** He is currently being held in Chicago's Metropolitan Correctional Center without bond pending a hearing on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> (Tobin, 2010).

**Date:** August 23, 2010  
**Source:** AOL News, Allan Lengel  
**Title/Headline:** *FBI Hunts For Suspected Wisconsin Campus Bomber 40 Years Later*

**Abstract:** Forty years ago Tuesday, a van loaded with explosives rocked the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, killing one person and wounding three others -- all part of a protest against the war in Vietnam. It was also the biggest domestic terrorism attack until the Oklahoma City bombing 25 years later. Three of four of the anti-war culprits were captured and served time in prison. But 40 years later, the hunt for the fourth suspect -- Leo Burt, a student and aspiring journalist at the time -- continues. **"We're still pursuing leads like he's still alive,"** Bruce Carroll, a campus police detective assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, told AOL News. **"I've expressed my doubts in the past that he's still alive. It would be very hard to live totally undercover for 40 years. That being said, stranger things have happened. "But we've had a bunch of leads and we still have leads that are active,"** he said. On Monday, the FBI upped the profile of the case, prominently displaying a story on its website that began: "Where is Leo Burt? You can earn up to \$150,000 by helping us find him." **The bombing occurred on Aug. 24, 1970. The country was in turmoil. Richard Nixon was president. The rock 'n' roll landscape was flush with giants like the Rolling Stones and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. And campuses like the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor were bubbling with the anti-war, anti-establishment sentiments that were polarizing the nation.** According to published reports, the protesters parked a van loaded with 2,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil outside the East Wing of Sterling Hall, which housed the Army Math Research Center that conducted research for the military. **The building also housed the physics department. The potent bomb went off at 3:42 a.m. The bombers said the explosives were never intended to hurt anyone. But the blast killed physics researcher Robert Fassnacht, a father of three, who was reportedly finishing up some work before heading off on a family vacation. It also wounded three others and caused an estimated \$2.1 million in damage to the the university** (Lengel, 2010).

**Date:** August 26, 2010  
**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press  
**Title/Headline:** *Man Reportedly Arrested In Terror Probe Appeared On 'Canadian Idol'*

**Abstract:** Two terrorism suspects made a brief appearance in court on Thursday, and a third man, who appeared on Canada's version of "American Idol," has reportedly been arrested as part of an alleged homegrown plot. **Police arrested two Ottawa residents Wednesday and said they expected more arrests.** The Toronto Star reported the third arrest, of Khuram Sher, on Thursday. Sher appeared on the reality show "Canadian Idol" in 2008 in which he sings a comical version of Avril Lavigne's "Complicated," complete with dance moves that include a moonwalk. **He told the judges he's from Pakistan and likes hockey, music and acting. Police didn't immediately respond to messages seeking confirmation Sher was arrested.** Hiva Alizadeh and Ahmed Misbahuddin appeared in court Thursday. A government official has described it as a homegrown plot targeting Canada. The official was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. Officials have declined to specify the allegations. A news conference is planned for Thursday afternoon. **A judge remanded Alizadeh and Misbahuddin in custody until they appear again, by video, next Wednesday. Misbahuddin's lawyer, Ian Carter, said the charges are serious and his client, a husband and father, could be put away "for a long time."** **"He is in shock. That's all I can say,"** Carter said. Police descended on a home in Canada's national capital of Ottawa early Wednesday. **The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said in a news release they were executing search warrants in connection with the case.** Matthew Weiler, a neighbor, said a man and woman had lived at the address for at least six months and that the woman usually was veiled in public. Carolina Ayala, who lives four doors down from the couple, said she saw the man wearing blue hospital scrubs and thinks he may have worked at a hospital. A few miles away a police car sat outside an apartment building where a second raid was carried out. **The arrests come four years after the apprehension of the so-called Toronto 18, suspects in a homegrown terror plot that involved the attempted setting off of truck bombs in front of Canada's main stock exchange and two government buildings. The ringleaders and others have been convicted.** Canadian Security Intelligence Service director Dick Fadden alluded to the possibility of other homegrown terrorist cases in comments to a Parliament public safety committee last month (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** August 30, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Two Men Arrested On Terror Suspicion On Flight From Chicago To Amsterdam*

**Abstract:** Two men from the Detroit area were arrested in Amsterdam on a flight arriving from Chicago, reportedly suspected of assessing the aviation system for a potential future terror attack. The two men did not have prohibited items on them, a law enforcement official told Fox News, saying that although knives were found in their checked luggage, such checked items aren't prohibited. Law enforcement officials also found several non-functioning cell phones taped together, a phone taped to a Pepto Bismol bottle and a knife and box cutter in checked luggage connected with the men. "Suspicious items were located in checked luggage associated with two passengers on United Flight 908 from Chicago O'Hare to Amsterdam," the Transportation Safety Administration said in a written statement. "The items were not deemed to be dangerous in and of themselves." Law enforcement identified the men as Ahmed Mohamed Nasser al Soofi and Hezam al Murisi. Neither was on the no-fly list, nor were there any active warrants for their arrest. Al Soofi was supposed to fly from Chicago to Washington Dulles International Airport in Virginia, and then on to Amsterdam, the official said. But when he got to Chicago, he changed his travel plans to take a direct flight from Chicago to Amsterdam. Al Murisi also changed his travel plans in Chicago to take a direct flight to Amsterdam, raising suspicion among U.S. officials. Federal Air marshals were on the flight from Chicago to Amsterdam, a law enforcement official said. Homeland Security spokeswoman Amy Kudwa said once officials found suspicious items in luggage associated with two passengers on Sunday night's flight, they notified the Dutch authorities. FBI agents in Chicago are assisting Dutch investigators as needed, an FBI spokesman told Fox News. As of Monday night, the Associated Press reported that FBI agents had visited the Detroit neighborhood where several addresses were found for variations of al Soofi's name, according to neighbors who declined to give their names. ABC News, which first reported the arrests, quoted an unnamed U.S. official saying that the pair were charged by the Dutch with "preparation of a terrorist attack." One of the men initially drew suspicion when boarding a flight from Birmingham, Ala., to Chicago, but authorities allowed him to board, ABC News reports. Another law enforcement official said, as of Monday night, the men had not been charged with anything in the U.S. The law enforcement officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing investigation and sensitive security issues. Sources told Fox News that the men posed no immediate danger to the flight, but U.S. officials are looking into whether the men were "testing the system" (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** September 4, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Mike Levine

**Title/Headline:** *Al Qaeda-Linked American Terrorist Unveiled, As Charges Await Him In U.S.*

**Abstract:** A week after the 9/11 attacks, a young Muslim at the University of South Alabama told the school's newspaper it was "difficult to believe a Muslim could have done this." Now, eight years later, he is professing to launch attacks himself and calling on others to join the fight, as terror-related charges await him at home in Alabama, FOX News has learned exclusively. Abu Mansour al-Amriki — or "The American" — has become one of the most recognizable and outspoken voices of terrorist propaganda. He has been in war-torn Somalia for several years, fighting the secular government there with a group known as al-Shabaab, which has ties to Al Qaeda and was labeled a terrorist organization by the U.S. government last year. Only recently has he taken on a starring — and jarring — role in al-Shabaab's outreach efforts. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been looking into him for several years. In fact, a grand jury in Mobile, Ala., has already indicted him on charges of providing material support to terrorists, a source said. It's unclear when the indictment was filed. Al-Amriki first surfaced in October 2007, when Al-Jazeera TV aired a report about the "common goal" of Al Qaeda and hard-line militants in Somalia. The report described al-Amriki as "a fighter" and "military instructor," but he concealed his face with a cloth wrap throughout the report. In April, he showed his face for the first time, during a highly-polished, 30-minute recruitment video posted online. It featured anti-American hip-hop and sporadic images of Usama bin Laden. In the video, he purportedly led a group of al-Shabaab militants in an ambush of pro-government forces in Somalia. Speaking about one man killed in the fight, he said, "We need more like him, so if you can encourage more of your children and more of your neighbors, anyone around, to send people like him to this jihad, it would be a great asset for us." (Fox, 2009).

**Date:** September 10, 2010

**Source:** CNS News, Associated Press, Lolita C. Baldor

**Title/Headline:** *Report: US Must Deal With Domestic Radical Problem*

**Abstract:** The U.S. was slow to take seriously the threat posed by homegrown radicals and the government has failed to put systems in place to deal with the growing phenomenon, according to a new report compiled by the former heads of the Sept. 11 Commission. The report says U.S. authorities failed to realize that Somali-American youths traveling from Minnesota to Mogadishu in 2008 to join extremists was not an isolated issue. Instead, the movement was one among several instances of a broader, more diverse threat that has surfaced across the country. "Our long-held belief that homegrown terrorism couldn't happen here has thus created a situation where we are today stumbling blindly through the legal, operational and organizational minefield of countering terrorist radicalization and recruitment occurring in the United States," said the report, which was obtained by The Associated Press. As a result, there is still no federal agency specifically charged with identifying radicalization or working to prevent

terrorist recruitment of U.S. citizens and residents, said the report, slated to be released Friday by the Washington-based Bipartisan Policy Center's National Security Preparedness Group. **The group, headed by former 9-11 commission leaders Tom Kean and Lee Hamilton, laid out a detailed description of domestic terror incidents ranging from the Fort Hood, Texas, shooting spree and the attempted Christmas Day airliner attack in late 2009 to last May's botched truck bombing in New York's Times Square. Over the past year, terrorism experts and government officials have warned of the threat posed by homegrown radicals, saying terror recruits who go abroad could return to the U.S. to carry out attacks.** But the U.S., the group said, should have learned earlier from Britain's experience. Prior to the 2005 London suicide bombings, the British believed that Muslims there were better integrated, educated and wealthier than their counterparts elsewhere. Similarly, the U.S. believed that its melting pot of nationalities and religions would protect it from internal radical strife, the report said. **The terrorists, said the report, may have discovered America's "Achilles' heel in that we currently have no strategy to counter the type of threat posed by homegrown terrorists and other radicalized recruits."** U.S. officials have acknowledged the need to address the radicalization problem, and for the first time, the White House this year added combating homegrown terrorism to its national security strategy. The plan includes a "new interagency effort that brings together key stakeholders" and continued "outreach to communities across the country," said Ben Rhodes, the White House's deputy national security adviser. The FBI, meanwhile, has worked to reach out to the Somali communities, in an effort to counter the radicalization of the youth. **The report also points to an "Americanization" of the leadership of al-Qaida and its allied groups, noting that radical cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who had links with suspects in the failed Times Square bombing and the Fort Hood shootings, grew up in New Mexico. And Chicagoan David Headley played a role in scoping the targets for the Lashkar-e-Taiba attacks on Mumbai in late 2008 that killed more than 160.** Abroad, Al-Qaida, its affiliates and other extremist groups have splintered and spread, seeking safe havens in undergoverned areas of Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia and places in North and East Africa. **That diversified threat has intensified as militants reach out to potential recruits through the Internet. Assessing future threats, the report lists potential future domestic targets, including passenger jets, western or American hotel chains, Jewish or Israeli sites and U.S. soldiers, even at their own bases in America.** And it also warns that it is no longer wise to believe that American extremists will not resort to suicide bombings. As an example they point to Army Maj. Nidal Hasan, who has been charged with killing 13 people and wounding 32 in last year's shootings at Fort Hood, saying he had written about suicide operations in e-mails, and that his attack appeared to be one (Baldor, 2010).



**Date:** September 17, 2010

**Source:** CNN, Terry Frieden

**Title/Headline:** *Former Los Alamos Scientist Indicted On Nuclear Charges*

**Abstract:** A former Los Alamos National Laboratory nuclear scientist and his wife were indicted on charges of trying to provide nuclear secrets to Venezuela, but U.S. officials stressed the Venezuelan government knew nothing about the plans. The officials said they have no information from the undercover operation that Hugo Chavez's government has any plans to try to build a nuclear weapon. Pedro Mascheroni, 75, and Roxby Mascheroni, 67, are U.S. citizens who worked as contractors at Los Alamos in New Mexico, officials said Friday. In 2008, Mascheroni, who had left the laboratory years earlier, had a series of conversations with an undercover FBI agent posing as an official of the Caracas government, according to the indictment. "Mascheroni allegedly said he could help Venezuela develop a nuclear bomb within 10 years and that under his program Venezuela would use a secret underground nuclear reactor to produce and enrich plutonium and an open, above-ground reactor to produce nuclear energy," the Justice Department said. According, to a U.S. Justice Department statement, Mascheroni allegedly asked about obtaining Venezuelan citizenship and described how he expected to be paid for his classified nuclear work for Venezuela. Mascheroni said his fee for producing certain information was \$793,000, the indictment alleges. U.S. Attorney Kenneth Gonzalez said the charges against the couple "are very serious." He said laws were designed to keep "restricted data" from getting to the wrong people (Frieden, 2010).

**Date:** September 17, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Ex-Los Alamos Scientist, Wife Indicted in Alleged Atomic Weapon Conspiracy*

**Abstract:** A scientist and his wife who both once worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory before becoming outspoken critics were arrested Friday after an FBI sting operation and charged with trying to sell nuclear secrets to Venezuela. The scientist, Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni, is being detained until a hearing Monday morning in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His wife, Roxby Mascheroni, was released on a variety of conditions, including a monitor attached to her. **The investigation first drew attention last October when federal agents reportedly seized six computers, two cameras, two cellphones and hundreds of files from the scientist, Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni. Mascheroni declared his innocence to The New York Times last year, saying, "If I were a real spy, I would have left the country a long time ago."** After their arrest Friday morning, the two appeared in federal court in Albuquerque, New Mexico and were accused of dealing with an FBI undercover agent posing as a Venezuelan agent. **The government did not allege that Venezuela or anyone working for it sought U.S. secrets. The pair were indicted for allegedly communicating classified nuclear weapons data to a person they believed to be a Venezuelan government official. Accused in a 22-count indictment are Mascheroni, 75, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Argentina, and Marjorie Roxby Mascheroni, 67, a U.S. citizen.** Both were formerly contract employees at Los Alamos. According to the indictment, Mascheroni told an undercover agent he could help Venezuela develop a nuclear bomb within 10 years and that under his program, **Venezuela would use a secret, underground nuclear reactor to produce and enrich plutonium, and an open, aboveground reactor to produce nuclear energy.** In July 2008, the FBI agent provided Mascheroni with 12 questions purportedly from Venezuelan military and scientific personnel. According to the criminal charges, Mascheroni delivered to a post office

box in November 2008 a disk with a coded 132-page document on it that contained "restricted data" related to nuclear weapons. **Written by Mascheroni and edited by his wife, the document was entitled "A Deterrence Program for Venezuela" and it laid out Mascheroni's nuclear weapons development program for Venezuela. Mascheroni stated that the information he was providing was worth millions of dollars, and that his fee for producing the document was \$793,000, the indictment alleges. Earlier in the investigation, Mascheroni allegedly asked the FBI agent about obtaining Venezuelan citizenship. He told the undercover agent he should be addressed as "Luke," and that he would set up an e-mail account solely to communicate with the undercover agent, according to the indictment. Mascheroni used the account to communicate with the agent and to arrange for deliveries of materials at the post office box used as a dead-drop location. If convicted, the couple face up to life in prison. Mascheroni was laid off from Los Alamos in 1988. He filed a discrimination lawsuit against the company in 1994, alleging that he lost favor with his supervisors after he sought to promote one of his projects over one that he criticized. Over the years, he has repeatedly raised questions before Congress about the management of the nation's nuclear laboratories and arsenal and promoted his laser to ensure weapon reliability (Fox News, 2010).**

**Date:** September 21, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *FBI Says It Supplied Fake Bomb In Chicago Plot*

**Abstract:** A man arrested for allegedly placing a backpack he thought contained a bomb near Chicago's Wrigley Field got the fake explosive from an FBI undercover agent, authorities say -- a tactic that has been used in other U.S. terrorism cases in recent years. Sami Samir Hassoun, 22, a Lebanese citizen living in Chicago for about three years, was charged Monday with one count each of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and attempted use of an explosive device. Hassoun was arrested early Sunday after planting the fake explosive device in a trash receptacle near Sluggers World Class Sports Bar, a popular bar steps from Wrigley Field, FBI Special Agent in Charge Robert Grant said. The Cubs were not playing at their home field; the stadium hosted Dave Matthews Band concerts Friday and Saturday nights. **It wouldn't be the first time FBI agents have posed as terror operatives and supplied suspects with bogus explosives. Last year, authorities arrested a Jordanian national after he allegedly attempted to detonate what he thought was a bomb outside a Dallas skyscraper. In an unrelated case, authorities in Springfield, Ill., arrested another man after he allegedly tried to set off what he thought was explosives in a van outside a federal courthouse. In a similar case in May 2009, four men were arrested after they allegedly tried to detonate fake explosives -- also provided by the FBI -- outside two synagogues in New York City. In the Chicago case, the FBI said an informant tipped investigators about Hassoun nearly a year ago. Grant said Hassoun acted alone and that the undercover agents told him they were from California and unaffiliated with any group. He declined to offer specific details about Hassoun's motivations, but said he believed the agents were ready to give him money if he carried out the attack. "He wanted to transform the city of Chicago, he wanted to make a statement and he wanted to replace the mayor of Chicago," Grant said. "He was unhappy with the way the city was running. He was also unhappy with things that were happening in other parts of world."** At a brief hearing Monday, Hassoun quietly told U.S. Judge Susan Cox that he understood the charges. Hassoun's federally appointed public defender Dan McLaughlin declined to comment on the case, as did several family members who attended the hearing. A message left on an answering machine at Hassoun's home telephone number wasn't returned. Authorities say the informant befriended Hassoun over the course of a year, conducting conversations in Arabic, which were taped and shared with the FBI. Hassoun waffled greatly on his plans, authorities said. Initially, he didn't want to cause violence, suggesting setting off smoking devices in downtown locations near City Hall, authorities said. **"No killing. There is no killing," he told the informant, according to the complaint. But his plans became more grand, as he believed bigger acts would command public attention and embarrass the mayor, according to the complaint. "Little by little, I'm building it up," he said, according to the complaint. "I will shake Chicago."** Hassoun's alleged plots ranged during the investigation. They included talk of plans to unleash a biological virus on Chicago and bombing the Willis Tower, formerly known as the Sears Tower, the complaint said. Hassoun on one occasion told the informant he wanted to paralyze commerce in the city, according to the complaint. Asked how he intended to carry out various suggested attacks, Hassoun responded, **"You park the car, and let it go 'boom,'" the complaint says. Grant said Hassoun wanted to start his own organization and planned to flee to California after the device went off in Wrigleyville. "He was not highly skilled, but I think he was definitely desirous of obtaining the material needed to carry out his attack," Grant said. Shortly before the plot near Wrigley Field, the informant introduced Hassoun to the undercover agents who Hassoun believed were friends and would pay for the attack to be carried out. Chicago authorities said Daley never was in any danger. Police said Daley -- who has been in China for a business trip -- was informed of the plot over the weekend. "We were always in control of this investigation," said Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weis (Fox News, 2010).**

**Date:** September 23, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Terrorists Trying to Recruit U.S. Residents Is Latest Challenge, U.S. Says*

**Abstract:** Efforts by terrorists abroad to radicalize and recruit U.S. residents present new security threats, three top Obama administration officials told Congress on Wednesday. The threat posed by homegrown extremists shows that the battle against terrorism has become more complex in the past year, underscoring the challenges of pinpointing and blocking plots, said Michael Leiter, director of the National Counterterrorism Center. "Groups affiliated with Al Qaeda are now actively targeting the United States and looking to use Americans or Westerners who are able to remain undetected by heightened security measures," FBI Director Robert Mueller told the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. **It appears that "domestic radicalization and homegrown extremism" is becoming more pronounced, Mueller said. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Al Qaeda has inspired an array of terrorist organizations. "We are all seeing more diverse activity" by a more diverse collection of groups, Napolitano said. Leiter said Al Qaeda in Pakistan is at one of its weakest points organizationally. Nonetheless, he said, the terrorist group remains a capable and determined enemy that has proven its resilience over time. Since 2009, at least 63 American citizens have been charged or convicted for terrorism or related crimes, "an astoundingly high number of American citizens who have attacked -- or**

intended to attack -- their own country," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, an independent and the committee's chairman. A year ago, the FBI arrested Michael C. Finton in Illinois and Hosam Smadi in Texas in connection with unrelated bomb attempts. **The bureau used online undercover agents and confidential human sources who monitored Finton and Smadi until their arrests. Several U.S. residents from Somali-American communities in Minneapolis were recruited to fight with the Somali-based terrorist group al-Shabab.** That prompted the FBI to deploy bureau personnel to cities with high ethnic Somali populations in an outreach initiative to community leaders. In his prepared testimony, Mueller said it is possible that more American extremists are feeling increasingly disenchanted with living in the United States or are angry about U.S. and Western foreign policy, "making their decision to leave for extremist opportunities abroad all the more appealing." Omar Hammami, an Alabama man now known as Abu Mansour al-Amriki, or "the American," has become one of al-Shabab's most high-profile members and appeared in a jihadist video in May 2009. **Leiter said the rising profiles of U.S. citizens like Hammami in overseas terrorist groups provide young extremists with American faces as role models. Leiter said plots by homegrown Sunni extremists were disrupted in New York, North Carolina, Arkansas, Alaska, Texas and Illinois in the past year and point to "a collective subculture and a common cause," even though the plots were unrelated.** Napolitano said U.S.-born, Yemen-based Anwar al-Awlaki is an illustration of an English-speaker spreading propaganda over the Internet, an approach she said could be helping to increase the number of homegrown extremists. **Terrorists "are working increasingly to build alliances or essentially recruit soldiers for their army from within the United States," Lieberman said. The panel's ranking Republican, Sen. Susan Collins, said the shootings at a military base in Texas, and the attempted Dec. 25 Christmas Day attack on a Detroit-bound airliner show that the terrorist threat "is evolving and ever-changing" (Fox News, 2010).**

**Date:** October 8, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Mike Levine

**Title/Headline:** *Feds Deport Al Qaeda Associate To Canada*

**Abstract:** A Somali-born man who trained at an Al Qaeda camp and attended lectures by Usama bin Laden has been sent from the United States to Canada, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Mohammed Warsame, 37, pleaded guilty in May 2009 to providing material support to Al Qaeda, and he was sentenced to 92 months in prison with credit for time already served. **On Friday, after several years in prison, agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement accompanied him to Canada in accordance with a federal judge's recent order of removal, according to an ICE press release. "There is no place in this country for anyone who advocates violence by associating, supporting or conspiring with terrorists," ICE Director John Morton said in a statement. "ICE will use every tool at our disposal to protect the American people and remove those who pose a threat to our national security."** Warsame, a naturalized Canadian citizen, was arrested in December 2003, and a month later a grand jury in Minneapolis charged him with "conspiracy to provide material support to Al Qaeda." **He ultimately pleaded guilty to a charge filed in a superseding indictment in June 2005. In March 2000, Warsame traveled to Afghanistan, where he attended an Al Qaeda training camp outside Kabul and received training in physical fitness, the use of weapons and martial arts, according to the Justice Department. That summer he traveled to the al Faruq training camp, where he received more training and met with Usama Bin Laden, the Justice Department said. Over the next year, he traveled to Pakistan and Canada on Al Qaeda's dime, and he sent money to Al Qaeda, according to ICE and the Justice Department. Ultimately Warsame relocated to Minneapolis, where he attended the Minneapolis Community and Technical College. Between 2002 and 2003, he provided information to several Al Qaeda associates, according to the Justice Department (Fox News, 2010)**

**Date:** October 20, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Catherine Herridge

**Title/Headline:** *EXCLUSIVE: Al Qaeda Leader Dined At The Pentagon Just Months After 9/11*

**Abstract:** Anwar Al-Awlaki may be the first American on the CIA's kill or capture list, but he was also a lunch guest of military brass at the Pentagon within months of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, Fox News has learned. Documents exclusively obtained by Fox News, including an FBI interview conducted after the Fort Hood shooting in November 2009, state that **Awlaki was taken to the Pentagon as part of the military's outreach to the Muslim community in the immediate aftermath of the attacks.** The incident was flagged by a current Defense Department employee who came forward and told investigators she helped arrange the meeting after she saw Awlaki speak in Alexandria, Va. **The employee "attended this talk and while she arrived late she recalls being impressed by this imam. He condemned Al Qaeda and the terrorist attacks. During his talk he was 'harassed' by members of the audience and suffered it well," reads one document.** According to the documents, obtained as part of an ongoing investigation by the specials unit "Fox News Reporting," there was a push within the Defense Department to reach out to the Muslim community. **"At that period in time, the secretary of the Army (redacted) was eager to have a presentation from a moderate Muslim." In addition, Awlaki "was considered to be an 'up and coming' member of the Islamic community.** After her vetting, Aulaki (Awlaki) was invited to and attended a luncheon at the Pentagon in the secretary of the Army's Office of Government Counsel." **Awlaki, a Yemeni-American who was born in Las Cruces, N.M., was interviewed at least four times by the FBI in the first week after the attacks because of his ties to the three hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi, Khalid al-Mihdhar and Hani Hanjour.** The three hijackers were all onboard Flight 77 that slammed into the Pentagon. Awlaki is now believed to be hiding in Yemen after he was linked to the alleged Ft. Hood shooter Major Nidal Malik Hasan, who e-mailed Awlaki prior to the attack. Sources told Fox News that Awlaki, who is a former Muslim chaplain at George Washington University, met with the Christmas Day bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab in Yemen and was the middle-man between the young Nigerian and the bombmaker. Awlaki was also said to inspire would-be Times Square bomber Faisal Shahzad. **Apparently, none of the FBI's information about Awlaki was shared with the Pentagon.** Former Army Secretary Tommy White, who led the Army in 2001, said he doesn't have any recollection of the luncheon or any contact with Awlaki. **"If this was a luncheon at the Office of Government Counsel, I would not necessarily be there," he said. The Pentagon has offered no explanation of how a man, now on the CIA kills or capture list, ended up at a special lunch for Muslim outreach.** After repeated requests for comment on the vetting process beginning on October 13th, an Army spokesman insisted Wednesday that the lunch was not an Army event. **"The Army has found no evidence that**



the Army either sponsored or participated in the event described in this report," spokesman Thomas Collins said. Collins also noted that the FBI document referred to the "Office of Government Counsel" but should read "Office of General Counsel." Collins said he believed the event was sponsored by the office of the Secretary of Defense. A spokeswoman there said she would look into it and get back to Fox News. **A former high-ranking FBI agent told Fox News that at the time Awlaki went to lunch at the Pentagon, there was tremendous "arrogance" about the vetting process at the Pentagon. "They vetted people politically and showed indifference toward security and intelligence advice of others," the former agent said (Herridge, 2010).**

**Date:** October 23, 2010

**Source:** MEMRI (Middle East Media Research Institute)

**Title/Headline:** *American Al-Qaeda Spokesman Adam Gadahn Continues Group's Focus On Encouraging Lone Wolf Attacks in West, Calls On Muslims In Detroit, London, And Paris To Carry Out Terror Operations*

**Abstract:** On October 23, 2010, Al-Qaeda's media production company Al-Sahab posted a video featuring American Al-Qaeda operative Adam Gadahn, aka 'Azzam Al-Amriki. The video came out as response to the March 10, 2010 "Mardin: Abode of Peace" conference in Mardin, Turkey, in which a number of Islamic scholars from various countries convened to denounce violent jihad; this was the same conference that was criticized by the radical Yemeni-American cleric in the second issue of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's English-language Inspire magazine. In addition to his comments on the conference, Gadahn devoted much of his talk to calling on Muslims living in the West to carry out attacks in their host countries. **This is another in a series of statements from Al-Qaeda leaders aimed at encouraging "lone wolf" attacks (MEMRI, 2010).**

**Date:** October 27, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Mike Levine

**Title/Headline:** *VA. Man Arrested For Plotting DC Attacks*

**Abstract:** A Virginia man has been arrested for allegedly trying to help Al Qaeda plan multiple bombings around the nation's capital, according to U.S. officials. Farooque Ahmed, 34, of Ashburn, Va., was arrested today by the FBI and charged with providing material support to terrorists and collecting information for a terrorist attack. "It's chilling that a man from Ashburn is accused of casing rail stations with the goal of killing as many Metro riders as possible through simultaneous bomb attacks," said Neil MacBride, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. "Today's arrest highlights ... our ability to find those seeking to harm U.S. citizens and neutralize them before they can act." **According to an indictment filed in U.S. Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, between April 2010 and Oct. 25, Ahmed repeatedly met with individuals he thought were affiliated with Al Qaeda to discuss "jihad."** On May 15, in a hotel room in Sterling, Va., Ahmed told one individual that he might be ready to travel overseas to conduct jihad, but only after he completed the Hajj pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia in November, according to the indictment. In addition, he agreed to watch and photograph Arlington Cemetery Metrorail station and a hotel in Washington, D.C., in order to obtain information about their security and busiest periods. **In fact, on July 7, he participated in surveillance and recording images of Arlington Cemetery Metrorail station. The next month, he allegedly participated in surveillance of the Courthouse, Pentagon City and Crystal City Metrorail stations outside Washington. During a meeting at a hotel in Herndon, Va., on Sept. 28, he suggested that rolling suitcases be used instead of backpacks, and he said that he wanted to kill as many military personnel as possible, according to the indictment.** Officials say that at no time was the public in danger during this investigation. The FBI was aware of Ahmed's activities from before the alleged attempt began and closely monitored his activities until his arrest, according to U.S. officials. Ahmed is set to make his initial appearance Wednesday afternoon in Alexandria, Va. (Levine, 2010).

**Date:** November 2, 2010

**Source:** CBS News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *San Diego Men Accused Of Helping Terror Group*

**Abstract:** Three San Diego men have been charged with conspiring to route money to a Somalia-based militant group. According to the federal indictment unsealed Tuesday, Basaaly Saeed Moalin, Mohamed Mohamed Mohamud and Issa Doreh coordinated fundraising efforts and money transfers to al-Shabab in 2007 and 2008. Moalin also is accused of providing a house in Somalia for al-Shabab fighters. The U.S. government has declared al-Shabab a terrorist group with ties to al Qaeda. Immigration officials arrested Moalin before he boarded a flight Sunday in San Diego. The other two were arrested Monday. No lawyers were listed for them in the indictment, and calls to the U.S. Attorney's office were not answered Tuesday (CBS News, 2010).

**Date:** November 3, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Men Among 3 Accused In Al-Shabab Terror-Funding Plot*

**Abstract:** A Missouri man and a Minnesotan are among three facing charges in a plot to funnel money to a Somalia terror group. An indictment unsealed Wednesday accuses Mohamud Abdi Yusuf of St. Louis of providing material support to al-Shabab. Yusuf and Abdi Mahdi Hussein of Minneapolis also are accused of conspiring to structure financial transactions. **A third man, Duane Mohamed Diriye, is also charged and remains at-large. The U.S. government alleges that from 2008 through at least July 2009, Yusuf used aliases in wiring funds to al-Shabab supporters in Somalia. Hussein allegedly worked a money-transferring businesses. Both men made court appearances Tuesday. Yusuf's public defender declined comment, and it wasn't known if Hussein had an attorney (Fox News, 2010).**



**Date:** November 15, 2010

**Source:** National Terror Alert

**Title/Headline:** *San Diego Woman Charged In Terrorism Case*

**Abstract:** An indictment charging San Diego resident Nima Ali Yusuf, 24, with conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, conspiracy to provide material support to al Shabaab, and making false statements to a government agency in a matter involving international terrorism, was unsealed today, Laura E. Duffy, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California, announced. With the assistance of Customs and Border Protection, special agents of the FBI arrested Yusuf on Nov. 12, 2010. On Nov. 15, 2010, U.S. Magistrate Judge Nita L. Stormes arraigned Yusuf on the indictment. Yusuf will be held without bail pending a detention hearing scheduled for Nov. 18, 2010. According to U.S. Attorney Duffy, the arrest arises from an investigation by the San Diego Joint Terrorism Task Force. The charge of conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The charge of conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The charge of making false statements to a government agency in a matter involving international terrorism carries a maximum penalty of eight years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendants committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt (National Terror Alert, 2010).



**Date:** November 23, 2010

**Source:** CBS Chicago News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Cops: Man Says He Had Pipe Bomb In Backpack 2 Years*

**Abstract:** Police in the suburban Wheeling say an Arlington Heights man caught with a pipe bomb in his backpack told them he had been carrying it for two years. Wheeling Police Chief Bill Benson tells the Daily Herald that an officer stopped 20-year-old Ryan Barton as he was walking down a street late one night last week to question him about some recent car burglaries. Benson says Barton had no connection with the burglaries, but the officer arrested him after seeing the pipe bomb in the backpack Barton had voluntarily opened. The device was disabled by the Cook County Bomb Squad. Barton, who was charged with a weapons count, reportedly said he had been carrying the bomb for about two years, but did not say why (CBS Chicago News, 2010).



**Date:** November 26, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *S.C. Man Accused Of Threatening To Shoot President*

**Abstract:** A South Carolina man has been arrested and accused of threatening to kill President Barack Obama. WYFF-TV reported that a sworn statement from the Secret Service says 78-year-old Michael Stephen Bowden of Woodruff was arrested earlier this month. The Secret Service says Bowden told a nurse at a Veterans Affairs clinic in the northwestern part of the state that he was thinking of killing the president. Agents say they found three handguns and a rifle under Bowden's bed, and a dozen other guns in the house. WYFF reported Bowden was in the Navy for four years and was a former New York City policeman and fire captain. Kerry Bowden says the family didn't know his father had suicidal tendencies in April until the agents arrived Nov. 16. Bowden will undergo a mental evaluation. It was unclear if he has an attorney (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** November 27, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Somali-American Accused Of Plotting To Bomb Oregon Tree-Lighting Event*

**Abstract:** After enjoying their city's Christmas tree lighting, Portland, Oregon, residents felt a twinge of shock and then a rush of gratitude on Saturday when they learned that law officers foiled a plot to set off a bomb in a state the suspect says "nobody ever thinks about." Mohamed Osman Mohamud, a 19-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen from Somalia, was seized in connection with a

plan to detonate what he believed to be a vehicle bomb at the ceremony on Friday night, the Justice Department announced. Mohamud was whisked away by the FBI and Portland Police Bureau after he attempted to detonate what he believed was an explosives-laden van parked near the tree-lighting ceremony in Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square, the Justice Department said in a written statement. But the bomb turned out to be fake, thanks to an undercover operation designed to undermine the plotter. Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said "the materials were not explosive," and officials said the public was never in danger from the mock device. A resident of Corvallis, Oregon, and a student at Oregon State University, Mohamud -- who now faces a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$250,000 fine -- was arrested on suspicion of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction, the FBI said. He will make his initial appearance in federal court in Portland on Monday, the Justice Department said. "It's very difficult for me to comprehend how a young man who this country has given great opportunities to could waste those opportunities and be willing to commit a horrific crime," said Portland Police Chief Michael Reese. "It is very sad." Portland residents who attended the tree lighting were pleased that law enforcement stopped the attack. Sharon Rose said she didn't know about the investigation until she returned home from the tree lighting. "It does make me feel better that the FBI was on the ball in this case and doing some actual work, rather than pretending to look out for us and trying to make themselves look good," the Portland resident told CNN Radio. "Why would anyone mess with Portland? It's such a sweet little town. Obviously somebody wanted to." But Dwight C. Holton, U.S. attorney for the district of Oregon, said in a statement that this "defendant's chilling determination is a stark reminder that there are people -- even here in Oregon -- who are determined to kill Americans." Arthur Balizan, special agent in charge of the FBI in Oregon, called the threat "very real." "Our investigation shows that Mohamud was absolutely committed to carrying out an attack on a very grand scale," Balizan said. "At the same time, I want to reassure the people of this community that, at every turn, we denied him the ability to actually carry out the attack." On his blog, Portland Mayor Sam Adams lauded a "smart" investigation by local, state and federal agencies that led to the capture of someone "bent on mass destruction and murder in the city." The arrest was the culmination of a long-term undercover operation during which Mohamud had been monitored closely as the alleged plot developed, the Justice Department said. According to an arrest warrant affidavit written by an FBI special agent, Mohamud was in e-mail communication in August 2009 with a person believed to be involved in terrorist activities. In December, that person was "located in the northwest frontier province of Pakistan," the affidavit states. The two communicated regularly, the affidavit states, and "using coded language, they discussed the possibility of Mohamud traveling to Pakistan to prepare for violent jihad." Mohamud attempted to contact another associate who he thought would help facilitate his travel overseas, the affidavit states, but "because Mohamud used the wrong e-mail address in his efforts to contact [the second associate], he never successfully contacted him to arrange travel." An undercover FBI employee contacted Mohamud in June under the guise of being affiliated with the associate who was in Pakistan, according to the affidavit. Mohamud met with the undercover operative on July 30 in Portland. Mohamud allegedly told the undercover operative that he had written articles that were published in Jihad Recollections, an online magazine that advocated violent jihad "Mohamud also indicated that he wanted to become 'operational,'" the Justice Department said. "Asked what he meant by 'operational,' Mohamud stated that he wanted to put an 'explosion' together, but needed help." At a meeting in August, the Justice Department said, Mohamud allegedly told undercover FBI operatives he had been thinking of committing violent jihad since the age of 15. According to the affidavit, Mohamud then told undercover operatives that he had identified a potential target for a bomb: the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square. Authorities said an FBI operative pointed out that lots of children would be at such an event, but Mohamud said he was looking for a "huge mass that will ... be attacked in their own element with their families celebrating the holidays." Officials said Mohamud also stated, "... it's in Oregon; and Oregon like you know, nobody ever thinks about it." According to the affidavit, Mohamud and the undercover FBI operatives traveled to a remote area in Lincoln County, Oregon, on November 4 and detonated a bomb hidden in a backpack as a test. During the drive back to Corvallis, the agents asked Mohamud about whether he could look at the bodies of those who would be killed in the upcoming attack in Portland, the Justice Department said. Mohamud replied, "I want whoever is attending that event to leave, to leave either dead or injured," according to the affidavit. On Friday, Mohamud met one of the FBI operatives at a predetermined location, the affidavit states. Mohamud dialed a number "in an unsuccessful attempt to detonate the device." Mohamud allegedly dialed the number again before he was taken custody. Portland police Sgt. Pete Simpson, who said police officers got involved in the investigation several months ago, said the arrest went down several blocks from the tree lighting. "There were a lot of eyes normally not here that were here last night to make sure this operation went off successfully," Simpson told CNN affiliate KGW on Saturday. "There was no danger to the public last night." Muslims in the Portland area decried the alleged plot at a Saturday news conference. "We condemn strongly any act of violence that would target innocent people," said Imam Mikal Shabazz of the Oregon Islamic Chaplain Organization. "We condemn the alleged actions that were thwarted last night." Another leader thanked local police and the community for outreach to and protection of area mosques. "Things like this really set us back," said Shahriar Ahmed of Bilal Mosque in Beaverton. Khalid Luqman of Muslims for Peace spent Saturday handing out information to Portland passers-by. "We need to show the world that Islam can co-exist with the rest of the world peacefully," he said (CNN, 2010).



**Date:** December 5, 2010

**Source:** Military.com, Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer

**Title/Headline:** NCIS: Sailor At Bragg Sold Secret Documents

**Abstract:** A Navy intelligence specialist stationed at Fort Bragg is in custody after an investigation revealed he allegedly sold top secret documents to an undercover FBI agent posing as a foreign intelligence officer. Navy Reserve Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Bryan Minkyu Martin, of Mexico, N.Y., is being held in custody in Norfolk, Va., said Ed Buice, a public affairs specialist for the Naval

Criminal Investigative Service. Martin, 22, was assigned to the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg. **Buice said Martin was taken into custody Wednesday by NCIS and the FBI and is being held while investigative materials are being reviewed. No charges had been filed as of Friday night, Buice said. Martin could face charges and a court-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Buice said. According to a search warrant unsealed in federal court Friday, Martin sold secret and top secret documents in several staged buys of intelligence at two Spring Lake hotels.** According to the search warrant, filed Wednesday by Special Agent Richard J. Puryear with NCIS, Martin was assigned to the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg on Sept. 16. Two months later, on Nov. 15, Martin met an undercover FBI agent in the lobby of the Hampton Inn on Bragg Boulevard in Spring Lake, according to the warrant. **The special agent, posing as a foreign intelligence officer, brought Martin to his room, where Martin discussed his access to military computer networks and classified networks, according to the warrant.** Martin also told the agent that he was seeking "longterm financial reimbursement," and that he could be very valuable over a 15- or 20-year career, which he expected would take him to the Defense Intelligence Agency, the warrant says. **Martin offered to bring the agent two documents at their next meeting and accepted \$500 in cash from the agent, the warrant says. At a meeting the next day at the same hotel, Martin produced two documents — one labelled "secret" and the other "top secret" and accepted \$1,500 in cash, the warrant says. He agreed to meet the agent again Nov. 19, when he produced 51 pages of secret and top secret documents, according to the warrant. He was paid another \$1,500, according to the warrant.** Martin also failed to report the contacts to any member of his chain of command, the warrant says. The warrant authorized NCIS agents to search the room Martin was using at the Landmark Inn on Fort Bragg and his 2009 gold Nissan Altima. It does not address how Martin came under suspicion or how he came into contact with the undercover FBI agent. Buice would not clarify the matter Friday night, but said, **"We have a high level confidence that classified information was not delivered to any unauthorized person."** Martin enlisted in the Navy on Nov. 30, 2006, and completed basic training on July 20, 2007. He received a top secret clearance on Sept. 20, 2007, and was subsequently assigned to temporary duty with the Defense Intelligence Agency between May 9 and Aug. 22, according to the warrant. A spokesman for the Army's Special Operations Command referred all questions to NCIS. Messages left for Martin's family in New York were not returned Friday night (Military.com, 2010).



**Date:** December 8, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Authorities Make Arrest In Alleged Plot To Blow Up Military Recruitment Center*

**Abstract:** A man was arrested Wednesday for plotting to blow up a military recruitment center in the Baltimore area, authorities said. Antonio Martinez, a Muslim convert who called himself Muhammed Hussain, was arrested and is expected to appear later Wednesday in federal court, Fox News confirms. Martinez, a U.S. citizen, was caught in a sting operation as he tried to detonate a phony bomb at an Armed Forces recruiting station in Catonsville, just outside Baltimore, officials said. **"A Baltimore man has been arrested this morning in connection with a scheme to attack an Armed Forces recruiting station in Catonsville, Maryland, with what he believed to be vehicle bomb,"** U.S. Department of Justice spokesman Dean Boyd said in a statement sent to Fox News. **"There was no actual danger to the public as the explosives were inert and the suspect had been carefully monitored by law enforcement for months."** The suspect was arrested after he tried to set off what he thought was a bomb, according to an official. There was no evidence the plot was linked to recent shootings at military installations in the Washington area, authorities said. Baltimore is about 40 miles (65 kilometers) north of Washington. **The case appeared similar to a recent bomb plot in Portland, Oregon. Last month, a Somali-born teenager was arrested there after using a cell phone to try to detonate what he thought were explosives in a van, authorities said. He thought he was going to bomb a crowded downtown Christmas tree-lighting ceremony.** Like the Baltimore County case, it turned out to be a dummy bomb plot put together by FBI agents. Mohamed Osman Mohamud, 19, was arrested after authorities said he planned the details of the plot, including where to park the van filled with explosives to hurt the most people. **Mohamud allegedly believed he was receiving help from a larger ring of jihadists as he communicated with undercover agents. The incidents are the latest in a string of alleged terrorist plans by U.S. citizens or residents, including a Times Square plot in which a Pakistan-born man tried to set off a car bomb on a busy street. He pleaded guilty earlier this year** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** December 16, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Texas Couple Accused Of Funneling Money To Iran*

**Abstract:** A Texas couple and the head of an Oregon charity secretly sent millions of dollars to an Iranian bank and to a contact in Iran for nine years, violating the U.S. embargo on the Middle East country, according to a federal indictment. The indictment describes an alleged scheme in which the Texas couple got tax exemptions for their donations to the Portland-based Child Foundation charity. The head of the charity, Mehrdad Yasrebi, allegedly funneled money that was meant for food and other assistance to his cousin and to a bank controlled by the Iranian government. Working through Iranian corporations and banks in Switzerland and Dubai, the Texas couple and Yasrebi's cousin masked their transfers by using food shipments and other commodities to cover financial donations intended for a sister charity in Iran run by the cousin, federal prosecutors say. **"These defendants are charged with going to extraordinary lengths to conceal the transfer of large sums of money in violation of the Iranian embargo,"** Dwight Holton, the U.S. Attorney for Oregon, said in a statement Thursday. A 26-page indictment alleges the Texas couple, Najmeh Vahid and Dr. Hossein Lahiji, conspired to defraud the government and laundered money by purporting to transfer charitable donations to Iran while actually keeping control of the money. Also named in the indictment as a defendant is Ahmad Iranshahi, cousin of Yasrebi and the

**head of the sister charity started in Iran by the two men and other family members in 1999.** Yasrebi was identified as a coconspirator in the indictment but was not charged. Federal officials allege that since Child Foundation's creation in 1999, it has "funneled the overwhelming majority of its revenue" to the sister charity in Iran, Refah Kudak. They also allege that as Yasrebi was sending money to Iran he was in contact with Iranshahi, 53, who lives in Iran and is considered a fugitive. **According to the indictment, Yasrebi and the Child Foundation transferred a total of \$5.4 million between April 2001 and April 2005 to Refah Kudak through a bank account in Switzerland. Some of that money came from Lahiji and Vahid. The money eventually landed in Bank Melli, an arm of the Iranian government, federal prosecutors alleged.** The indictment alleges that Yasrebi organized the charity "to attract charitable donations in the United States and thereafter transfer virtually all of its revenues from the United States to Iran" through the sister charity there. **Prosecutors charge that Yasrebi sought the approval and financial support for the founding of the charity from members of Hezbollah, as well as Iranian diplomats, ayatollahs and other representatives of the Iranian government.** The indictment never explicitly states any link between the money donated and invested by Vahid and Lahiji and the terrorist group Hezbollah. Vahid answered the phone at her home Thursday but referred all questions to the couple's attorney, Jimmy Parks of San Antonio. Parks did not return a call seeking comment Thursday. Calls to the Child Foundation also were not returned. According to its most recent filings seeking to maintain charitable status, the foundation employs seven full-time employees and raised \$2 million between June 1, 2009, and May 31. **The foundation's goal is to sponsor children "in the form of food, medicine, clothing and educational materials, and in some countries, housing and emergency assistance."** The foundation serves children in Iran, Indonesia and Afghanistan. Lahiji and Vahid are scheduled to appear in federal court in San Antonio during the week of Dec. 20. The charity is not named in the indictment, and none of its officers has been indicted. The U.S. has had a trade embargo against Iran since 1995, the same year the Child Foundation achieved charitable nonprofit status (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** December 18, 2010

**Source:** CNN, Stan Wilson

**Title/Headline:** *California Man Charged With Trying To Sell Military Jet To Iran*

**Abstract:** Federal agents have arrested a California man who allegedly attempted to export a U.S. military fighter jet to Iran, authorities announced Friday. The arrest followed a seven-month government sting operation, authorities announced. Marc Knapp, 35, also was charged in a criminal complaint with two felony counts of attempting to export other aircraft parts and controlled technology. Knapp has agreed to plead guilty to the charges, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Kravetz, who is prosecuting the case. **According to unsealed court documents, the case began to unfold after "a cooperating defendant" in the operation introduced Knapp to an undercover agent. As part of the sting, the agent met with Knapp on several occasions at locations in California, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Budapest, Hungary, the court papers say.** The documents say Knapp broached to an undercover agent the idea of obtaining an F-5B fighter jet from a source in California. **Knapp allegedly told the agent that the "Iranians" might be interested in the fighter jet and other items, and allegedly said he would not be concerned if the jet or the other items ended up in Iran. In July, Knapp allegedly sent a contract for the fighter jet to the undercover agent and demanded a \$3.25 million purchase price. Knapp was arrested in Delaware in July while negotiating plans to fly the aircraft from California to the East Coast, where it subsequently was to be crated and shipped to Hungary and eventually Iran, the documents state.** The Northrop-designed supersonic fighter jet is part of a group of aircraft used by the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and by the Navy and Marines as a stand-in for "aggressor" fighters in training exercises. But it has primarily been an export plane sold to other militaries. **During their meetings, Knapp also informed the agent that he had various defense parts and allegedly admitted procuring an F-14 ejection seat, which was sold to the agent by another source.** Over the course of their interaction, Knapp provided the agent with various lists containing items for sale, including fighter jet emergency manuals, survival radios and antigravity suits, according to court documents. "Homeland Security Investigations will continue to pursue those who are willing to put America's national security at risk," John P. Kelleghan, special agent in charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said in a news release. **"The export of technology to Iran is prohibited so that our innovations cannot be used to harm Americans or our allies." If convicted, Knapp would face a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison and a \$2 million fine (Wilson, 2010).**

**Date:** December 26, 2010

**Source:** The Hill, Bridget Johnson

**Title/Headline:** *Former CIA Director Calls Homegrown Terror Threat 'A Witch's Brew'*

**Abstract:** A former director of the CIA described the greater likelihood that terror attacks on U.S. soil would come from an American resident as "a witch's brew." Appearing on CNN's "State of the Union," Michael Hayden, who served under President George W. Bush and stepped down in February 2009, said the "new flavor of threat" was different from "the traditional high-threshold mass casualty attack" that would originate in the al Qaeda stronghold in the tribal regions of Pakistan. **"It's much more difficult for us to defend against those kinds of attacks," Hayden said of terror plots originating from franchises in the U.S. "They will be less lethal if they do succeed," he said. "But they will unfortunately almost certainly be more numerous."** Mike McConnell, the former Director of National Intelligence under Bush, commended the Obama administration for how it has been handling the evolving threats. "My observation is the new administration has been as aggressive, if not more aggressive, in pursuing these issues, because they're real," McConnell said. **"Regardless of which side of the political spectrum you come from or what your political views might be, these threats are very real and very serious and we have to deal with them in a very serious way," he said. Hayden stressed that even**



though the homegrown terrorists would be more amateur in conducting "low-threshold" attacks, the threat was "almost like penalty kicks in soccer." **"No matter how good your goalie is, sooner or later this ball is going to get into the back of the net,"** he said. **McConnell said he would most worry about a chemical or biological attack from al Qaeda. "The most likely event is going to be an explosion. They want death and destruction and blood and mayhem,"** he said. **"That's what they strive for. But there are other things that they could consider. "And of course, one of the things I'm identified with is worrying about someday they'll figure out how to cause us harm through a cyber attack, against what I call the soft underbelly of the country,"** which could disrupt financial or transportation sectors, McConnell added. "We have to take the fight to them, make them spend most of their day worrying about their survival rather than figuring out ways to threaten our survival," Hayden said. Of the White House efforts including drone strikes that continue to rattle Pakistan, Hayden said, **"I've seen over two administrations, and I thank God every day for the continuity"** (Johnson, 2010).

**Date:** December 28, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Jana Winter

**Title/Headline:** *Indiana Grandmother, A Muslim Convert, Being Investigated For Possible Terror Link*

**Abstract:** A 46-year-old Indiana grandmother is under investigation for her possible ties to suspected and convicted international terrorists, FoxNews.com has learned. Muslim-convert Kathie Smith, 46, a U.S. citizen living in Indianapolis who has blogged about her granddaughter, last year married a suspected German jihadist, and has been flying back and forth between the U.S. and Germany as recently as two weeks ago. A pro-jihadist video featuring Smith and her husband – alongside photos of members of the Islamic Jihad Union charged with plotting failed terror attacks against U.S. targets in Germany -- is being investigated by the **Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center**. The center is a counterterror intelligence clearinghouse staffed by law enforcement officers from local and federal agencies, including the FBI and Department of Homeland Security. "Certainly, it's being looked at and evaluated by Indiana State Police, which runs Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center," Indiana Department of Homeland Security spokeswoman Emily Norcross told FoxNews.com, adding that the video would be passed along to appropriate law enforcement for further investigation. FBI spokeswoman Jenny Shearer said: **"As you're aware, FBI and DOJ policy precludes us from confirming or denying the existence of an investigation."** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Washington office did not respond to a request for comment. **Interpol, which helps government law enforcement agencies track crime suspects around the world, declined to comment, citing policy.** The FBI also did not respond to an e-mail from FoxNews.com asking why Smith is not on the federal government's no-fly list. **Smith, meanwhile, said she believes her name is on some kind of government "watch list."** In lengthy e-mail exchanges with FoxNews.com, Smith claimed that she has been repeatedly subjected to hours-long interrogations by Homeland Security every time she travels. **She said her luggage has been subjected to bomb residue tests, and that officials asked her numerous detailed questions about her husband.** She also claims DHS officials on more than one occasion escorted her onto a departing airplane. DHS did not respond to FoxNews.com's request for comment on Smith's allegations. Smith — who now calls herself Zubaida — added that she and her husband were met and interrogated by German police while in a taxi in October 2009. **German police, however, said they were not currently investigating an American woman, but declined to say whether they were aware of Smith.** In lengthy e-mail exchanges with FoxNews.com, Smith alternatively defended her online postings, denied being anti-American, called the Sept. 11 attacks an inside job, the U.S. a terrorist organization and praised the American-born radical Muslim cleric Anwar al Awlaki -- architect, trainer and inspiration for many of the recent terrorist attacks attempted or committed against the U.S. President Obama last April approved Awlaki's inclusion on the CIA's targeted killing list. In one e-mail to FoxNews.com, Smith wrote: "If your neighbor was being attacked by a perpetrator, would you just stand there and say, 'Oh I will let someone come who has a gun to help them'? No, you would rush to their defense. **And use any type of "weapon" to help that person... this is what I am doing. I am defending the defenseless. I am defending my home and family and their right to safety. No matter who it is at my door. These are the rights the Constitution gives me. The very right this Communistic government is trying to take away from me and the rest of the Americans."** In the nearly six-minute video under investigation, Smith and her husband, known online as Salahudin Ibn Ja'far, 28, appear posing and hugging and holding weapons interspersed with photos of known and suspected terrorists and assorted jihadist propaganda, like an Awlaki sermon album cover. **There also are photos of German Taliban Mujahideen -- German nationals who have formed their own splinter group within the Taliban -- and mug shots of members of the Saarland cell of Islamic Jihad Union charged with plotting failed terror attacks against U.S. targets in Germany, including a 2007 plot to bomb the U.S. Air Force base at Ramstein.** Smith said of the Ramstein plotters featured in her video: "The so-called 'jihadists' you have mentioned are actually personal friends of my husband from childhood. In the video he was expressing his love and gratitude to his friends, who have died fighting for freedom. Just like any other American or European citizen who displays pictures of soldiers who have died on their videos. There is no difference in gratitude and love. **It is just that your government has deemed these noble men as 'terrorists' because they are not on the same side. Least us not forget the Mujahideen who fought the Russians for the U.S. They were deemed 'heroes' and lead by Osama Bin Laden at that time, and now because the government says so... they are "terrorists.""** (In a no-longer-active Facebook profile, Smith's husband, Salahudin, listed his current city as Saarbrücken, the capital of the state of Saarland in Germany.) In addition to being close childhood friends of convicted terrorists, Salahudin has posted content from the German Taliban's media outfit and the Islamic Jihad Union on forums and social networking sites. **He's also written in support of his "noble leaders" -- bin Laden, Awlaki, the Sept. 11 hijackers and other terrorist leaders. Salahudin appeared to maintain forums devoted to hosting Awlaki's sermons. Earlier this month he uploaded videos to his since-deleted YouTube account that included German muhajideen training at jihadist camps in Pakistan, and another featuring the widow of a German Taliban jihadist directing the wives of jihadists to fulfill their obligations while their husbands are off fighting.** In other English-language posts, he suggests he himself has trained in these same jihadist camps. On Facebook, he is "friends" with the notorious Al Qaeda English-language online magazine Inspire, thought to be principally authored by American-turned-Muslim radical Samir Khan. Salahudin also has used his online posts to call for the deaths of U.S. citizens, military and government leaders, and recently joined in on another user's thinly veiled threats against Condoleezza Rice, according to postings discovered by FoxNews.com and screen shots provided by the Jawa Report, a watchdog blog that has been following the online activities of Smith and her husband. **His Facebook "friends" make up a who's who of terror groups, many of which his wife is also associated with online.**



He and Smith have been kicked off of Facebook repeatedly over the past month, but both continue to open up new accounts and remain on the social networking site today. On Facebook, Smith "likes" Awlaki, has belonged to a Facebook group called "Al Qaeda in Islamic Maghreb to answer your questions," referring to the North African branch of Al Qaeda. Smith also is Facebook "friends" with pages claiming to be the terrorist groups Al Shabaab and Ansar al Jundullah, in addition to "friends" Sheikh Faisal and Youself al-Khatb, the reported spiritual leader and co-founder of Revolution Muslim, respectively. Her "Likes" and "Groups" are visible to the public; a friend request from this reporter to Smith was not accepted. A Facebook Page provided by Jawa Report shows that Smith warned her husband via Facebook post not to accept FoxNews.com's friend request either. On her MySpace page, currently available for viewing via Google cache, Smith wrote: "As salamu alaikum akhi.. it is time for Jihad and it is now Fard ayn for ALL Muslims whether their in the United Snakes or else where...Insha'Allah!!!!" Smith has lauded Awlaki, celebrated the deaths of U.S. soldiers -- who she called "terrorists" -- at the hands of the Taliban in Afghanistan, and applauded another user's posting of a rendering of the two planes hitting the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11, 2001. And while she has repeatedly called for jihad against the West, Smith told FoxNews.com: "I am exercising my right, as an American citizen to freedom of speech, religion, and the right to bare arms. I have the right in America to say what ever I want. That is what makes America so great, right?" But a paid government consultant aware of Smith's movements said there's concern that Smith could follow the path of Colleen LaRose, a suburban Philadelphian dubbed "Jihad Jane," who pleaded not guilty in March to conspiracy charges involving a plot to kill a Swedish artist and providing material support to terrorists. "As we saw in the case earlier this year with the arrests of "Jihad Janes" Colleen LaRose and [co-conspirator] Jamie Paulin-Ramirez, Kathie Smith has been exhibiting classic signs of extremism possibly transitioning into violence," the consultant told FoxNews.com, asking not to be identified due to the sensitive nature of his work. "Her online postings on Facebook have been increasingly promoted acts of terrorism and statements by terrorist leaders, such as Anwar Al-Aulaqi," the contractor said. "When her husband released the video earlier this month of the two of them holding weapons and included standard jihad imagery, such as pictures of German jihadists that have left to join terrorist groups in Pakistan and Afghanistan or have been arrested for plotting terror attacks, we were concerned that they might be escalating to an attack themselves," the consultant said. To that concern, Smith replied by e-mail to FoxNews.com: "I live a simple life, a life where I fear Allah first and try hard to do what is right for mankind. I am not some "horribly misguided, or brainwashed" individual. I have lived a long life and have seen many things. And I will always stand up for what is right, no matter who is trying to say the contrary" (Winter, 2010).



**Date:** January 11, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Kurt Nimmo

**Title/Headline:** *DHS Ties Arizona Attack To "Lone Wolf" Terrorism*

**Abstract:** The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI sent a bulletin to local law enforcement after Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and others were shot in Arizona last week. The bulletin, issued Saturday night, provided information about "lone wolf" attackers, according to Fox News. "We have seen an increase in the lone wolf type attacks, which, from a law enforcement and investigation perspective, are the most challenging," DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano said earlier this year. "Why? Because by definition they're not conspiring. They're not using the phones, the computer networks, or any — they're not talking with others any other way that we might get some inkling about what is being planned." The government has characterized Joseph Andrew Stack, John Patrick Bedell, Johnny Lee Wicks, and others as lone wolf attackers. Stack allegedly plowed a small aircraft into an IRS office building in Austin, Texas. Bedell, described as a mentally ill marijuana user, opened fire outside of the Pentagon in March. Johnny Lee Wicks was killed at federal courthouse in Las Vegas after his Social Security check was reduced. In 2009, a DHS document, "Right-wing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment," was leaked to the media. "The possible passage of new restrictions on firearms and the return of military veterans facing significant challenges reintegrating into their communities could lead to the potential emergence of terrorist groups or lone wolf extremists capable of carrying out violent attacks," the report concludes (emphasis added). Michael Leiter, the director of the National Counterterrorism Center, recently told the Senate Homeland Security Committee that the prospect of lone wolf attacks keep him awake at night, according to the Chicago Tribune (Nimmo, 2011).

**Date:** January 19, 2011

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *FBI: Bomb Found On MLK Parade Route 'Domestic Terrorism'*

**Abstract:** The FBI offered a reward Tuesday for information about a potentially lethal bomb found in a backpack along the downtown route of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade. The discovery before Monday's parade for the slain civil rights leader raised the possibility of a racial motive in a region that has been home to the white supremacist Aryan Nations. "The confluence of the holiday, the march and the device is inescapable," said Frank Harrill, special agent in charge of the Spokane FBI office. "But we are not at the point where we can draw any particular motive." He called the planting of the bomb an act of domestic terrorism that was clearly designed to advance a political or social agenda. The suspicious backpack was spotted by three city employees about an hour before the parade was to start, Harrill said. They looked inside, saw wires and immediately alerted law enforcement. The parade route was changed to avoid the device. A bomb disposal unit disabled it without incident, he said. Spokane Mayor Mary Verner said the attempted bombing was unacceptable. "I was struck that on a day when we celebrate Dr. King, a champion of non-violence, we

were faced with a significant violent threat," Verner said. "This is unacceptable in our community, or any community." Harrill declined to release details of the device, other than to call it a functional bomb that could have caused multiple casualties. "The potential for injury and death were clearly present," Harrill said. The FBI received no warnings in advance and did not have a suspect, Harrill said. No one has claimed credit for planting the bomb. **The agency decided to appeal to the public for information and offered the \$20,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction. "Subject should be considered armed and dangerous," the agency said in its announcement.** The agency released photos of the backpack and two shirts found inside. Another explosive device was found March 23 beside the Thomas S. Foley U.S. Courthouse in downtown Spokane. **No arrests have been made in that investigation, Harrill said, and agents didn't know if the two incidents were related. The Spokane region and adjacent northern Idaho have had numerous incidents of anti-government and white supremacist activity during the past three decades. The most visible was by Aryan Nations, whose leader Richard Butler gathered racists and anti-Semites at his compound for two decades.** Butler was bankrupted and lost the compound in a civil lawsuit in 2000 and died in 2004. In 1996, white supremacists placed a pipe bomb outside City Hall. **The bomb exploded, blowing out a window and sending nails and screws across the street into Riverfront Park. There were no injuries. Two men arrested for the blast said it was part of a plot to spark a revolution and set up a whites-only nation. In December, a man in nearby Hayden, Idaho, built a snowman on his front lawn shaped like a member of the Ku Klux Klan holding a noose.** The man knocked the pointy-headed snowman down after getting a visit from sheriff's deputies (Fox News, 2011).

**Conclusion:** From almost every state and from every race, there are alleged terrorists trying to attack America from within. No one is safe from potential persecution until the real terrorists are behind bars. Please take the time to research Chapters 43: *The Unusual Suspects* to learn who the REAL terrorists are and who is really in charge.

## The Nuclear Bible: Terrorism & Mexico



**Intro:** The innuendos regarding the possibility that terrorists from the Middle East, namely Pakistan or Iran, will smuggle a nuclear bomb into the United States via Mexico is increasing at an alarming rate. It appears that Mexico will serve as the conduit for Nuclear Terror, and as a result a North American Union must be formed to prevent it from ever happening again.



TIME

**Date:** November 14, 2004

**Source:** TIME, Adam Zagorin

**Title/Headline:** *Bordering On Nukes?*

**Abstract:** A key al-Qaeda operative seized in Pakistan recently offered an alarming account of the group's potential plans to target the U.S. with weapons of mass destruction, senior U.S. security officials tell TIME. Sharif al-Masri, an Egyptian who was captured in late August near Pakistan's border with Iran and Afghanistan, has told his interrogators of "al-Qaeda's interest in moving nuclear materials from Europe to either the U.S. or Mexico," according to a report circulating among U.S. government officials. Masri also said al-Qaeda has considered plans to "smuggle nuclear materials to Mexico, then operatives would carry material into the U.S.," according to the report, parts of which were read to TIME. Masri says his family, seeking refuge from al-Qaeda hunters, is now in Iran. Masri's account, though unproved, has added to already heightened U.S. concerns about Mexico. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge met publicly with top Mexican officials last week to discuss border security and smuggling rings that could be used to slip al-Qaeda terrorists into the country. Weeks prior to Ridge's lightning visit, U.S. and Mexican intelligence conferred about reports from several al-Qaeda detainees indicating the potential use of Mexico as a staging area "to acquire end-stage chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear material." U.S. officials have begun to keep a closer eye on heavy-truck traffic across the border. The Mexicans will also focus on flight schools and aviation facilities on their side of the frontier. And another episode has some senior U.S. officials worried: the theft of a crop-duster aircraft south of San Diego, apparently by three men from southern Mexico who assaulted a watchman and then flew off in a southerly direction. Though the theft's connection to terrorism remains unclear, a senior U.S. law-enforcement official notes that crop dusters can be used to disperse toxic substances. The plane has not been recovered (Zagorin, 2004).

**Date:** October 12, 2006

**Source:** U.S. Department Of Homeland Security (DHS)

**Title/Headline:** *A Line In The Sand: Confronting The Threat On The Southwest*

**Abstract:** The Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security issues this interim report summarizing its findings regarding the criminal activity and violence taking place along the Southwest border of the United States between Texas and Mexico. The Texas-Mexico border region has been experiencing an alarming rise in the level of criminal cartel activity, including drug and human smuggling, which has placed significant additional burdens on Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. This interim report will examine the roots of the criminal enterprise and its effects on the local populations, what steps are being taken or should be taken to counter the threat, and the significance of these issues for the overall homeland security of the United States. The United States border with Mexico extends nearly 2,000 miles along the southern borders of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. In most areas, the border is located in remote and sparsely populated areas of vast desert and rugged mountain terrain. Data indicates that there are hundreds of illegal aliens apprehended entering the United States each year who are from countries known to support and sponsor terrorism. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigations have revealed that aliens were smuggled from the Middle East to staging areas in Central and South America, before being smuggled illegally into the United States. Members of Hezbollah have already entered the United States across the Southwest border. U.S. military and intelligence officials believe that Venezuela is emerging as a potential hub of terrorism in the Western Hemisphere.

### Subcommittee Staff Finds That:

- Drug trafficking organizations and human smuggling networks are proliferating and strengthening their control of key corridors along our Nation's Southwest border.
- The Mexican drug cartels wield substantial control over the U.S.-Mexican border. Law enforcement on the border agree that very little crosses the respective cartel territories, or "plazas," along the Southwest border without cartel knowledge, approval, and financial remuneration.
- These criminal organizations and networks are highly sophisticated and organized, operating with military style weapons and technology, utilizing counter surveillance techniques and acting aggressively against both law enforcement and competitors.

- Drug trafficking organizations, human smuggling networks and U.S. based gangs are increasingly coordinating with one another to achieve their objectives.
- **Federal, State and local law enforcement report new and ever-increasing levels of ruthlessness and violence associated with these criminal organizations, which are increasingly spilling across the border into the United States and moving into local communities.**
- **Each year hundreds of illegal aliens from countries known to harbor terrorists or promote terrorism are routinely encountered and apprehended attempting to enter the U.S. illegally.**
- The existing resources of the U.S. Border Patrol and local law enforcement must continue to be enhanced to counter the cartels and the criminal networks they leverage to circumvent law enforcement.

**Smuggling Routes Along the Texas-Mexico Border:** Along the Texas-Mexico border, drug cartels and organized criminal groups have established a robust presence in key strategic areas. The Texas-Mexico border is particularly attractive to these criminal networks as it spans approximately 1200 miles, includes 18 Ports of Entry, and has major interstate highways in Brownsville, McAllen, Laredo, and El Paso, thereby providing the organized crime groups with access to the rest of the Nation. The South Texas region covers approximately 625 miles of border territory – a total area of 20,963 square miles and borders three separate Mexican States. Inside the territory are 11 Ports of Entry that include 15 international bridges. Directly across the cities of Brownsville, McAllen, and Laredo are major Mexican cities, each with a population between 600,000 and 800,000. **The El Paso-Juarez corridor in west Texas also serves as the gateway for drugs destined to major metropolitan areas in the United States. Mexican drug cartels transport significant quantities of marijuana and cocaine through the El Paso Port of Entry using major east/west and north/south interstate highways. These highways provide the Mexican cartels with transportation routes for drug distribution throughout the United States. The Laredo Port of Entry is the busiest and most heavily traversed land Port of Entry on the Southwest border, handling approximately 6,000 commercial vehicles a day. Forty percent of all Mexican exports cross into Laredo, Texas, where Interstate 35 connects directly to Dallas, and from there throughout the United States. U.S. Border Patrol Chief John Montoya describes this Port of Entry as “the key ingress into the United States.”** “It’s called a gateway city, not only into Mexico but into the United States as well.”<sup>12</sup> The very conditions that make the Laredo Port of Entry so attractive to legitimate commerce also make the city ideal for the illicit drug and human smuggling trade.

**Vulnerability to Terrorist Infiltration:** The number of aliens other than Mexican (“OTMs”) illegally crossing the border has grown at an alarming rate over the past several years. Based on U.S. Border Patrol statistics there were 30,147 OTMs apprehended in FY2003, 44,614 in FY2004, 165,178 in FY2005, and 108,025 in FY2006. Most of them were apprehended along the U.S. Southwest border.<sup>100</sup> **The sheer increase of OTMs coming across the border makes it more difficult for Border Patrol agents to readily identify and process each, thereby increasing the chances that a potential terrorist could slip through the system.** Moreover, there is no concrete mechanism for determining how many OTMs evade apprehensions and successfully enter the country illegally. **The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) pays particular attention to OTMs apprehended by the Border Patrol who originate from thirty-five nations designated as “special interest” countries.** According to Border Patrol Chief David Aguilar, special interest countries have been “designated by our intelligence community as countries that could export individuals that could bring harm to our country in the way of terrorism. Though the majority of overall apprehensions made by the Border Patrol occur in the Tucson sector of Arizona, the Texas border – specifically the McAllen sector – far outpaces the rest of the country in OTM and Special Interest Alien apprehensions. **Since September 11, 2001, DHS has reported a 41% increase in arrests along the Texas/Mexico border of Special Interest Aliens. Since September 11, 2001 to the present hundreds of illegal aliens from special interest countries (such as Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Pakistan, Cuba, Brazil, Ecuador, China, Russia, Yemen, Albania, Yugoslavia and Afghanistan) were apprehended within the South Texas region alone.** A jacket with patches from countries where al Qa’ida is known to operate was found in Jim Hogg County, Texas by the Border Patrol. The patches on the jacket show an Arabic military badge with one depicting an airplane flying over a building and heading towards a tower, and another showing an image of a lion’s head with wings and a parachute emanating from the animal. The bottom of one patch read “martyr,” “way to eternal life” or “way to immortality.” On January 28, 2006, Border Patrol Chief David Aguilar was asked by a reporter from KGNS television station in Laredo, Texas, about the outcome of the investigation of the jacket. **Chief Aguilar responded that the patches were not from al Qa’ida but from countries in which al Qa’ida was known to operate.**



**Alleged Al Qaeda Military Patches Found In Mexico**

According to ICE testimony, on September 8, 2004, ICE agents arrested Neeran Zaia and Basima Sesi. The human smuggling organization headed by Zaia specialized in smuggling Iraqi, Jordanian, and Syrian Nationals and was responsible for the movement of more than 200 aliens throughout the investigation. The investigation was initiated when a confidential informant familiar with the organization reported ongoing smuggling activities by Zaia, who had been previously convicted of alien smuggling. **Investigative efforts revealed that the aliens were smuggled from the Middle East to staging areas in Central and South America. Once in these staging areas, the conspirators would arrange to smuggle the aliens from these sites into the U.S. or its territories. Members of Hezbollah, the Lebanon-based terrorist organization, have already entered to the United States across our Southwest border.** On March 1, 2005, Mahmoud Youssef Kourani pleaded guilty to providing material support to Hezbollah.<sup>111</sup> Kourani is an illegal alien who had been smuggled across the U.S.-Mexico border after bribing a Mexican consular official in Beirut for a visa to travel to Mexico.

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**Texas Border Security Initiatives:** In response to the increasing criminal activity and violence along the Southwest border on **February 9, 2006, the State of Texas, in partnership with the Federal government, launched Operation Rio Grande.** The strategy focuses on four key areas:

- 1) Increased patrols and law enforcement presence;
- 2) Centralized of command, control, and intelligence operations;
- 3) Increased State funding and deployment of State resources for border security; and
- 4) Enhanced utilization of technology to fight border crime.

**One of the key cornerstones of Operation Rio Grande is the increased cooperation among Federal, State, and local law enforcement.** During the duration of each regional operation, U.S. Border Patrol and border sheriffs received the support of various and key State. The Federal government has taken positive steps to secure its borders, but much more is needed to combat an increasingly powerful, sophisticated, and violent criminal network which has been successful in smuggling illegal contraband, human or otherwise, into our country. **The growth of these criminal groups, along the Southwest border, and the potential for terrorists to exploit the vulnerabilities which they create, represents a real threat to America’s national security** (DHS, 2006).

**Date:** May 5, 2008

**Source:** American Chronicle, Michael Webster

**Title/Headline:** *Dangerous Mexican/U.S. Criminal Enterprises Operating Along The Mexican Border*

**Abstract:** The overwhelming influence and power of the Mexican Drug Cartels who are the Mexican drug trafficking organizations and criminal gangs operating in Mexico and the United States. **They have emerged in recent years as the most dangerous and politically influential drug traffickers in the western hemisphere if not the world. The Mexican cartels have existed for some time, they have become increasingly powerful with the demise of the Medellin and Cali cartels in Colombia and have now come to dominate the U.S. illicit drug market and other criminal enterprises.** According to the National Drug Intelligence Center, Mexican cartels are "the predominant smugglers, transporters, and wholesale distributors of cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine, and Mexico-produced heroin in the United States" and "are expanding their control over the distribution of these drugs in areas controlled by Colombian and Dominican criminal groups, and now believed to include all of the U.S.A.. **In addition to drug trafficking, cartels have been tied to illegal alien, terrorist, arms smuggling and those proceeds are subsequently laundered through seemingly legitimate local businesses.** The cartels through the criminal gangs who work for them have been involved in kidnappings and military style training camps, some reported to be along the border with the U.S. FBI Director Robert Mueller described U.S. based-gangs as **"more organized, more violent, and more widespread than ever."** The Department of Justice estimates there are approximately 30,000 gangs with more than 800,000 members in the U.S. Mueller believes these violent gangs pose a growing threat to the safety and security of Americans. **As this reporter has documented Mexican Drug cartels are ordering decapitations of cartel enemies, including federal, state and city police officers. Many of these victims were blind folded and hooded before they shoot them.** Other types of violence to murder victims are: Physical beatings, torture, or body dumped on street or lot torture involving beating, tooth removal, appendage removal, death by torture, strangulation, single shot to head and/or multiple shots to head and body. Other tactics were same as above with head and/or face fully or partially wrapped with duct tape or other head wrappings or blind folds. **Bodies often disposed of by the alternate "Pozole" method. The pozole is where they stuff the body sometime still alive into a 55 gallon barrel and pour gas, battery acid and other corrosive terrible chemicals.** The theory being that they think it makes the body easier to dispose of and makes what may remain very difficult to



identify later by authorities. Many were beheaded with or without written messages on bodies or in vehicles. The cartels' methods of torture and killing are particularly brutal. **By using these horrible and terrifying tactics the Cartels are sending a chilling message to the Mexican President Felipe Calderon Administration by adopting methods of intimidation made notorious by Middle Eastern terrorist groups.** Dozens of people have been decapitated in Mexico so far this year, with heads stuck on fence posts, found in trash bags and heads being tossed onto a nightclub dance floor for all to see. Dozens of U.S. citizens have been kidnapped, held hostage and killed by their captors in Mexico and many cases remain unsolved. Moreover, new cases of disappearances and kidnap-for-ransom continue to be reported yet no high level warning has been issued to protect Americans against this world class violence. Many kidnapped victims were held in deplorable jail like metal cages in so called safe houses. U.S. intelligence officials report that human smuggling has become another component of the drug cartels' business. **This fact is of particular import in a post 9/11 environment and at a time in history when the United States is more concerned than ever about securing its borders. Americans Being Kidnapped, Held and killed in Mexico.** FBI Director Robert Mueller described U.S. based-gangs as "more organized, more violent, and more widespread than ever." 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Moreover, there is no concrete mechanism for determining how many OTMs evade apprehensions and successfully enter the country illegally. **The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) pays particular attention to OTMs apprehended by the Border Patrol who originate from thirty-five nations designated as "special interest" countries. According to Border Patrol Chief David Aguilar, special interest countries have been "designated by our intelligence community as countries that could export individuals that could bring harm to our country in the way of terrorism."** Though the majority of overall apprehensions made by the Border Patrol occur in the Tucson sector of Arizona, the Texas border – specifically the McAllen sector – far outpaces the rest of the country in OTM and Special Interest Alien apprehensions. Since September 11, 2001, DHS has reported a 501% increase in arrests along the U.S. Mexican border of Special Interest Aliens. **The data indicates that each year hundreds of illegal aliens from countries known to harbor terrorists or promote terrorism are routinely encountered and apprehended attempting to enter the U.S. illegally between Ports of Entry.** Just recently, U.S. intelligence officials report that seven Iraqis were found in Brownsville, Texas in June 2006. In August 2006, an Afghani man was found swimming across the Rio Grande River in Hidalgo, Texas; 104 as recently as October 2006, seven Chinese were apprehended in the Rio Grande Valley area of Texas. Items have been found by law enforcement officials along the banks of the Rio Grande River and inland that indicate possible ties to a terrorist organization or member of military units of Mexico. **A jacket with patches from countries where al Qa'ida is known to operate was found in Jim Hogg County, Texas by the Border Patrol. The patches on the jacket show an Arabic military badge with one depicting an airplane flying over a building and heading towards a tower, and another showing an image of a lion's head with wings and a parachute emanating from the animal. The bottom of one patch read "martyr," "way to eternal life" or "way to immortality."** Border Patrol Chief David Aguilar was asked by a reporter from KGNS television station in Laredo, Texas, about the outcome of the investigation of the jacket. Chief Aguilar responded that the patches were not from al Qa'ida but from countries in which al Qa'ida was known to operate. 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Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Robert Mueller has confirmed in testimony **"that there are individuals from countries with known al-Qa'ida connections who are changing their Islamic surnames to Hispanic-sounding names and obtaining false Hispanic identities, learning to speak Spanish and pretending to be Hispanic immigrants.** These examples highlight the dangerous intersection between traditional transnational criminal activities, such as human and drug smuggling, and more ominous threats to national security. Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez summed it up this way: **"I dare to say that at any given time, daytime or nighttime, one can get on a boat and traverse back and forth between Texas and Mexico and not get caught. If smugglers can bring in tons of marijuana and cocaine at one time and can smuggle 20 to 30 persons at one time, one can just imagine how easy it would be to bring in 2 to 3 terrorists or their weapons of mass destruction across the river and not be detected.** Chances of apprehension are very slim." Furthermore, according to senior U.S. military and intelligence officials, Venezuela is emerging as a potential hub of terrorism in the Western Hemisphere, providing assistance to Islamic radicals from the Middle East and other terrorists. General James Hill, commander of U.S. Southern Command, has warned the United States faces a growing risk from both Middle Eastern terrorists relocating to Latin America and terror groups originating in the region. **General Hill said groups such as Hezbollah had established bases in Latin**

America. These groups are taking advantage of smuggling hotspots, such as the tri-border area of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay, and Venezuela's Margarita Island, to channel funds to terrorist groups around the world. Venezuela is providing support—including identity documents—that could prove useful to radical Islamic groups, say some U.S. officials. The Venezuelan government has issued thousands of cédulas, the equivalent of Social Security cards, to people from places such as Cuba, Columbia, and Middle Eastern nations that host foreign terrorist organizations. The U.S. officials believe that the Venezuelan government is issuing the documents to people who should not be getting them and that some of these cédulas could be subsequently used to obtain Venezuelan passports and even American visas, which could allow the holder to elude immigration checks and enter the United States. Recently, several Pakistanis were apprehended at the U.S.-Mexican border with fraudulent Venezuelan documents. "Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela, has been clearly talking to Iran about uranium," said a senior administration official quoted by the Washington Times. Chavez has made several trips to Iran and voiced solidarity with the country's hard-line mullahs. He has hosted Iranian officials in Caracas, endorsed Tehran's nuclear ambitions and expressed support for the insurgency in Iraq. The Times reports Venezuela is also talking with Hamas about sending representatives to Venezuela to raise money for the militant group's elected Palestinian government as Chavez seeks to build an anti-U.S. axis that also includes Fidel Castro's Cuba. "I am on the offensive," Chavez said on the al Jazeera television network, "because attack is the best form of defense. We are waging an offensive battle...." Given all that is happening in Chavez's Venezuela, some American officials regret that terrorism is seen chiefly as a Middle East problem and that the United States needs to start looking to protect its southern flank. A U.S. intelligence official expressed concern that "Counterterrorism issues are not being aggressively pursued in this hemisphere." Another intelligence official stated terror suspects held at Guantanamo Bay are not being interrogated about connections to Latin America. The bottom line, when it comes to terrorism so close to U.S. shores, says the official, "We don't even know what we don't know." Islamic radical groups that support Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamiya Al Gamat are all active in Mexico and other Latin American countries. These groups generate funds through money laundering, drug trafficking, and arms deals, making millions of dollars every year via their multiple illicit activities. These cells reach back to the Middle East and extend to this hemisphere the sophisticated global support structure of international terrorism. While threats to our nation from international terrorism are well known, lesser known threats spawned by narcoterrorism reach deeply into this country. Federal law enforcement entities estimate they apprehend approximately 10 to 30 percent of illegal aliens crossing the border. U.S. intelligence officials along the southwest border, on the other hand, are less optimistic. To be sure, it is unclear how many illegal aliens of any nationality evade capture by law enforcement each year and succeed in entering the United States illegally. One thing, however, is known for certain – hundreds of people from countries known to harbor terrorists or promote terrorism are caught trying to enter the United States illegally along the land border, and the massive flow of immigrants and our porous border create various and abundant opportunities for concealment. Given the ever-present threat posed by al-Qa'ida and other terrorist organizations show the vulnerability of our borders – the need for immediate action to enforce our borders could not be more apparent. The Federal government has taken positive steps to secure its borders, but much more is needed to combat an increasingly powerful, sophisticated, and violent criminal network which has been successful in smuggling illegal contraband, human or otherwise, into our country. The growth of these criminal groups, along the border, and the potential for terrorists to exploit the vulnerabilities which they create, represents a real threat to America's national security. It is imperative that immediate action be taken to enhance security along our border with Mexico (Webster, 2008).

**Date:** May 25, 2010

**Source:** National Terror Alert (DHS), WSBTV News

**Title/Headline:** *Threat Of Terrorists Crossing The Border*

**Abstract:** The area is the busiest spot in the nation for border patrol. Records show last year, agents caught a quarter of million people trying to enter the U.S. in the Tucson sector alone. According to those documents, a lot are from Mexico or South America, but hundreds of them aren't and are from nations like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran. Since January, border patrol agents say they have been on the lookout for 23 Somalis with ties to al-Qaida. Jailers released them from a Mexican prison and some law enforcement officials said they think they are headed for the U.S. border. The U.S. government no longer releases a list of what they call "captured O.T.M.s", which stands for "other than Mexicans". Channel 2 Action News obtained it from a congressional staffer (WSBTv News, 2010).

[At 2:48 in WSBTV TV Special entitled "*Threat Of Terrorists Crossing The Border*", the Department of Homeland Security OTM (Other Than Mexicans) list shows 110 Pakistanis were apprehended by the U.S. Border Patrol.]

**Date:** May 27, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Jana Winter

**Title/Headline:** *Feds Issue Terror Watch for the Texas/Mexico Border*

**Abstract:** The Department of Homeland Security is alerting Texas authorities to be on the lookout for a suspected member of the Somalia-based Al Shabaab terrorist group who might be attempting to travel to the U.S. through Mexico, a security expert who has seen the memo tells FOXNews.com. The warning follows an indictment unsealed this month in Texas federal court that accuses a Somali man in Texas of running a "large-scale smuggling enterprise" responsible for bringing hundreds of Somalis from Brazil through South America and eventually across the Mexican border. Many of the illegal immigrants, who court records say were given fake IDs, are alleged to have ties to other now-defunct Somalian terror organizations that have merged with active organizations like Al Shabaab, al-Barakat and Al-Ittihad Al-Islami. In 2008, the U.S. government designated Al Shabaab a terrorist organization. Al Shabaab has said its priority is to impose Sharia, or Islamic law, on Somalia; the group has aligned itself with Al Qaeda and has made statements about its intent to harm the United States. In recent years, American Somalis have been recruited by Al Shabaab to travel to Somalia, where they are often radicalized by more extremist or operational anti-American terror

groups, which Al Shabaab supports. **The recruiters coming through the Mexican border are the ones who could be the most dangerous, according to law enforcement officials. Security experts tell FOXNews.com that the influx of hundreds of Somalis over the U.S. border who allegedly have ties to suspected terror cells is evidence of a porous and unsecured border being exploited by groups intent on wrecking deadly havoc on American soil.** The DHS alert was issued to police and sheriff's deputies in Houston, asking them to keep their eyes open for a Somali man named Mohamed Ali who is believed to be in Mexico preparing to make the illegal crossing into Texas. **Officials believe Ali has ties to Al Shabaab, a Somali terrorist organization aligned with Al Qaeda, said Joan Neuhaus Schaan, the homeland security and terrorism fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute, who has seen the alert. An indictment was unsealed in Texas federal court earlier this month that revealed that a Somali man, Ahmed Muhammed Dhakane, led a human smuggling ring that brought East Africans, including Somalis with ties to terror groups, from Brazil and across the Mexican border and into Texas.** In a separate case, Anthony Joseph Tracy, of Virginia, who admitted to having ties to Al Shabaab, is currently being prosecuted for his alleged role in an international ring that illegally brought more than 200 Somalis across the Mexican border. Prosecutors say Tracy used his Kenya-based travel business as a cover to fraudulently obtain Cuban travel documents for the Somalis. The smuggled Somalis are believed to have spread out across the United States and remain mostly at large, court records show. **Somalis are classified by border and immigration officials as "special interest" — illegal immigrants who get caught trying to cross the Mexican border into the U.S. who come from countries that are considered a high threat to the U.S., Neuhaus Schaan explained.** DHS did not respond to multiple e-mail and phone requests for comment. In addition to the Somali immigration issue, **Mexican smugglers are coaching some Middle Eastern immigrants before they cross the border — schooling them on how to dress and giving them phrases to help them look and sound like Latinos,** law enforcement sources told FoxNews.com. **"There have been a number of certain communities that have noticed this, villages in northern Mexico where Middle Easterners try to move into town and learn Spanish," Neuhaus Schaan said. "People were changing their names from Middle Eastern names to Hispanic names."** Security experts say the push by illegal immigrants to try to fit in also could be the realization of what officials have feared for years: **Latin American drug cartels are helping jihadist groups bring terrorists across the Mexican border.** J. Peter Pham, senior fellow and director of the Africa Project at the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, said that for the past ten years there's been suspicion by U.S. law enforcement that **drug cartels could align with international terrorist organizations to bring would-be-jihadists into the U.S. That kind of collaboration is already being seen in Africa, said Dr. Walid Phares, director of the Future Terrorism Project at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. "Al Qaeda could easily say, "Ok, now we want your help getting these guys into the United States," Phares said. "Eventually the federal government will pay more attention, but there is a window of time now where they can get anyone they want to get in already."** Experts also say the DHS alert and recent court case highlights the threat of terrorists penetrating the Mexican/Texas border — and the growing threat of Somali recruitment efforts to bring Americans of Somali descent back to Somalia for jihadist training, creating homegrown terrorists. Pham says the DHS alert comes too late. "They're just covering themselves for the fact that DHS has been failing to date to deal effectively with this," he said. "They're already here." Michael Weinstein, a political science professor at Purdue University and an expert on Somalia, said, **"In the past year, it's become obvious that there's a spillover into the United States of the transnational revolutionaries in Somalia."** **"It's something that certainly has to be watched, but I don't think it's an imminent threat," he said. "This has to be put in context with people smuggling — everybody and their brother is getting into the United States through Mexico; I read last week that some Chinese were crossing, it's just a big market."** Pham disagrees. "The real danger is 'something along the lines of jihadist version of 'find a classmate,' he said, referring to Al Shabaab's potential to set up sleeper cells in the U.S. **"Most of them rely on personal referral and association. That type of social networking is not beyond their capabilities."** Pham says the DHS alert is too little, too late. **"This is like shutting the barn door after the horses got away," he said (Hoft, 2010).**

**Date:** June 3, 2010

**Source:** KVOA News

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistani Citizen Caught Crossing Border Into Arizona*

**Abstract:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials confirm with News4, **a Pakistani citizen crossed the border illegally from Mexico into Arizona on May 20th.** ICE says the man was apprehended by Border Patrol on the Tohono O'odham reservation and turned over to ICE (KVOA News, 2010).

**Date:** June 8, 2010

**Source:** Washington Examiner, Sara A. Carter

**Title/Headline:** *Drug Cartels Smuggling Illegals Create Security Risk, Officials Say*

**Abstract:** Smuggling of potential terrorists across the border is evolving into a billion dollar industry for Mexican drug cartels while posing a significant threat to the United States, according to federal law enforcement officials. That was echoed in a recent assessment by the U.S. military's Southern Command that found **drug cartels are taking advantage of a "largely unregulated" border to create security risk for the United States.** "Of particular concern is the smuggling of criminal aliens and gang members who pose public safety threats to communities throughout the border region and the country," said the Southern Command report obtained by *The Washington Examiner*. **"These individuals include hundreds of undocumented aliens from special interest countries, primarily China, but also Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, and Pakistan."** Department of Homeland Security policy requires that many illegal immigrants from countries that have been breeding grounds for anti-American sentiment, known as **"special interest aliens,"** be released unless there is specific evidence of threat. Most fail to appear for hearings. **"We don't always know who we have in custody," said a DHS official who asked not to be named.** "We still have a catch and release program, and we don't always know if those are good or bad guys. It's difficult to coordinate with our Mexican counterparts, and many times we have no idea who made it across with the aid of the cartels." Rafael Lemaitre, senior spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection with DHS, said "upon apprehension, DHS makes determinations on admissibility and custody of special interest aliens on a case-by-case basis based on a variety of factors, including legal

status, prior criminality and intelligence." In the first five years after Sept. 11, **DHS reported a 41 percent increase in arrests of illegal immigrants from countries known to have large populations of terrorists from al Qaeda or other anti-U.S. groups.** In 2008, the DHS Office of Immigration Statistics reported that federal law enforcement agencies detained 791,568 deportable aliens. According to the agency, 5,506 of them were special interest aliens. "Available reporting indicates that some alien smuggling organizations (ASOs) in Mexico specialize in moving special-interest aliens into the United States," stated a February 2010 National Drug Threat Assessment by the Department of Justice. **The DOJ threat assessment said no known terrorists had been apprehended at the U.S. border in the past five years.** That did not surprise federal law enforcement agents and intelligence officers interviewed by *The Examiner*. **They pointed out that reports on foreign nationals with terrorist ties caught at the border would not be made readily available to the public.** "As the cartels begin to realize the enormous amount of funding that's available in transporting special interest aliens, they'll do more of it," said a military official with knowledge of cartel operations. **"We need to be mindful because this type of human smuggling is a definite threat to security and human smuggling is a billion dollar industry."**<sup>n</sup> *The Examiner* first reported in March on the apprehension of 23 Somali illegal aliens in Mexico who were released in January by Mexican immigration officials. **It was later discovered by U.S. intelligence and Mexican authorities that one of the men was a member of the Somali terrorist organization al Shabab, which has direct ties to al Qaeda.** So far, the men have not been located. In 2006, a federal report documented that a man who called himself Miguel Alfonso Salinas was apprehended by chance off a deserted highway near the U.S.-Mexico border in New Mexico. He was just one of 165,000 persons from countries other than Mexico who were apprehended that year. Of those, 650 were from special interest countries. After a week of interrogations, the FBI discovered Salinas was really an Egyptian by the name of Ayman Sulmane Kamal. He was taken into custody, and no further information about him has been released by the federal government. The Kamal case was an "example of getting lucky," a U.S. official said. **"Just think, for every one that is captured, maybe two or three people from special interest nations get through. We don't know who they are or if they're planning anything -- we just keep hoping that we'll keep getting lucky"** (Carter, 2010).

**Date:** June 21, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Steve Irvin

**Title/Headline:** *Terrorists Crossing AZ Border Into U.S.?*

**Abstract:** On a single day in April, in a special cell block deep inside the Pinal County Jail, nearly **400 inmates sat awaiting trial or extradition after being detained trying to cross the Arizona border from Mexico. Only about half of them were actually from Mexico.** The cell block, owned by Pinal County, but contracted with the Department of Homeland Security, is a way station in the immigration process, where inmates are held after they are detained by the Border Patrol or Immigration and Customs Enforcement. But it's where the inmates are from that causes concern for some critics and lawmakers. **On that one day in April, according to records obtained by ABC 15, Homeland Security officials were holding inmates from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Egypt, Lebanon, and the Sudan. "They're coming from all over," Arizona Senator Jon Kyl said. "And one wonders whether some of them are coming in here to commit acts of terror."** Kyl has been tracking the problem since 2002, not long after the September 11 attacks. Since that time, according to an investigation by the House Committee on Homeland Security, **intelligence officials have determined members of the terror group Hezbollah have already infiltrated the U.S. by crossing at the southern border.** ICE officials told congressional investigators, undocumented immigrants were smuggled from the Middle East to staging areas in Central and South America, before being smuggled into the U.S. **The report says officials are also concerned about Venezuela emerging as a terrorist "hub," with the government there issuing travel documents that can be used to obtain a U.S. visa.** Border patrol agents have also recovered military-style patches on clothing near the border. One patch contains the word "martyr" in Arabic. Another depicts a plane appearing to fly into sky scrapers. In 2009, according to Homeland Security documents obtained by ABC 15, ICE officials detained 45,279 undocumented immigrants classified as OTM. While the vast majority were from other Central American countries like El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, officials also arrested 10 undocumented immigrants from Iran, 10 from Iraq, six from Lebanon and 19 from Pakistan. **Through May of [2010], officials had detained more than 25,000 OTM border crossers.** "There's a procedure which takes place, where, in effect, if we can't send them back, they're let go," Senator Kyl said. "Obviously that creates an illegal immigration problem, but it could... create a problem of terrorism as well" (Irvin, 2010).

**Date:** June 28, 2010

**Source:** CNS News, Adam Cassandra

**Title/Headline:** *Napolitano: 'You're Never Going To Totally Seal That Border'*

**Abstract:** Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, whose agency is charged with securing America's borders, told an audience in Washington, D.C., in reference to the U.S.-Mexico border, **"You're never going to totally seal that border."** Napolitano spoke and answered questions at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) on "Securing the Border: A Smarter Law Enforcement Approach." When asked if she could give a timeline on when the border would be secured, Napolitano said, "The plain fact of the matter is the border is as secure now as it has ever been, but we know we can always do more. And that will always be the case." **"It's a big border," she said. "It's 1,960 miles across that Southwest border. It's some of the roughest, toughest geographical terrain in the world across that border. And so, the notion that you're going to seal that border somehow is something that anybody who's been involved in the actual doing of law enforcement--the front office work or the front line work of the law enforcement--would say, 'You're never going to totally seal that border.'"** Napolitano was also asked if she thought that Republicans withholding support for comprehensive immigration reform until the border is secured was political posturing. "The notion that you're gonna' somehow seal the border, and only at that point will you discuss immigration reform, that is not an answer to the problem," she said. At a town hall meeting recently, Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl told a group of constituents that in a closed-door meeting with President Barack Obama, the president told him, "The problem is ... if we secure the border, then you all won't have any reason to support comprehensive immigration reform." **"In other words," Kyl said, "they're holding it hostage. They don't wanna' secure the border unless and until it is combined with comprehensive immigration reform"** (Cassandra, 2010).



**Date:** July 6, 2010

**Source:** Haaretz

**Title/Headline:** *Mexico Thwarts Hezbollah Bid To Set Up South American Network*

**Abstract:** Mexico foiled an attempt by Hezbollah to establish a network in South America, a Kuwaiti newspaper reported.

Hezbollah operatives employed Mexicans nationals with family ties to Lebanon to set up the network, designed to target Israel and the West, the Al-Seyassah daily said. According to the report, Mexican police mounted a surveillance operation on the group's leader, Jameel Nasr, who traveled frequently to Lebanon to receive information and instructions from Hezbollah commanders there. Police say Nasr also made frequent trips to other countries in Latin America, including a two-month stay in Venezuela in the summer of 2008. Nasr was living in Tijuana, Mexico at the time of his arrest, the report said. The report follows warnings from the United States that Hezbollah and its backer Iran are stepping up operations in the region. In June, a U.S. congresswoman wrote to the Department of Homeland Security to warn that Hezbollah was increasing its presence in Central and South America. In her letter, Congresswoman Sue Myrick called on the U.S. to work with Mexican forces, as there was intelligence that Hezbollah was working in conjunction with Mexican drug cartels on the U.S.-Mexico border. **"We have seen... an increase in a wide level of activity by the Iranian government in this region," Admiral James Stavridis told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "That is a concern principally because of the connections between the government of Iran, which is a state sponsor of terrorism, and Hezbollah," he said. In February a U.S. court in Miami indicted three men for raising funds for Hezbollah, which the U.S. classifies as a terrorist organization (Haaretz, 2010).**

**Date:** July 11, 2010

**Source:** New York Daily News

**Title/Headline:** *Close To Home: Hezbollah Terrorists Are Plotting Right On The U.S. Border*

**Abstract:** Speaking of the Islamist enemy cropping up in unlikely places, Iran's favorite terrorist outfit, Hezbollah - a menace to Israel and Lebanon - has been caught plotting right in our backyard. For years, experts who already have their hands full with the persistent threat of Al Qaeda have warned of the rise of Hezbollah in our midst. The day has arrived. Mexican authorities have rolled up a Hezbollah network being built in Tijuana, right across the border from Texas and closer to American homes than the terrorist hideouts in the Bekaa Valley are to Israel. **Over the years, Hezbollah - rich with Iranian oil money and narcocash - has generated revenue by cozying up with Mexican cartels to smuggle drugs and people into the U.S.** In this, it has shadowed the terrorist-sponsoring regime in Tehran, which has been forging close ties with Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, who in turn supports the narcoterrorist organization FARC, which wreaks all kinds of havoc throughout the region. Adm. James Stavridis, then head of the U.S. Southern Command, which includes Latin America, warned a Senate committee hearing: **"We see Hezbollah acting throughout the region in proselytizing, fund-raising, involved in the drug trade."** Now they are right across the Rio Grande - a stone's throw (NY Daily News, 2010).



**Date:** July 16, 2010

**Source:** Press TV

**Title/Headline:** *Car Bomb At US-Mexico Border Kills 3*

**Abstract:** The explosion of a car bomb ramming into two police vehicles in northern Mexico has killed three people, including two policemen. Nine people were also wounded in the attack, including seven officers; AP quoted a state police officer as saying. The police official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the car had apparently been carrying some kind of explosive or inflammable device when it rammed the police pickup trucks. Mexican soldiers and law enforcement officers have been attacked with grenades and powerful rifles before but explosives have rarely been used. **According to the Associated Press, throughout the country there have been more than 23,000 killings linked to drug violence since December 2006 (Press TV, 2010).**

**Date:** August 2, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Post, Associated Press, E. Eduardo Castillo

**Title/Headline:** *Mexico Prez: Cartels Show No 'Limits Or Scruples'*

**Abstract:** President Felipe Calderon said that Mexico is facing a new stage in its war with drug cartels as gangs escalate their attacks on the government and civilians, including journalists. Speaking at a meeting with representatives of business and civic groups, **Calderon said organized crime groups have demonstrated they have no "limits or moral scruples" and are trying to instill fear in officials and civilians alike.** "We face a new stage in insecurity," he said, noting this year's assassination of a gubernatorial candidate in a border state and the recent kidnappings of journalists. **"We have witnessed an escalation of violent crime in our country (Castillo, 2010).**

**Date:** October 4, 2010

**Source:** CNS News, Terence P. Jeffrey

**Title/Headline:** *Congressman Introduces Bill To Force Obama To Deploy At Least 10,000 National Guardsmen At Mexican Border*

**Abstract:** Rep. Ted Poe (R.-Texas), who served for 30 years as a Texas prosecutor and judge before being elected to



Congress, introduced legislation last week designed to force President Barack Obama to deploy a minimum of 10,000 National Guard troops at the U.S. Mexico border for the specific purpose of patrolling the border and intercepting aliens and smugglers attempting to cross illegally into the United States. **"The president could put more than that, but he must put 10,000,"** Poe told CNSNews.com. "The uniqueness of this is they would be paid by the federal government, because everybody says it is the responsibility of the federal government to protect the border. So the federal government will use the resources it already has to pay for those 10,000 National Guard troops, but they will be supervised by the governors of the four states on the border." Poe, who serves on the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Terrorism and the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, told CNSNews.com in a videotaped interview that **America was projecting such a weak image around the world in failing to protect its southern border that people were traveling from all around the world to Mexico so they could enter the U.S. illegally from there. "Every country in the world knows the United States will not protect the sovereignty of its country, and will not protect especially the southern border,"** said Poe. "So, when someone wants to come to the United States, they figure out a way to come to Mexico and then come to the United States." Poe said that the 1,200 National Guard troops that Obama sent to the 2,000-mile-long border region this summer are not actually working to secure the border. "They are not on the border, they are behind the border," said Poe. "They're doing surveillance work, guarding computers, if you will." **By contrast, the 10,000 National Guardsmen that would be deployed by Poe's bill would be charged with defending the border itself. "These troops will be actually on the border and they will do what the National Guard is supposed to do,"** Poe told CNSNews.com. The bill has 20 original co-sponsors. But, so far, has no Democratic co-sponsors. The original co-sponsors are: Rep. Lamar Smith (TX-21), Rep. Pete Sessions (TX-32), Rep. Pete Olson (TX-22), Rep. Sam Johnson (TX-03), Rep. John Carter (TX-31), Rep. Kay Granger (TX-12), Rep. Kenny Marchant (TX-24), Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04), Rep. Ed Royce (CA-40), Rep. Joe Barton (TX-06), Rep. John Culberson (TX-07), Rep. Louie Gohmert (TX-01), Rep. Kevin Brady (TX-08), Rep. Michael McCaul (TX-10), Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (MD-06), Rep. Pete Hoekstra (MI-02), Rep. John Shadegg (AZ-03), Rep. John Fleming (LA-04), Rep. Sam Graves (MO-06) and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (CA-46). Poe said he hopes the next Congress will act on his legislation next year (Jeffrey, 2010).

**Date:** November 15, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Casey Stegall

**Title/Headline:** *America's Third War: National Guard's New Mission*

**Abstract:** There are many theories on how to effectively secure the nearly 2,000-mile-long border the United States shares with Mexico. Some believe building a fence to separate us from our southern neighbor is the best route while others think adding additional surveillance equipment and Border Patrol checkpoints will help decrease the number of illegal immigrants and drugs entering America. **One thing virtually everyone close to the border security issue can agree on: America seems to be waging a third war with the Mexican cartels that will stop at nothing to smuggle humans and drugs into our homeland and the national security threat it poses.** One of the more popular ideas on how to secure the region is through the deployment of troops and creation of a strong military presence along the border. In May, **President Obama gave the green light for up to 1,200 National Guard troops to be assigned to the four southwest border states.** In late September, armed troops started trickling in and working alongside U.S. Border Patrol agents, but the ramp up period is a gradual process since it takes a great deal of time to train the soldiers for their new mission. **According to the National Guard Bureau, nearly 1,200 troops are at work on border issues as of Monday: 263 in California, 561 in Arizona, 80 in New Mexico, 284 in Texas and 10 others assigned to border issues at the National Guard Bureau in Virginia.** The deployment is expected to last one year although no official end date has been made public. **The troops are primarily being used in a supportive role by assisting the army of Border Patrol agents already covering the miles of shared border and the 42 U.S.-Mexico crossings.** Their jobs range from keeping a close eye on the border fence in search of people trying to cross illegally, to helping make apprehensions and completing paperwork. The mission is also designed to give Border Patrol some breathing room until it can hire more than 1,000 additional agents for the field. **Soldiers don't have the authority to detain a suspected illegal immigrant. They're essentially acting as extra eyes and ears for the agents and they've certainly got their work cut out for them when you consider close to 1 million illegal immigrants are estimated to attempt entry into the U.S. each year, according to Customs and Border Protection.** Since guardsmen have only been in place for a short time, it's difficult to gauge how much of an impact they're having. History shows that their sheer presence has served as a deterrent in the past. **In 2006, President George W. Bush ordered thousands of National Guard troops to the border, as part of Operation Jump Start. The program lasted two years and at its height, as many as 6,000 soldiers and airmen were deployed at one time. During that period, the number of illegal immigrant arrests went down roughly 24 percent and as much as 70 percent in some sectors of Arizona.** During that mission, soldiers not only assisted Border Patrol agents, but also helped physically build parts of the border fence and additional infrastructure. Many residents in southwest border states are grateful for the additional help and most feel the 1,200 troops are a nice start, but some living in border towns -- where violence is spilling over into their backyards -- say President Obama's administration could be doing more and devoting even more resources. **Sheriff Paul Babeu of Pinal County, Ariz., told Fox News he'd like to see a contingency of troops similar to Operation Jump Start.** Babeu said Arizona needs even more help because the state faces unique challenges since the border there is more porous thanks to the rugged Sonoran desert. Estimates say roughly half of all illegal immigrants entering the U.S. do so through Arizona, which is why Babeu is seeking more assistance. Babeu and U.S. Sen. John McCain have extended an invitation to Obama to visit the situation firsthand but the president has yet to make a trip. Babeu said far more than 1,200 troops will be needed to make a dent in the escalating war between the U.S. and the Mexican cartels. For now, many residents are excited the ball appears to be rolling in the right direction. Most understand securing the border won't happen overnight, but hope it happens sooner than later (Stegall, 2010).

**Date:** January 27, 2011

**Source:** Fox News, William La Jeunesse

**Title/Headline:** *Iranian Book Celebrating Suicide Bombers Found In Arizona Desert*

**Abstract:** A book celebrating suicide bombers has been found in the Arizona desert just north of the U.S.- Mexican border, authorities tell Fox News. The book, "In Memory of Our Martyrs," was spotted Tuesday by a U.S. Border Patrol agent out of the Casa Grande substation who was patrolling a route known for smuggling illegal immigrants and drugs. Published in Iran, it consists of short biographies of Islamic suicide bombers and other Islamic militants who died carrying out attacks. According to internal U.S. Customs and Border Protection documents, "The book also includes letters from suicide attackers to their families, as well as some of their last wills and testaments." Each biographical page contains "the terrorist's name, date of death, and how they died." Agents also say that the book appears to have been exposed to weather in the desert "for at least several days or weeks." Authorities told Fox News that there were no people in the area at the time the book was found, and no arrests have been made in connection with it. "At this time, DHS does not have any credible information on terrorist groups operating along the Southwest border," a Department of Homeland Security official said in a statement. "We work closely with our partners in the law enforcement and intelligence communities and as a matter of due diligence and law enforcement best practice, report anything found, no matter how significant or insignificant it may seem." Statements from U.S. officials, including FBI director Robert Mueller, have raised serious concerns in recent years over "OTMs" -- or illegal immigrants other than Mexicans -- who have crossed the southwest border at alarming rates. Mueller testified before the House Appropriations Committee in March 2005 that "there are individuals from countries with known Al Qaeda connections who are changing their Islamic surnames to Hispanic-sounding names and obtaining false Hispanic identities, learning to speak Spanish and pretending to be Hispanic." Just last year, the Department of Homeland Security had in custody thousands of detainees from Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. U.S. Border Patrol statistics indicate that there were 108,025 OTMs detained in 2006, compared to 165,178 in 2005 and 44,614 in 2004. Authorities would not release a picture of the book to Fox News, or reveal how long they believe it was lying in the desert. Immigration officials have previously discovered items along the U.S.-Mexico border from Middle Eastern origin, including Iranian currency in Zapata, Texas, and a jacket found in Jim Hogg County, Texas, that was covered in patches including an Arabic military badge that illustrates an airplane flying into a tower (La Jeunesse, 2011).

**Conclusion:** It is no wonder why the U.S./Mexican border has been left virtually open for the last 30 years, for it will serve its purpose when an alleged nuke is smuggled across the border. The only way Americans will accept the North American Union (merger of the US, Mexico, and Canada) is if a nuclear terror attack occurs and is blamed on the open border with Mexico. In order to be safe, Americans will accept anything, even at the detriment of their own Nation's sovereignty.

## The Nuclear Bible: Terrorism & Sports



**Intro:** The amount of terrorist acts at sporting events has increased tremendously in the last couple of year and is reaching a pinnacle. Starting with Black September in 1972, terrorists and their handlers appear to be salivating at the thought of a nuclear detonation within a stadium, so long as it's on LIVE TV!

## The Nuclear Bible: Sport's History of Terror



**Date:** September 5-6, 1972

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Munich, Germany

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Black September

**Offense(s):** Mass-Murder, Massacre, Hostage Taking

**Incident Name:** *1972 Munich Olympics Massacre*

**Abstract:** The Munich massacre is an informal name for events that occurred during the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, Southern Germany, when **members of the Israeli Olympic team were taken hostage and eventually murdered by the terrorist group Black September**. Members of Black September contended that Yasser Arafat's Fatah organization secretly endorsed the operation. Fatah, however, disputed the accusation. Black September called the operation "Ikrit and Biram". By the end of the ordeal, the **terrorists had killed 11 Israeli athletes and coaches and 1 West German police officer**. Five of the eight members of Black September were killed by police officers during a failed rescue attempt. The three surviving terrorists were captured, but later released by West Germany following the hijacking by Black September of a Lufthansa airliner. Israel responded to the massacre with Operation Spring of Youth and Operation Wrath of God, as well as a series of airstrikes and killings of those suspected of planning the kidnappings (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** July 27, 1996

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Atlanta, Georgia, USA

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Eric Robert Rudolph

**Offense(s):** Pipe Bombing

**Incident Name:** *Centennial Olympic Park Bombing*

**Abstract:** The Centennial Olympic Park bombing was a terrorist bombing on July 27, 1996 in Atlanta, Georgia, United States during the 1996 Summer Olympics, the first of four committed by Eric Robert Rudolph. **Two people died, and 111 were injured**. Centennial Olympic Park was designed as the "town square" of the Olympics, and thousands of spectators had gathered for a late concert by the band Jack Mack and the Heart Attack. Sometime after midnight, **Rudolph planted a green U.S. military ALICE pack (field pack) containing three pipe bombs surrounded by nails underneath a bench near the base of a concert sound tower**. He then left the area. The pack had a directed charge and could have done more damage but it was tipped over at some point. **It was the largest pipe bomb in U.S. history, weighing in excess of 40 pounds**. It used a steel plate as a directional device. Investigators were later to tie the Sandy Springs and Otherside bombs together with this first device because **all were propelled by nitroglycerin dynamite, used an alarm clock and Rubbermaid containers, and contained steel plates**. Security guard Richard Jewell discovered the bag and alerted Georgia Bureau of Investigation officers; 9 minutes later, Rudolph called 911 to deliver a warning. Jewell and other security guards began clearing the immediate area so that a bomb squad could investigate the suspicious package. At 1:20 AM, the bomb exploded. An Albany, Georgia woman, Alice Hawthorne, was killed by a nail that struck her in the head. The bomb wounded 111 others. Turkish cameraman Melih Uzunoyol died from a heart attack he suffered while running to cover the blast (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 1, 2002  
**Source:** TIME, Glen Levy  
**Location:** Bernabau, Spain  
**Alleged Terrorist(s):** ETA: Euskadi Ta Askatasuna  
**Offense(s):** Car Bombing  
**Incident Name:** *Real Madrid's Champions League Car Bombing*

**Abstract:** The beautiful game turned ugly in 2002 when Basque separatist group E.T.A. detonated a car bomb close to Madrid's main stadium, the Bernabau, hours before the start of Real Madrid's Champions League semi-final against arch rivals Barcelona. **The bombing came shortly after the arrest of 11 Batasuna (a political party linked to E.T.A.) members**, but it wasn't clear if it was directed against the team, which is supported by many of Spain's ruling elite. As it turned out, Madrid went on to win that season's competition. They continue to be a major force in soccer and E.T.A are still operating (Levy, 2010).

**Date:** May 8, 2002  
**Source:** TIME, Glen Levy  
**Location:** Karachi, Pakistan  
**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Unknown  
**Offense(s):** Car Bomb  
**Incident Name:** *Terror Attack at Cricket Match In Pakistan*

**Abstract:** The Australian cricketing authorities might well be tempted to declare, "told you so" in regards to their long standing **adversity to touring in Pakistan**, where they've not played since 1998 due to safety concerns. This reticence also extends to their having pulled out of a World Cup cricket match in Sri Lanka in 1996 because of the Central Bank bombing which took place that year in Colombo, the island-nation's capital. Australia's neighbor, New Zealand, has nearly suffered at the hands of terror too. In 2002, a **suicide bomb blast outside the team's hotel in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi left players unhurt but killed 11 French Navy experts**, two Pakistanis and the team's physiotherapist (Levy, 2010).

**Date:** January 30, 2006  
**Source:** World Net Daily  
**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Sunday: Terror Chatter High*

**Abstract:** **There is a high likelihood of a major terrorist attack next Sunday, say international terror analysts and intelligence sources.** There is increased "chatter" in the terrorist world about a major new attack in the West – a sign often leading to an impending strike; The date Feb. 5 has been specifically referenced in some of this chatter; The date is significant to Osama ; **Much of the western world will be watching television that day;** The release of al-Qaida videotapes seems to provide clues about the dates of future attacks and, in this scenario, Feb. 5 becomes the most likely near-term terror strike date. Terror attacks seem to follow the release of al-Qaida about 30 days. Some intelligence analysts are noting the significance of the release of videos recently by both Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri. Zawahiri released his last video Jan. 6, making Feb. 5 the most likely target date, according to past attacks. Some analysts suggest the release of communiqués by both al-Zawahiri and **bin Laden might be the precursor to a mega-attack – something even rivaling Sept. 11 in scope and devastation.** That, suggests some analysts, makes Feb. 5 a likely target date. Interestingly, it is also a significant date to bin Laden. Feb. 5, 1989, was the day the last Soviet troops withdrew from Kabul, Afghanistan, signaling their defeat at the hand of the mujahedeen. Kabul was the capital of Osama's adopted country and was a major win for him and Islam. Significantly, perhaps, in bin Laden's audio release he referenced the U.S. withdrawing from Iraq and Afghanistan. **It also happens to be Super Bowl Sunday, when the eyes of the entire world will be watching America.** Authorities in Detroit, where the Super Bowl will be played, are certainly taking the threat of terrorism seriously. **According to the FBI and Detroit police, the game will be the focal point of one of the largest security operations in U.S. history, guarding against any threats to Super Bowl XL and aided by more than 50 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Including private security guards, there will be about 10,000 security personnel on duty, more than for any other one-day event in U.S. history. Radiation detectors will be stationed near the stadium. SWAT teams, bomb removal and other specialized law enforcement officials will be on hand. Despite the recent taped messages, authorities say there are "no credible threats against the Super Bowl" (World Net Daily, 2006).**

**Date:** June 9, 2006  
**Source:** Spiegel News  
**Location:** Munich, Germany  
**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Islamist Extremist  
**Offense(s):** Terror Plot  
**Incident Name:** *2006 World Cup Terror Plot*

**Date:** March 28, 2008  
**Source:** Spiegel News  
**Title/Headline:** *German Official Says World Cup Terror Attack Narrowly Avoided*

**Abstract:** German security authorities were proud of having pulled off a safe and successful 2006 Soccer World Cup. Now a German security official has revealed that a major attack on the tournament may have been averted -- but the suspect got away. Ever since the 2006 World Cup came to an end, Germany has been basking in the glow of having pulled off a wildly successful tournament. **But according to Bavaria's interior minister, it almost ended in explosive failure. Joachim Herrmann, of the**

conservative Christian Social Union, told German television news channel N-TV that police foiled a terror attack planned to be carried out in Munich on the first day of the World Cup in June 2006. He said that the public was deliberately not informed of the possible threat at the time to prevent panic. According to the station, a spokesman for the **Bavarian Interior Ministry said that police began intensive observations of a lone man thought to be "associated with Islamist extremism" who was noticed acting suspiciously near Munich's Allianz Arena soccer stadium.** In the course of the surveillance, according to the spokesman, the suspect left Germany, perhaps as a result of growing suspicious that he was being watched. The spokesman did not reveal the man's nationality or current place of residence. **The man was thought to be a member of a group that had cased the arena prior to the games,** according to the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. Herrmann made the comments in the US, where he is holding a round of meetings this week with the FBI, the CIA, the US State Department, the Pentagon and the Department of Homeland Security to discuss security issues, exchange information about suspected terrorists and strengthen terror-prevention ties between the countries. Herrmann delivered a speech to the German Marshall Fund Foundation Thursday in Washington, D.C., in which he warned of the "danger of attacks from home-grown networks" and the "formation of parallel societies in large cities and urban areas." "We can't just ignore the fact," Herrmann said, "that there is drastic distance between some Muslims and our system of values" (Spiegel News, 2008).



**Date:** October 18, 2006

**Source:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

**Title/Headline:** *NFL Terror Threat Deemed Not Credible*

**Abstract:** Citing an "abundance of caution," the U.S. Department of Homeland Security warned the National Football League and stadium security officials nationwide about dirty bomb threats posted on a Web site, a spokeswoman said. "We did put out a private sector note about an hour ago," said Joanna Gonzalez, a department spokeswoman. **"We have been monitoring reports from overseas." The threats, posted on an English-language Web site, said that an al Qaeda operative had smuggled deadly materials into the U.S. from Mexico.** "We judge that they are not credible. However, out of an abundance of caution we did want to notify federal state and local law enforcement and private sector partners to be vigilant," Gonzalez said. **The department didn't name the stadiums,** and Gonzalez said the public shouldn't change plans (DHS, 2006).

**Date:** October 21, 2006

**Source:** NBC Sports

**Title/Headline:** *Grocery Store Clerk Arrested In Stadium Hoax*

**Abstract:** 'Dirty bombs' threat against stadiums was inspired by 'writing duel'. A 20-year-old grocery store clerk who authorities say amused himself by posting prank Internet warnings of terrorist attacks against NFL stadiums was arrested Friday on federal charges that could bring five years behind bars. **Jake J. Brahm was accused of writing that radioactive "dirty bombs" would be detonated this weekend at seven football stadiums.** He admitted posting the same threat about 40 times on various Web sites between September and Wednesday, authorities said. The Wauwatosa man surrendered to federal authorities and appeared in court in Milwaukee later in the day. **"These types of hoaxes scare innocent people, cost business resources and waste valuable homeland security resources. We cannot tolerate this Internet version of yelling fire in a crowded theater in the post-9/11 era,"** said U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie in Newark, N.J., where Brahm was charged in a sealed complaint. **One of the stadiums mentioned was Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. Brahm was charged with making a terrorist threat over the Internet, which carries a maximum five-year prison sentence and \$250,000 fine.** When the potential sentence was read in court Friday afternoon, his mother, Valerie Brahm, with whom he lives, closed her eyes and put her hand over her mouth. Richard Ruminski, the FBI agent in charge of the Milwaukee office, said Brahm thought posting the threats would be funny. **"As I understand it, Mr. Brahm had put out this threat thinking it was so preposterous that no one would take it seriously,"** Ruminski said. "Unfortunately, he was wrong." The warnings briefly set off a scare this week, before federal authorities announced the warnings were a hoax. An FBI official in Washington, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is still under investigation, told **The Associated Press that Brahm acknowledged doing it as part of a "writing duel" with a man from Texas to see who could post the scariest threat.** One of the threats, dated Oct. 12, appeared on the Web site "The Friend Society," which links to various online forums and off-color cartoons. Its author, identified in the message as "javness," said that **trucks would deliver radiological bombs Sunday to stadiums in Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Cleveland, Oakland, Calif., and the New York City area, and that Osama bin Laden would claim responsibility.** Erik Vasys, an FBI spokesman in San Antonio, said there would be no charges against the Texas man because he did not take part in the writing of the threats (NBC Sports, 2006).

**Date:** January 29, 2007

**Source:** National Terror Alert, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

**Title/Headline:** *Threat Level Raised For Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** The National Football League has boosted the law enforcement budget and heightened the security threat level for Super Bowl 41 because of terrorism fears. The Super Bowl has been raised to a level one national security event, putting it on par in terms of manpower and resources with the US President's State of the Union speech and the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. **"We consider the Super Bowl so high profile that we see it as attractive to terrorists,"** said Milt Ahlerich, NFL vice-president of security.



The last Super Bowl to be given a level one security designation was the 2002 New Orleans Super Bowl held three months after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks upon New York and Washington (DHS, 2007).

**Date:** January 21, 2008

**Source:** National Terror Alert, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Security Described As Unprecedented*

**Abstract:** Security for Super Bowl XLII, to be played at the University of Phoenix Stadium Feb. 3, is being described as “unprecedented,” and will include both covert and overt measures like ATF bomb-sniffing dogs trained to ferret out liquid explosives. Although there is no specific terror threat, security officials are concerned due to the high visibility of the game and the propensity of al Qaeda to strike such targets. But the federal government’s terrorism threat assessment of the upcoming game between the New England Patriots and New York Giants outlines concerns about stolen official law enforcement credentials, uniforms, weapons, and other equipment that could be used to “infiltrate” the stadium complex to carry out an attack. “High-profile” events like this, which the Arizona Counterterrorism Information Center said is expected to draw over half-a-million visitors, “make [them] a desirable target for domestic or international terrorists,” the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) threat assessment says. While the assessment makes clear that the Intelligence Community “has not identified a credible terrorist threat to Super Bowl XLII and its related events,” one of the three “key findings” of the nine-page threat assessment, a copy of which was obtained by HSToday.us, is that “the threats of greatest concern” during events like this “include individuals impersonating law enforcement and other security personnel and insiders to facilitate attacks.” “Numerous thefts of government and law enforcement property that could be used to facilitate unauthorized entry have been reported in Arizona,” the assessment points out. “Since October 2004 the Arizona Counterterrorism Information Center has received more than 300 reports of thefts from fire, first responder, military, and police personnel, including from those in the Phoenix area” (DHS, 2008).

**Date:** January 25, 2008

**Source:** Jihad Watch, Audrey Hudson

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Deemed A Target In Federal Threat Assessment*

**Abstract:** The upcoming Super Bowl game will be a desirable target for terrorists, according to a threat assessment by federal security officials, which outlines several scenarios of possible attacks and security precautions for the Feb. 3 event. “Among the threats of greatest concern to high-profile events like the Super Bowl are the placement of explosive devices in heavily trafficked areas in and around the event site, to include individuals impersonating law enforcement and other security or service personnel and insiders to facilitate attacks,” the threat assessment said. “Al Qaeda and other Islamic terrorists may view sporting events as acceptable targets: the al Qaeda Training Manual specifically lists ‘... blasting and destroying the places of amusement, immorality, and sin ... and attacking vital economic centers’ as a required mission of the al Qaeda military organization,” the assessment said. “The Super Bowl’s stature as a major media event probably increases its attractiveness to homegrown terrorists, whether acting alone or as part of a group, who understand the economic as well as symbolic importance of the game and surrounding activities to many in the homeland,” the report said. FBI spokesman Richard Kolko said threat assessments are prepared for every major national security event as a “useful method of sharing information among federal and state law enforcement officers.” “We have no significant threats at this point, but certainly an event of this size is a viable target and any threat will be taken seriously,” he said. “It is important to remember that terrorists are trained to ‘blend in’ and assimilate to their surroundings,” the center said (Hudson, 2008).



**Date:** January 4, 2008

**Source:** TIME, Glen Levy

**Location:** Paris, France/Dakar, Senegal

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Al Qaeda

**Offense(s):** Terror Threat

**Incident Name:** *Dakar Rally Canceled Due to Al Qaeda Terror Threat*

**Abstract:** Danger and the Dakar Rally have long been bedfellows, as dozens of participants have perished by racing across some of the world's most inhospitable terrain. But last year the threat of al Qaeda deemed the race too risky for the organizers, who cancelled the Rally for the first time in its 30-year history. They cited safety warnings from the French government after the al Qaeda-linked slaying of a family of French tourists in Mauritania — where eight of the competition's 15 stages were to be held — and "threats launched directly against the race by terrorist organizations." This appeared to be a one-off as the Rally returned earlier this year, albeit in South America. Sport's bright light will remain undimmed (Levy, 2010).

**Date:** March 29, 2008

**Source:** Thaindian News

**Title/Headline:** *Terror Attack On 2006 World Cup Was Averted'*

**Abstract:** Berlin, March 29 (DPA) German security forces had scotched possible terrorist plans to attack the Munich stadium on the

occasion of the opening game of the 2006 football World Cup, Bavarian Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann has claimed. "People were observed who were quite clearly monitoring the stadium with the possible intention of carrying out an attack," Herrmann told national commercial news broadcaster n-tv, acknowledging the incident for the first time. One person regarded as a potential security threat had been deported, he said. News of the possible threat had been kept from the public "because we did not want to spread unnecessary fear", Herrmann said. Germany beat Costa Rica 4-2 in the June 19, 2006, opening game of the tournament that passed off without incident and was seen as a major public relations success for Germany (Thaindian News, 2008).



**Date:** April 6, 2008  
**Source:** TIME, Glen Levy  
**Location:** Weliweriya, Sri Lanka  
**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Tamil Tigers  
**Offense(s):** Marathon Bombing  
**Incident Name:** *Sri Lanka Marathon Bombing*

**Abstract:** In 2008, a suspected Tamil Tiger suicide bomber detonated a device at the start of a marathon celebrating the start of Sri Lanka's new year, killing a dozen people and injuring almost 100. Highways minister Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, former Olympic marathon runner KA Karunaratne and the national athletics coach, Lakshman de Alwis, were among the dead. **Viewers along the course, and those watching on television, served as shocked witnesses to the panic of screaming people surging through blood-stained streets** (Levy, 2010).

**Date:** April 6, 2008  
**Source:** BBC  
**Location:** Beijing, China  
**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Xinjiang Separatists  
**Offense(s):** Plot to kidnap people and bomb Beijing during Olympics  
**Incident Name:** *2008 Olympic Terror Plot*

**Date:** April 6, 2008  
**Source:** BBC  
**Title/Headline:** *China 'Fails Olympic Terror Plot'*

**Abstract:** China says it has cracked a terror plot to kidnap athletes, journalists and tourists at August's Beijing Olympics. The security ministry said 35 arrests had been made in recent weeks and explosives seized in the north-western Xinjiang province. It said 10 others were held when police smashed another plot based in Xinjiang back in January to disrupt the Games. The province is home to many Muslim Uighurs, some of whom want independence in the region they call East Turkestan. **Uighur activists have accused the Chinese authorities of fabricating terror plots to crack down on the people of the region and prevent them airing legitimate grievances.** Thursday's development was announced by a Ministry of Public Security spokesman at a news conference. Wu Heping was quoted by AFP news agency as saying: **"The violent terrorist group plotted to kidnap foreign journalists, tourists and athletes during the Beijing Olympics."** Mr Wu said two terror rings had been smashed by the authorities and that militants had planned to launch attacks to disrupt the Olympics from next month. In recent weeks, he said, **police had seized nearly 10kg (22lb) of explosives and "jihadist" literature during raids in Xinjiang's capital, Urumqi.** He said the militants had sought volunteers to carry out suicide bombings in Urumqi and other Chinese cities. Mr Wu also provided more details on another alleged plot, which the authorities said they had smashed last month. **He said those militants had planned to attack hotels and government offices in Beijing, Shanghai and other cities. Poisonings and remote-control bombings were planned and 13 practice explosions had already been carried out,** he said (BBC, 2008).

**Date:** August 6, 2008  
**Source:** UNLV ISS (Institute For Security Studies)  
**Title/Headline:** *Nevada's Seven Signs Of Terrorism*

**Abstract:** The University of Nevada Las Vegas Institute for Security Studies developed the Emmy Award nominated video production titled *"Nevada's Seven Signs of Terrorism"* in cooperation with State and local public safety and homeland security agencies in the Silver State. **The video provides an informative walk through key behaviors and activities that are the hallmark of terrorist planning and preparations.** (UNLV ISS, 2008).

**In the second sign of terrorism, entitled "Information Gathering", the video shows suspected terrorist gathering information at a sports stadium.**

**Date:** December 2008

**Source:** The Public Sphere, Derek Charles Catsam

**Title/Headline:** *Stadiums And Terrorism*

**Abstract:** The public's right to know or the public's right to be safe? Preserve civil liberties at all costs or err on the side of caution? These questions, honestly asked, are at the heart of debates over how best to preserve both our safety and our liberties in an age of terrorism and violence. Some time ago, an ideal test case for these questions played out here in Texas, where the Dallas Cowboys tried to fight requests (that entered the legal system and fast became demands) for public release of the plans for their new \$650 million stadium in Arlington. **Their rationale? Both security and business concerns. The problem? At least \$325 million, and likely a lot more, is coming out of taxpayer pockets, and the city used eminent domain to force homeowners to sell their property to make way for the new stadium.** Whoever has their name on the lease, the stadium is in many ways public property and should be considered only nominally the Cowboys' property. **The Cowboys and their advocates argued that both proprietary business interests and security concerns should have allowed them to keep the information secret.** Yet, for the public, the Cowboys sacrificed their proprietary business claims as soon as they stuffed their snouts in the public trough. **The Cowboys' claim so reeked of arrogance that it almost overwhelmed all of the other arguments about security. It is increasingly common for professional sports teams to suckle at the public teat and then turn around and pretend that they owe that same public nothing because they are fundamentally engaged in private enterprise.** Billionaire owners want to have the public pay for their opulent facilities, in which the former will charge exorbitant prices for tickets and concessions. The public is slowly learning, just like the poor guy who stands in line at halftime to spend \$60 for a gelatinous pile of food and drinks, that there is no such thing as a free lunch. Or a half-billion dollar stadium. **Stadiums on game day or concert night are among the most vulnerable targets for terrorist attacks.** But the other claims, those tied to security, are less temporal and thus gave pause. After all, we now know the plans for the stadium, but security will be an enduring concern. **I've argued for years, even before 9/11 and the occasional recent news of potential attacks at football games (always revealed to have been a hoax, but such hoaxes still remain all too credible), that stadiums on game day or concert night are among the most vulnerable targets for terrorist attacks:** tens of thousands of people in a celebratory mood, unwary and focused on something else; screaming crowds; loud public address announcers; amps at rock shows; lots of drunk people; showy but largely perfunctory security. Providing diagrams and blueprints to terrorists, whether Islamist or of the home grown variety (Many in the U.S. seem to have forgotten about the Eric Rudolph, Ku Klux Klan, Tim McVeigh, Unabomber, Charles Whitman types), does appear shortsighted at first blush. The public does not have the right to know everything. **Then again, someone with malicious forethought can take plenty of time to plan an attack upon an open stadium.** Providing diagrams that, once a stadium opens, will be available anyway hardly seems like a serious breach of either public safety or security. **The danger will not come from terrorists simply knowing a stadium's layout, however essential that might be to a planned attack, but rather from terrorists who are able to identify and exploit weaknesses and security flaws.** In terms of odds, I would surmise that an attack at a big game will more likely come from someone wielding a gun than someone wielding a half-empty bottle of water. **Texans take football seriously. They take travel seriously. They take terrorism seriously.** But there is a difference between serious and foolish. The Cowboys finally released the plans to the enormous new stadium, as was inevitable. Thus far, nothing bad has happened to Jerry Jones' gleaming jewel. **And if terrorists ever do attack the new stadium, the blame will fall on our scattershot, improvised, shoddy policies and lack of foresight because we were preparing for the last attack rather than the next one.** Derek Charles Catsam is an associate professor at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He has been a fellow with the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a Washington-DC- based anti-terrorism organization (Catsam, 2008).

**Date:** January 15, 2009

**Source:** NBC Sports, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *No Credible Terror Threats Seen For Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** A U.S. intelligence report says there is no credible threat of terrorist attacks at the Feb. 1 Super Bowl, but police said that visitors should still expect the type of heavy security typical of every Super Bowl since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. While no specific threat was identified, a joint FBI and Homeland Security intelligence assessment obtained by The Associated Press cautions that Raymond James Stadium, the Super Bowl site, does not have the typical security features of permanently secure buildings, such as jails or military bases. However, the report noted, **"the visible presence of hundreds of well-equipped security officers, standoff barriers and other security measures likely will serve as deterrents to attack."** Tampa police spokeswoman Laura McElroy said Raymond James Stadium is as secure as any other NFL venue and noted that local law enforcement is accustomed to securing the stadium and keeping large crowds safe. **"On Super Bowl Sunday, the safest place in the country will be inside Raymond James Stadium or inside the security footprint of the Super Bowl,"** McElroy said. She said local officials have been working with the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies on the security plan for the past two years. **A litany of state and federal agencies are assisting local law enforcement, but McElroy declined to provide numbers of officers involved or other specifics of the plan for security reasons.** A spokeswoman for the Super Bowl Host Committee referred all security questions to McElroy. A similar security report typically has been issued for the event in recent years. The federal report, dated Tuesday, said **officials are also concerned that terrorists or criminals could impersonate government or military officials because some Florida law enforcement badges and uniforms were stolen in 2008.** The report says there is no credible information about impersonation plots. **The report referred to a large number of credentials, uniforms sets and other law enforcement equipment that went missing last year from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, which patrols unincorporated areas around Tampa.** The Super Bowl is one of the biggest television events of the year, and more than 100 million people in 232 countries are expected to watch, the assessment said. **Because of the high profile nature of the event, intelligence officials say they cannot discount the potential for a terrorist attack.** Terrorists are expected to continue to see stadiums and arenas as potential targets, according to a March 2008 intelligence assessment. **"Al-Qaida could meet its objectives of mass casualties, economic damage, and psychological impact with an attack against a stadium or arena during an event in the United States,"** the 2008 assessment said. The Federal Aviation Administration plans to issue a temporary flight restriction in the area around the Tampa stadium on Feb 1. The threat assessment says the regional bus system will not provide public transit to the stadium on game day. In addition, **the Bureau of Alcohol,**

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is providing advanced training for local Florida bomb-sniffing dogs in preparation for the event. The Super Bowl threat assessment is based on information from local law enforcement, the FBI, Homeland Security Department, National Counterterrorism Center, United States Northern Command, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Florida state intelligence fusion center (NBC Sports, 2009).

**Date:** March 10, 2009

**Source:** USA Today, Thomas Frank

**Title/Headline:** *NFL Exempt From Terrorism Lawsuits*

**Abstract:** The National Football League and dozens of other companies and organizations have won exemption from lawsuits under a post-9/11 law that prohibits them from being sued if terrorists attack a site they are protecting. The law, called the SAFETY Act (Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies), aims to help security providers by guaranteeing they will not pay any claims that terror victims might file after an attack. The law was created in 2002 in response to multibillion-dollar lawsuits filed after the 9/11 attacks that left companies afraid they would be sued if security equipment failed to stop terrorists. **The protection extends only to companies' services or equipment that the Homeland Security Department has approved as being effective in anti-terrorism.** Among those with top-tier protection is the NFL, which in December received liability exemption against future claims stemming from an attack at any of the nation's football stadiums. The law requires a court to dismiss lawsuits against companies whose products have Homeland Security's highest reliability rating. The NFL got the protection after the government approved the league's nine-page stadium-security guidelines. The benefit to the NFL is "fairly obvious," said NFL security chief Milt Ahlerich. **"An attack from a terrorist organization could put us out of business."** League guidelines, developed shortly after 9/11, include digital security cameras in stadiums, quick searches on entering spectators and barriers that keep cars and trucks 100 feet from a stadium (Frank, 2009).

**Date:** March 3, 2009

**Source:** BBC

**Title/Headline:** *Gunmen Shoot Sri Lanka Cricketers*

**Abstract:** Gunmen attacked a bus carrying the Sri Lankan cricket team on its way to play in the Pakistani city of Lahore. At least six policemen escorting the team bus were killed, along with a driver, and seven cricketers and an assistant coach were injured. Pakistani officials said about 12 gunmen were involved and grenades and rocket launchers have been recovered. Officials said the incident bore similarities to deadly attacks in Mumbai in India. **The Mumbai attacks were blamed on Pakistan-based Islamic militants.** Pakistani cricket was already suffering from serious security concerns. The Pakistani politician Imran Khan, a former captain of the country's cricket team, said the Sri Lankan visitors had been given inadequate protection. **"This was one of the worst security failures in Pakistan,"** he said. **"The Pakistan government guaranteed the Sri Lankan cricket team that they would provide them security." None of the attackers was killed or apprehended at the scene.** Grenades and rocket launchers were found there, police said, and a manhunt is under way. But a Pakistani minister, Sardar Nabil Ahmed Gabol, reportedly told privately owned Geo TV **that evidence suggested the attackers came across the border from India.** He said the assault came in reaction to the Mumbai attacks, and was a **"declaration of open war on Pakistan by India"** (BBC, 2009).

**Date:** September 22, 2009

**Source:** The 33 CW News, Dawn Tongish

**Title/Headline:** *Police Prep For Stadium Security Alert*

**Abstract:** Arlington - North Texas visitor, Mamie Dorris stood outside the new Cowboys Stadium in Arlington snapping pictures. **She didn't know federal officials had issued a terrorist security alert for stadiums. "That is very unnerving", says Dorris. Dorris knows the horror of a terror attack.** She survived the 9/11 attack on the pentagon, after a plane piloted by al-Qaida terrorists crashed directly into her office. She says no threat can be taken lightly. **"I think anytime there is a threat on our grounds, it needs to be taken seriously".** Police say they are taking notice of several security alerts issued by the FBI and Homeland Security. **Officials say terrorists may attempt to use homemade backpack bombs, car bombs or even airplanes to attack crowded, public places. Arlington police say they received the alerts and are taking that into consideration to insure the safety of fans during upcoming Cowboys games at the new stadium.** Already on game days, all bags are searched. Authorities use bomb-sniffing dogs to inspect vehicles parked close to the stadium. Security experts say they aren't surprised by the stadium alerts. **"Anytime you have a large venue event that you have a lot of people then it will be attractive to terrorists",** says Former FBI Special Agent in Charge, Danny Defenbaugh. The former federal agent says since 9/11 busy public places, like stadiums have been on the terror radar. Defenbaugh says proper training for event staff members is important to protect against the threat of attack. **"They need to be suspicious and look for unusual behavior",** says Defenbaugh. **A few months ago, Arlington Police and several other agencies conducted a massive training exercise at the new stadium, to test out their preparedness for a real emergency.** Dorris says that everyone should learn to be on alert at all times and report anything suspicious. She says she is living proof that an attack can happen to anyone. **"I was just fortunate it wasn't my time"** (Tongish, 2009).

**Date:** September 22, 2009

**Source:** CBS 11 TV News, Jay Gormley

**Title/Headline:** *Cowboys Stadium Security Heeding FBI Alert*

**Abstract:** Counter-terrorism officials have issued security bulletins about possible terrorist attacks on sports stadiums, entertainment complexes, and hotels throughout the United States. The FBI and Homeland Security Department sent out two bulletins, with no specific details. However, Arlington police say they're taking the warning seriously. Neither police nor stadium officials



will give specifics to any changes or improvements being added for this Monday night's game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Carolina Panthers. **Some security experts say there can be a disadvantage to securing a brand new stadium. Former Dallas FBI agent Danny Defenbaugh says both employees and security officers are still learning the 'ins and outs' of the new Cowboys facility.** "You can look at the analogy of the old Texas Stadium; where the engineers knew if a stone was out of place in the boiler room," said Defenbaugh. **"But here [at the new stadium], it's a learning experience for everyone. I think that's one reason why they had the crisis management exercise six to eight months ago; so they could have that familiarity."** When asked about the federal warnings Arlington police issued the following statement: **"The Arlington Police Department has been made aware of the alert and understands that no specific venues or geographic regions have been targeted. But we are still taking the information seriously and it is being considered as we prepare for our next football game at Cowboys Stadium on Monday"** (Gormley, 2009).

**Date:** September 23, 2009

**Source:** CBS News

**Title/Headline:** *U.S. Terror Alert Expands To Transit And Stadiums*

**Abstract:** The U.S. government expanded a terrorism warning from transit systems to sports stadiums, hotels and entertainment complexes this week, as federal investigators look into a possible plot to set off bombs hidden in backpacks. **Federal bulletins were sent to police departments this week saying that while no specific plots against stadiums and other entertainment venues were known, police officers and private companies were cautioned to be vigilant. The warnings come after the arrest on Saturday of three men, including Najibullah Zazi, a 24-year-old Denver airport-shuttle driver who authorities say received al-Qaeda training in Pakistan and who was found entering New York City two weeks ago with bomb-making instructions on his computer.** Zazi, his father and a local imam in New York face charges of lying to authorities in a continuing terrorism investigation. **'Something very organized was underway'.** Authorities claim in court documents that Zazi played a direct role in the alleged terror plot, although officials have said they don't know the timing or location of any planned attack. **"It's not totally clear to us at this point what it is they had in mind, though I think it is clear that something very serious and something very organized was underway,"** Attorney General Eric Holder told CBS. The bulletins to stadiums note that al-Qaeda's training manual makes specific instruction for "blasting and destroying the places of amusement, immorality and sin ... and attacking vital economic centers." **Sports officials from the major hockey, football, baseball and basketball leagues in North America said they were confident they had adequate measures in place to thwart a potential attack.** "We are aware of the memos from the federal government, including that there is no information specific to any sports stadium," National Football League spokesman Greg Aiello said. "This underscores the high levels of stadium security that are maintained and will continue to be maintained at every NFL game for the safety of our fans and teams" (CBC News, 2009).

**Date:** October 6, 2009

**Source:** U.S. Department Of Homeland Security

**Title/Headline:** *Recognizing 8 Signs of Terrorism Video Unveiled By DHS*

**Abstract:** Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano joined Colorado Governor Bill Ritter yesterday to unveil "Recognizing 8 Signs of Terrorism" a video produced with DHS grant funding designed to educate Colorado citizens about the shared responsibility of recognizing signs of terrorist activity. **"The vigilance of individual citizens is critical to protecting our country from the threat of terrorism,"** said Secretary Napolitano. "This video provides essential information on how to identify the warning signs and emphasizes the vital role of such assistance in state and local law enforcement's counterterrorism efforts." **"Eight years after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, it's important to remember the United States is not immune from the atrocities of international terror attacks.** Even in Colorado, we need to be prepared to prevent and respond to these types of horrific events," said Governor Ritter. **"Secretary Napolitano's charge to empower the public with knowledge is a key component in creating prepared and vigilant communities across America. I encourage all Coloradans to see the video 'Recognizing 8 Signs of Terrorism' at the CELL because we all have the power to make a difference when we are prepared."** **Under the DHS State Homeland Security Grant Program, the Colorado Office of Homeland Security awarded \$30,400 for the creation of the video, which was narrated by John Elway and Kim Christiansen and produced through a partnership between the Colorado Office of Homeland Security, the Colorado Department of Agriculture, the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) and the Center for Empowered Living & Learning (The CELL)—a non-profit institution dedicated to addressing the global threat of terrorism (DHS, 2009).**

**Date:** January 1, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Terror Attack Kills 75 At Pakistan Volleyball Match*

**Location:** Lakki Marwat, Pakistan

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Pakistani Taliban

**Offense(s):** Car Bombing

**Incident:** *2010 Pakistan Volleyball Bombing*

**Abstract:** **A suicide car bomb exploded Friday in the middle of a group of men playing volleyball in northwest Pakistan, killing 75 and wounding 60, district police officials told CNN.** The terror attack happened in a residential neighborhood in the Lakki Marwat district of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, police said. Some of the casualties were residents from houses around the volleyball court, district police Chief Mohammed Ayub Khan told CNN. **Khan said eight houses in the neighborhood collapsed, and the blast was so powerful it could be felt from 11 miles (18 kilometers) away. He said he believes that more than 600 pounds of explosives (300 kilograms) were used.** Volleyball is a popular sport in the area, and more than 200 people were watching the game when the bomb went off, the police chief said (CNN, 2010). According to Wikipedia, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton released the following statement: "The United States strongly condemns today's terrorist attack on civilians in Pakistan, and we offer our condolences to the



families of the victims and all the people of Pakistan. **The Pakistani people have seen terrorists target schools, markets, mosques, and now a volleyball game.** The United States will continue to stand with the people of Pakistan in their efforts to chart their own future free from fear and intimidation, and will support their efforts to combat violent extremism and bolster democracy (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** January 8, 2010

**Source:** Reuters

**Location:** Cabinda, Angola

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** The Front for the Liberation of the Enclave of Cabinda (FLEC)

**Offense(s):** Massacre

**Incident Name:** *African Nations Cup Attack*

**Abstract:** A Togo soccer team bus, travelling from the Republic of Congo to the African Nations Cup in Angola, had just entered Cabinda province when it came under heavy gunfire from separatists. Team media officer Stanislas Ocloo and assistant coach Amalete Abalo were killed. Seven people were wounded, including reserve goalkeeper Kodjovi Obilale. The team returned to Togo on Jan 10. The driver of the bus, who was initially believed to have died, was alive and out of danger. The Front for the Liberation of the Enclave of Cabinda (FLEC), who have fought for independence of the oil-producing province, claimed responsibility for the attack. Angolan authorities arrested two people on suspicion of taking part in an attack (Reuters, 2010).

**Date:** January 31, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Associated Press, Robert Fendrich

**Title/Headline:** *Xmas Bomb Attempt Prods Super Bowl Security Change*

**Abstract:** Dozens of federal agencies, including the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, local police and two private security firms were handling security for the Super Bowl, and that Al Qaeda training manual lists "blasting and destroying the places of amusement, immorality, and sin" as one of the terrorist group's missions. That assessment also says a jihadist message board carried a posting in 2006 with information about how to **conduct an attack on a sporting event** using more than one suicide bomber, inside the venue and near exits. The FBI and Miami-Dade Police Department are running separate centers to collect and disseminate intelligence, but that **might not uncover a person acting alone** — the kind of threat that most worries the FBI's Gillies and James Loftus, interim director of the Miami-Dade Police Department. "I'm not an alarmist, but **we worry about the lone guy** with the rifle. That's where our attention is," Loftus said. "That's the guy who is not e-mailing, who is not networking." Loftus said another concern is someone **who might try to use a false police or firefighter uniform to gain unauthorized access** (Fendrich, 2010).

**Date:** January 31, 2010

**Source:** CTV Globemedia, Associated Press, Curt Anderson

**Title/Headline:** *F-16s, Bomb Dogs Among Security Measurers At The Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** Security operation protecting the Super Bowl consisted of Air Force F-16s patrolling the skies above Miami on game day to a buffer zone extending at least 100 meters out from the stadium. "We collect intelligence from all over the world and then we disseminate it, so that everyone knows what's going on," said William Maddalena, a top Miami FBI official in charge of special events. "We'll have daily briefings to put out the latest information we have." But all that intelligence-gathering may not uncover **a single person acting alone who wants to attack or disrupt the game** or surrounding events. James Loftus, interim director of the Miami-Dade Police Department, said that's what keeps Super Bowl security planners awake at night. **"The biggest problem that we have is the lone wolf. They operate by themselves. They operate in seclusion. They don't discuss their plans or potential threats to anyone else,"** John Gillies, special agent in charge of the FBI's Miami field office, said in an interview (Anderson, 2010).

**Date:** February 2, 2010

**Source:** CBS News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Bomb Dogs, Robots Ready For Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** **Several dozen bomb-sniffing dogs, robots that defuse explosives and police bomb squads are being deployed to protect the Super Bowl.** The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives showed reporters how the dogs can detect even minute amounts of bomb compounds. Four dogs easily found a small amount of residue hidden in a closed car trunk. **Miami ATF chief Hugo Barrera says the dogs can smell 19,000 different bomb components.** The ATF puts them through a 16-week training course before they're ready for duty. **Some of the ATF dogs deployed for the Super Bowl are veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.** Dogs from the Miami-Dade Police Department and Broward Sheriff's Office also are on duty for Sunday's game. After touring a rain-soaked Sun Life Stadium on Monday, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said that preparations are in place to thwart any terrorist threat or safety problem at the Super Bowl. **"We are doing everything we can think of in preparation to make sure it is a great event,"** Napolitano told reporters. "I'm here today to see the operation myself. I thought it was important to get down here." Milt Ahlerich, the NFL's vice president for security, said **Napolitano's tour of the stadium** in nearby Miami Gardens **was the first time a Homeland Security secretary had visited a Super Bowl site before game day.** **About 1,000 federal, state and local law enforcement and security personnel are working Sunday's game** and events leading up to it, said James Loftus, director of the Miami-Dade Police Department. **Even though the FBI reports no credible threat against the Super Bowl, al Qaeda and other terror groups have frequently expressed interest in attacking a major U.S. sporting event.** **"Rest assured, we're going to look out for you,"** Loftus said of what fans attending the game can expect. **"We do this stuff week in and week out, and we're good at it."** The nerve center for security is the FBI-run Joint Operations Center, which includes representatives from 64 agencies at all levels of government, said John Gillies, agent in charge of the FBI's Miami field office. He said preparations have included intensive training and tabletop exercises involving various

threat scenarios. "There's security that the public will see, and there's security the public will not see," Gillies said. Fans themselves can also play a role by reporting any suspicious activity or unattended bags, Ahlerich said. **And Napolitano said there will be a number flashed on screens at the stadium where fans can send a text message if they see anything amiss** (CBS News, 2010).

**Date:** February 3, 2010

**Source:** The Freedom Medium

**Title/Headline:** *Security Will Be High At The 2010 Super Bowl*

**Abstract:** If I were attending Super Bowl XLIV, I'd feel security measures the NFL has taken, in spite of a nerve-racking statement from someone who, thank goodness, has no affiliation with the NFL, yet pretends to know something about security. I think that NFL vice-president of security Milt Ahlerich, will do a fine job. Ahlerich had this to say: **"There won't be any problems,"** Ahlerich said. "This security plan is very robust and very well coordinated. We have a lot of confidence in how it is organized and how well it will be executed." What scares the hell out of me is this statement: **"We're looking forward to a great and safe Super Bowl 44."** **"We're grateful for the remarkable cooperation we've seen up and down the line. We're doing everything we can in preparation to make sure it's a great event."** That statement was made by Department of Homeland Security head Janet Napolitano. The same Janet Napolitano who, when a jihadist set his ass on fire trying to blow up an airplane on Christmas day, said **"the system worked."** **Football fans can, however, breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that Napolitano is not in charge of overseeing security measures at the world's biggest one-day sporting event.** Because if Napolitano paid as much attention to potential security threats as she did to President Obama's State Of The Union address, this is what we'd see (The Freedom Medium, 2010).



**Date:** February 6, 2010

**Source:** Information Week, Elizabeth Montalbano

**Title/Headline:** *Microsoft, Partners Pitch In On Super Bowl Security*

**Abstract:** A collaboration platform combines SharePoint, mapping software, and analysis capabilities to let law-enforcement agencies in Miami share information in real time. **The system, called Project Dolphin, will let officials collect information from different law-enforcement agencies, including the Miami-Dade Police Department, during Sunday's event and share and analyze that information in real time. Project Dolphin combines tools from Microsoft, ESRI, GuideSTAR Technologies, and Analyst International Corp (AIC).** The system comprises Fusion Core Solution, developed by Microsoft and ESRI, which uses Microsoft's SharePoint Server with ESRI's ArcGIS 9.3.1 server and GuideSTAR's investigative and intelligence analysis tool, GS/1. **Different public-safety organizations will be keeping track of security at Super Bowl XLIV, and the data they collect is stored in their own systems. Fusion Core brings that information together into one system, enabling authorized personnel to exchange documents, information, and alerts securely.** Authorities can view information geospatially using ESRI's visualization and mapping technology, while other software enables analysis of the information gathered. Miami-Dade Police, the eighth largest law-enforcement agency in the U.S., will be using the Project Dolphin software with its own IT system, which is already quite sophisticated, Microsoft said (Montalbano, 2010).

**Date:** February 6, 2010

**Source:** The Examiner, Jim Kouri

**Title/Headline:** *Super Bowl Security Enhanced By FBI, ATF K-9 Units*

**Abstract:** Not everyone participating in this year's Super Bowl is a football player. **The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have fielded their best players to help prepare for a safe and secure Super Bowl XLIV.** These pros include ATF K-9 explosives detection teams that have been deployed to Miami from around the country. The K-9 teams are working side-by-side with other federal, state and local law-enforcement officers to keep the football teams and fans safe throughout this event. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is continuing its preparation for the Super Bowl. **"Our tactical teams have been training throughout the year for different scenarios -- active shooter, bombs, and other hazards related to chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear threats,"** said John Gillies, the FBI special agent in charge. **"We have hundreds of agents and professional staff prepared to respond.** For example, we have SWAT, Evidence Response Teams, and hostage negotiators to name a few. Many have traveled from other FBI offices across the country," he said. **"The K-9 teams that are here in Miami for the Super Bowl are the best of the best,"** said Hugo Barrera, Special Agent in Charge of the ATF Miami Field Division. **"Like the football teams that will be playing in the Super Bowl, these handlers and their K-9 partners have been training and preparing all year for this event,"** Barrera further stated. "We are proud to say that the only thing the fans have to worry about is whether their team wins or loses." One of the teams working in Miami is ATF Special Agent Canine Handler L.A. Bykowsky and her new partner "Darel", a 16-month-old yellow Labrador retriever. SACH Bykowsky and K-9 Darel are based in South Florida and recently returned from Virginia, having successfully completed four months of training at ATF's Explosives Detection Canine Handler School. **They will assist at this year's Super Bowl to help locate any type of explosive, which may be in close proximity to the stadium or any other venue relating to the big game.** ATF has used its explosives detecting canines at other special events including the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, the Presidential Inauguration, the G-8, the World Series, NASCAR, the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics **and of course, the Super Bowls** (Kouri, 2010).



**Date:** February 7, 2010

**Source:** Bob Bartlett

**Title/Headline:** *Texas-Sized Super Bowl Terror Target?*

**Abstract:** Terror has become a backyard issue for North Texans. Mass murder occurred at Fort Hood and a would-be terrorist was recently arrested for an alleged downtown Dallas plot. Both incidents have people wondering: what's next? One possible target: next year's Super Bowl in Arlington. Stadium security is starting from the sky with no fly-zones and security sweeps for anyone attending the game. An estimated 1,500 private aircraft will touch down for the Super Bowl. They'll be carrying titans of industry on corporate jets as well as wealthy fans from around the world. No matter who they are, if they don't get to the airports near stadium by 4 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday, they'll be locked out of the skies. The FAA's enforcing a no fly zone until midnight, within a 10 mile radius of the stadium. **It's also restricting flights up to 30 miles away.** Everyone from dignitaries to assistants will have to go through a security screening to get back on their planes. On the ground, representatives of major area law enforcement agencies will be in undisclosed locations ready to direct any response needed with massive manpower. **"Every officer in North Texas will somehow be connected to the Super Bowl on game day,"** noted Arlington Police Chief Theron Bowman. Cities will direct their own security, but they'll also take direction from the Executive Public Safety Committee made up of police chiefs from Arlington, Dallas, Irving, and Fort Worth, along with the FBI Chief Bowman addressed North Texans sensitive to possible threats after enduring both the Fort Hood killings and the recent alleged terrorist plot against a downtown building. **"I can assure you although while we are aware of what's going on we are working diligently to ensure this is the absolutely safest place it can possibly be,"** said Bowman. "We don't worry about those scenarios here." Chief Bowman tells us metroplex police chiefs have been planning the security of the Super Bowl since the bid was first announced (Bartlett, 2010).

**Date:** May 2, 2010

**Source:** The Huffington Post, Jennifer C. Yates

**Title/Headline:** *Pittsburg Marathon Bomb: Explosive Device Found On Course Of Pittsburg Marathon*

**Location:** Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Unknown

**Offense(s):** Attempted Bombing

**Incident Name:** *2010 Pittsburg Marathon Bombing Attempt*

**Abstract:** A suspicious device near the finish line of the Pittsburgh Marathon prompted police to briefly stop the race after it had begun. The device was disabled and police said it was not believed to have been an actual explosive. **The device, in a small microwave oven, was spotted Sunday morning on the sidewalk next to the Greyhound bus station after the race leaders had finished the course,** police Lt. Kevin Kraus said. The bomb squad determined there were contents that resembled an explosive, and the area was evacuated, Kraus said. He declined to describe the materials that concerned authorities pending a further evaluation. **"Certainly, from what we did see on the X-rays, we were highly concerned,"** he said. **The disruption came a day after a car-bomb scare in New York emptied Times Square, clearing thousands of tourists from the streets for 10 hours.** "After we witnessed what happened in New York City last night, we took (this) very seriously," Police Chief Nate Harper said. Kraus said police stopped the 26.2 mile race in the area for 10 to 12 minutes. The competition resumed after the bomb squad used a robot to disable the device and the area was cleared shortly before 11 a.m., he said. **"At this point, we believe it was not an actual explosive device, but we are still evaluating the microwave and its contents,"** Kraus said. He said surveillance cameras in the area were being examined to try to find out who put the device there (Yates, 2010)

**Date:** May 14, 2010

**Source:** BBC News

**Title/Headline:** *Iraq Football Stadium Hit By Deadly Suicide Bombing*

**Location:** Tal Afar, Iraq

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Unknown

**Offense(s):** Car Bombing

**Incident Name:** *2010 Iraqi Football Stadium Bombing*

**Abstract:** A suicide bombing at a football stadium in northern Iraq has killed 10 people and injured 120 others, police say. An attacker detonated explosives hidden inside a vehicle at the entrance to the stadium in Tal Afar, a mainly Shia Turkmen town west of Mosul. **"Many people were gathered to watch the match,"** Hussein Nashad, who attended the game, told the AFP news agency by telephone from a hospital in Tal Afar where he was being treated for shock. **"We heard a loud explosion and the people behind me shielded me from the shrapnel.** I ran away, but then I heard someone shout 'Allahu Akbar', and then there was another explosion," he said. Another spectator, Ali Jaafar, told the Reuters news agency: **"Suddenly we saw a pick-up in the middle of the field. The players were suspicious so they ran and as expected it turned out to be a suicide car bomber. The spectators began to run away but two suicide bombers were in the crowd"** (BBC, 2010).



**Date:** May 17, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Iraq Says It Uncovered Al Qaeda Plot On World Cup*

**Location:** Johannesburg, South Africa

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Al Qaeda

**Offense(s):** Terror Plot

**Incident Name:** *2010 World Cup Terror Plot*

**Abstract:** A senior Al Qaeda militant suspected of planning an attack targeting the soccer World Cup in South Africa next month has been detained, an Iraqi official says. Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, a spokesman for Baghdad security services, says the militant was an officer in the Saudi army. **Abdullah Azam Saleh al-Qahtani is suspected of planning a "terrorist act" in South Africa during the World Cup beginning June 11**, al-Moussawi said at a press conference on Monday. He added that al-Qahtani entered Iraq in 2004 and is suspected in several attacks in the capital and elsewhere in the country. Al-Moussawi said the 30-year-old Saudi national, who was in charge of "security" for the terror network in Baghdad, was in contact with Al Qaeda number two Ayman al-Zawahiri to "organize the plan," AFP reported. In Johannesburg, meanwhile, **South African police were reportedly investigating the alleged terror plot at the month-long tournament, the world's biggest sporting event which starts on June 11.** The World Cup is expected to attract more than 370,000 foreign fans. "The South African police are still working on getting confirmation," Nonkululeko Mbatha, spokeswoman for the national police chief, told AFP. Despite the killing last month of Al Qaeda in Iraq's two top figures in a U.S.-assisted military operation, attacks blamed on the group have continued (Fox News, 2010).



**Telegraph**

**Date:** May 17, 2010

**Source:** Telegraph, Richard Spencer

**Title/Headline:** *Al-Qaeda Number Two Plotting World Cup Terrorist Attack*

**Abstract:** Osama bin Laden's closest al-Qaeda lieutenant has been plotting a terrorist attack on the World Cup, Iraqi police said. According to investigators, **Ayman al-Zawahiri, bin Laden's number two, was conspiring with an al-Qaeda operative who was arrested in Baghdad two weeks ago.** The operative, named as Abdullah Azzam Saleh Misfar al-Qahtani and said to be a former Saudi army colonel who had travelled to Iraq and become security chief for al-Qaeda's local branch, has been accused of organising suicide bombings in two cities south of Baghdad. Major General Qassim Atta, head of security in Baghdad, said he was also believed to have made contact with al-Zawahiri, the man generally regarded as al-Qaeda's second-highest leader after bin Laden. "He participated in the planning of a terrorist act in South Africa during the World Cup," Maj Gen Atta said. **"He was in contact with the terrorist Ayman al-Zawahiri to organise the plan hatched by al-Qaeda."** Maj Gen Atta gave no details of what the plot was or how far it had been developed. **But last month a jihadist website published a statement in which al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, the North African branch, suggested an attack might be made on England's opening game, against the United States.** The bulk of South Africa's police work in advance of the World Cup, starting next month, has been aimed at controlling high rates of violent crime. Precautions have been laid against terrorist attacks, but police said they were still investigating the latest claims. **"The South African police are still working on getting confirmation,"** Nonkululeko Mbatha, a spokeswoman, said (Spencer, 2010).

**Date:** May 28, 2010

**Source:** ABC News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *US State Department Issues South Africa Alert*

**Abstract:** The U.S. State Department has issued a travel alert to U.S. citizens living in South Africa or traveling there for the World Cup. "There is a heightened risk that extremist groups will conduct terrorist acts within South Africa in the near future," the department said in an alert Thursday. "While a number of terrorist threats against the World Cup in South Africa have appeared in the media in recent weeks and months, the U.S. government has no information on any specific, credible threat of attack that any individual or group is planning to coincide with the tournament." The State Department said it would make any information public on "a specific and credible threat." U.S. citizens were advised to keep car doors and windows locked while driving and not to leave valuables in plain view or to wear expensive jewelry. **The alert said public transportation is "poorly developed" and advised using rental cars or private transport instead. And when stopping at intersections at night or in isolated areas, it suggested leaving room for a "quick exit."** The State Department says its alerts are "about short-term conditions" in a country "that pose imminent risks to the security of U.S. citizens." **Its warnings are "to describe long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable"** (ABC News, 2010).



**Date:** May 31, 2010

**Source:** Xinhau News

**Title/Headline:** *South Africa Refutes World Cup Terror Report*

**Abstract:** South Africa's National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (Natjoints) on Sunday refuted media reports about a terror threat to next month's the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. The move came after the Sunday Times in Johannesburg, the biggest Sunday newspaper in South Africa, carried an extensive story on the subject as their main item. It quoted experts as saying South Africa is vulnerable to some form of terrorist attack during the June 11 to July 11 tournament. However, South Africa's Natjoints said in a statement to the South African Press Association (SAPA) **"The security forces can firmly state that there is no known specific terror threat against the 2010 FIFA World Cup."** It "strongly disputed" the Sunday Times's claim that South Africa had drawn up a watch-list of 40 terror suspects. The newspaper said it had received two separate accounts of "at least one arrest linked to World Cup threats." **The Sunday Times also said that "operational militant training camps" were set up in several provinces.** In response Natjoints said that the newspaper report was riddled with inaccuracies and most comments were from anonymous sources. **"Although the Natjoints is not prepared to discuss intelligence matters for obvious reasons, we can categorically deny the existence of a 'watch-list of 40 terror suspects' or the arrest of any person directly targeting the World Cup.** Natjoints also disputed the existence of operational militant training camps in several provinces in South Africa. Earlier the Sunday Times had quoted among others, Frank van Rooyen, senior researcher at the South African Institute of International Affairs. **"We are definitely vulnerable to suicide bombers and car bombs. All the signs are there that al-Qaeda is planning one of these attacks on the World Cup,"** said Van Rooyen, who is also a former South African naval officer (Xinhau News, 2010).

**Date:** May 31, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *South Africa Plays Down World Cup Terror Threat*

**Abstract:** South Africa's police minister has claimed there is currently no terrorist threat to the upcoming World Cup. Nathi Mthethwa sought to refute recent media reports alleging that South Africa is vulnerable to some form of terrorist attack during the June 11 to July 11 tournament. He said South African police have been working closely with intelligence agencies in each of the 31 countries sending teams to South Africa. **"It would be folly for any country to grandstand and proclaim that it is immune to terror attacks,"** Mthethwa told reporters in Johannesburg on Monday. **But "there is no threat to South Africa as we speak now."** Mthethwa played down last week's warning by the U.S. government to its citizens that South Africa faces a heightened risk of terrorism during the World Cup. Mthethwa his forces would be ready to deal with any threat that might emerge. **"Each country has the right to say whatever they want to say to their citizens,"** he said. **"All we are saying in South Africa is that together with the security forces of U.S., UK and others, we have prepared ourselves for any eventuality."** Meanwhile, on the pitch, there was a major boost for the host nation as South Africa recorded their biggest victory since returning to international football in 1992 with a 5-0 thrashing of Guatemala. Katlego Mphela scored twice from the penalty spot, while Reneilwe Letsholonyane, Surprise Moriri and Bernard Parker were also on the scoresheet as Bafana Bafana warmed up for the showpiece in style. Captain Aaron Mokoena became the first South African to win 100 caps, while striker Benni McCarthy was an unused substitute. **The victory extends South Africa's unbeaten run to 11 matches under Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Parreira** (CNN, 2010).

**Date:** June 2, 2010

**Source:** Pittsburg Post-Gazette, Gary Rotstein, Nate Guidry

**Title/Headline:** *Heinz Field Arrests Spur Terror Response*

**Abstract:** Two Carnegie Mellon University students caught trying to sneak into Heinz Field in the middle of the night -- purportedly to film a music video -- prompted an anti-terrorist response that included pumped-up security at yesterday's Steelers game against the Broncos. The two young men were being held last night in the Allegheny County Jail on \$1 million straight bond each. **Although explosives-sniffing canines found nothing of interest around the football stadium, an affidavit said the dogs registered two separate "positive hits for explosives" in the Lexus sport utility vehicle the men were driving.** What might have fallen under the prank category in pre-9/11 days was treated as anything but that by authorities, who conducted full searches of the students' apartments and heightened security throughout the afternoon around the stadium on the North Shore. "We take everything seriously, especially in today's light," Pittsburgh Police Chief Nate Harper said at a morning news conference, while the suspects were still being questioned by agents from the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Arrested outside Heinz Field around 2 a.m. yesterday were Sudeep Paul, 21, of Woodbury, N.Y., and Anand Shankar Durvasula, 20, of Morgan Hill, Calif. Chief Harper said they are U.S.-born. **Both were charged with criminal conspiracy, and Mr. Durvasula with criminal trespass. The \$1 million straight bond has to be paid in full for release.** Heinz Field security officers spotted the men on a security camera trying to enter the stadium, a Steelers spokesman said. They first opened an exterior door at Gate B without going inside, police said. They then took a folding chair to the fence at Gate 5 on Art Rooney Drive, and Mr. Durvasula allegedly stepped up on the chair to scale the fence. Heinz Field security officers then approached the pair, and as they tried to walk away, they were apprehended by Pittsburgh police officers who had been summoned. **They told police initially they were trying to check out the stadium because they had tickets to yesterday's 4:15 p.m. game against the Denver Broncos,** Chief Harper said. He said they told investigators later that Mr. Paul was trying to complete a music video featuring Mr. Durvasula, and they intended to do the last scene inside Heinz Field. **A video camera and tripod were found inside the vehicle, parked nearby, which police towed away.** The affidavit said the vehicle was registered to Paul Swapn Kumar, 41, of Woodbury, N.Y., but it could have meant Kumar Paul, as police initially referred to Sudeep Paul as Paul Sudeep. "We don't know exactly what their intentions were," Chief Harper said. But, he said, it was unwise for them to attempt to break into the stadium at about 2 a.m. There was no evidence the men had been drinking, he said. Kumar Paul, who was unaware of the son's troubles, said he gave his son the Lexus. "He's such a good kid," said Mr. Paul. "He's a bright student and an honor student." A



Carnegie Mellon spokeswoman declined comment on the incident, other than to confirm both men are seniors at the school, with Mr. Paul a business student and Mr. Durvasula in the humanities and social sciences program. University-related Web sites suggest that both men have been active, involved students. Mr. Paul is listed as activities director of the Undergraduate Finance Association, and Mr. Durvasula as a committee chairman of the Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Association. **Both also were involved in Carnegie Mellon's Mock Trial competition, a program in which students take on judicial roles to practice their speaking and analytical skills.** Mr. Paul, on his own Web home page, lists his grade point average as 3.7 out of 4.0. He made the dean's list last spring (Rotstein & Guidry, 2010).

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**Source:** CNN

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

**Date:** January 25, 2010

**Source:** The Sunday Times, Rhys Blakely

**Title/Headline:** *Terror Group Lashkar-e-Taiba 'Planning Paraglider Attacks'*

**Abstract:** Indian intelligence officials suspect that the terrorist group behind the 2008 Mumbai attacks is planning another audacious strike on the country — this time from the air, using suicide bombers flying paragliders. U. K. Bansal, an Indian Home Ministry official, told reporters that the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba faction was thought to have acquired a number of the gliding parachutes. **"We have intelligence reports that LeT has purchased 50 paragliding kits from Europe with an intention to launch attacks on India," he said. No other details were given, but security levels have been hiked across the country ahead of tomorrow's Republic Day celebrations, one of India's biggest holidays. If accurate, the intelligence would mark a radical new tactic.** Experts said the potential threat posed by jihadist paragliders would have to be considered seriously as LeT — which murdered 166 people in Mumbai in a sophisticated commando-style raid — has already proven itself highly innovative. **"The Mumbai attack [where ten LeT gunmen sailed to Mumbai from Karachi, murdering the crew of a fishing boat en route], was the group's first act of sea-borne terrorism,"** said B. Raman, a former counter-terrorism chief in the Indian foreign intelligence service, the Research and Analysis Wing. **"It would be natural for them to plan another spectacular attack from the air. The warning has to be taken seriously."** Paragliders usually do not have an engine but can — in skilled hands and in the right conditions — cover large distances. The world record for flying a paraglider is more than 460km (285 miles). However, they usually need to be launched from a high point, or towed by a boat or car, which could limit their effectiveness. **The latest alert came after the US Defence Secretary Robert Gates warned last Wednesday that a syndicate of terrorist groups could trigger a war between Pakistan and India through a "provocative act".** Relations between India and Pakistan, nuclear armed neighbours which have gone to war three times, deteriorated sharply in the wake of the Mumbai attacks. **LeT has been active since the early 1990s and is said to have been created with the help of Pakistan's powerful spy agency, the Directorate of Inter-Service Intelligence.** It was founded to try and free Kashmir from Indian control, and came to specialise in the type of suicidal raid that shocked the world over a 60-hour period when Mumbai was attacked in November 2008. **The organisation was banned in Pakistan in 2002. Indian officials also warned last week that a terrorist group — possibly LeT or al-Qaida — was poised to hijack an Indian passenger plane.** On Friday, an Indian Home Ministry official confirmed that security had been tightened at all airports. Officials said that sky marshals would be deployed on flights around the region. Indian officials have feared the possibility of an air attack for some time. **Eight days after the Mumbai attacks, the Defence Ministry ordered the nation's armed forces to be on guard against "terror strikes from the air".** At that time, the India Bureau for Civil Aviation is thought to have been given warning of plans to capture one or more planes at Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore or Chennai airports, the country's main transport hubs. Officials said that credible intelligence indicated a plan to attack a major population centre using an airliner in an assault that would resemble those made on New York in 2001. **There were also fears that one of India's nuclear facilities could be targeted.** The last time an Indian passenger plane was targeted was Christmas Eve 1999, when an Indian Airlines flight was hijacked by Pakistani nationals as it flew from Kathmandu to Delhi. That plane landed in Afghanistan, where the hostages were released in exchange for three Islamist extremists (Blakely, 2010).

**Date:** June 26, 2010

**Source:** The Sydney Morning Herald

**Title/Headline:** *Pakistan Terror Suspect Held In Zimbabwe*

**Abstract:** A Pakistani suspect in the 2008 Mumbai attacks has been arrested in Zimbabwe as he tried to cross into World Cup host South Africa, police and state media say. Imran Muhammad, 33, was arrested at the Beitbridge border post along with another Pakistani national, the state-run Herald newspaper reported, saying Muhammad was wanted for the Mumbai attacks. **"Indications were that... Muhammad (is) wanted in Pakistan (as he) was allegedly involved in the terror attacks that rocked Mumbai, India in November 2008,"** the daily said. Police spokesman Wayne Bvudzijena said the two were arrested on June 20 after they were found using fake Kenyan passports. "Investigations are still being carried out through Interpol to see who these people are," he told AFP. **"We will have to get information from the Pakistani authorities to see what they have on these two."** According to unnamed sources quoted by the Herald, Muhammad was normally based in the Chilean capital Santiago. The daily said Muhammad and 39-year-old Chaudry Parvez Ahmed flew from Saudi Arabia to Tanzania, before connecting to Zimbabwe by road. Bvudzijena would not comment on why the two were travelling to South Africa. **"This is part of our investigations. We will only be able to know why they wanted to travel to South Africa once our investigations are completed,"** he said (The Sydney Morning Herald, 2010).

**Date:** July 7, 2010

**Source:** ZEE News

**Title/Headline:** *Two Pak Men Charged With Using Forged Travel Documents In Zim*

**Abstract:** Two Pakistani men, one of whom was initially thought to be linked to the Mumbai terror attack, have been charged in a Zimbabwe court with using forged travel documents to enter South Africa. The two Pakistani men, who were arrested at a border post in Zimbabwe while trying to cross into South Africa illegally were produced in court yesterday and charged with breaching immigration laws. **The arrest had raised an alarm over the possibility of terror groups trying to target the FIFA World Cup in South Africa.** The state media had initially linked one of the two arrested men to the Mumbai terror attack, but police is yet to verify any such links. Imran Muhammad (33) and Warraich Chaudhry Pervez Ahmed (39) were arrested while trying to cross into South Africa at Beitbridge Border Post last month. The two appeared in court and were charged with contravening sections of the Immigration Act, Zimbabwe Herald reported. **The two men were found to be in possession of fake travel documents by immigration officials at the border check post while trying to enter the country on June 20.** The paper said they were found in possession of forged Tanzanian Emergency Travel Documents whose names did not tally with those on their Pakistani passports. They have been remanded in custody to July 22 because a Pakistani interpreter is needed for the proceedings as the two men are not conversant in English. The prosecutor told the court that the two men were being charged under the Immigration Act, **"after they failed to present themselves to an immigration officer and possession of travel documents to which they were not entitled"** (ZEE News, 2010).



**HA'ARETZ**

**Date:** July 9, 2010

**Source:** Haaretz

**Title/Headline:** *Jihad VS. The World Cup? Not If Bin Laden Has His Say*

**Abstract:** Last month an extremist Islamic organization in Somalia arrested two men watching a World Cup game between Argentina and Nigeria. The two were put to death. The organization, that draws its ideas from al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, arrested ten others who were watching games and later released them with a warning: **"World Cup games are a waste of time and money, they are immoral and un-Islamic. We warn Somali youth not to watch the games."** However, if bin Laden, from his hiding place somewhere in Afghanistan or Pakistan was to hear of the murderous attack, he would undoubtedly be dismayed. The reason? **The leader of Al Qaida - whose conservative Islamic worldview outlaws music, women's education, gambling, alcohol, homosexuality and beard shaving - is a huge fan of soccer, and his favorite position is striker.** But bin Laden is not the only Muslim extremist that submits to the game of soccer - there are those that claim that he favorite club is London's Arsenal - he is only one of many Jihadists that love the world's most popular sport. **"It's on the whole their favorite thing after jihad,"** American-French anthropologist Scott Atran, who investigated the connection between terror organizations and soccer, told Newsweek (Haaretz, 2010).

**Date:** July 9, 2010

**Source:** Voice Of America News (VOA)

**Title/Headline:** *4 Arrested In South Africa Trying To Sell Nuclear Device*

**Location:** Pretoria, South Africa

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Unknown

**Offense(s):** Possession of a Radioactive Device

**Incident Name:** *2010 World Cup Nuclear Inciden*

**Abstract:** South African police say they have arrested four men in the capital, Pretoria, for attempting to sell what they describe

as an industrial nuclear device to undercover officers. The men - all South Africans - were arrested Friday at a Pretoria gas station, where they attempted to sell the device for about \$6 million. Police say Interpol was also involved in the operation. **They did not say where the device came from or for what industrial purpose it is used, but did say it contained radioactive material. The officials say the four will appear in court soon to face charges of possession of a radioactive device, as well as health code violations for handling radioactive material in public (VOA, 2010).**

**Date:** July 11, 2010

**Source:** Sign On San Diego

**Location:** Kampala, Uganda

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Al Qaeda Linked Somalia Group

**Offense(s):** Bombing

**Incident Name:** 2010 World Cup Bombings

**Date:** July 12, 2010

**Source:** Sign On San Diego, Max Delany, Jason Straziuso

**Title/Headline:** Ugandan Toll In World Cup Bombings Rises To 74

**Abstract:** An al-Qaida-linked Somali militant group suspected in twin bombings in Uganda's capital that hit crowds watching the World Cup final endorsed the attacks Monday but stopped short of claiming responsibility, while the death toll rose to 74. The blasts came two days after a commander with the Somali group, al-Shabab, called for militants to attack sites in Uganda and Burundi, two nations that contribute troops to the African Union peacekeeping force in Somalia. **The attacks on two soft targets filled with civilians also raise concerns about the capabilities and motives of al-Shabab, which the U.S. State Department has declared a terrorist organization.** If confirmed that the group carried out the attacks, it would be the first time al-Shabab has struck outside Somalia. Sheik Yusuf Sheik Issa, an al-Shabab commander, told The Associated Press that he was happy with the attacks in Uganda but refused to confirm or deny that al-Shabab was responsible. "Uganda is one of our enemies. Whatever makes them cry, makes us happy. May Allah's anger be upon those who are against us," Sheik said. Kampala's police chief, Kale Kaihura, said he believed al-Shabab could be responsible. One of the targets was an Ethiopian restaurant - a nation despised by the al-Shabab militants. **The attacks appeared to represent a dangerous step forward by al-Shabab,** analysts said, and could mean that other East African countries working to support the Somali government will face attacks. **"Al-Shabab has used suicide bombers in the past and shown no concern about civilian casualties in its attacks,"** said David Shinn, a former U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia and a professor at George Washington University. **"Some elements of al-Shabab have also prohibited the showing of television, including the World Cup, in Somalia."** At a wrap-up news briefing Monday in South Africa, FIFA President Sepp Blatter denounced the violence against fans watching the game. **"Can you link it to the World Cup? I don't know... Whatever happened, linked or not linked, it is something that we all should condemn,"** he said. Al-Shabab, which wants to overthrow Somalia's weak, U.N.-backed government, is known to have links with al-Qaida. **Al-Shabab also counts militant veterans from the Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan conflicts among its ranks. Their fighters also include young men recruited from the Somali communities in the United States.** Ethiopia, which fought two wars with Somalia, is a longtime enemy of al-Shabab and other Somali militants who accuse their neighbor of meddling in Somali affairs. Ethiopia had troops in Somalia between December 2006 and January 2009 to back Somalia's fragile government against the Islamic insurgency. In addition to Uganda's troops in Mogadishu, Uganda also hosts Somali soldiers trained in U.S. and European-backed programs. **Officials said the Sunday attacks will not affect the African Union summit being held in Uganda from July 19-27. Many African leaders are expected to attend (Delany & Straziuso, 2010).**

**Date:** October 21, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** M16-Toting Fan Gets Inside Michigan Football Game

**Abstract:** A full-time National Guardsman toting two unloaded M16 assault rifles was allowed onto the Michigan Stadium field before the Michigan-Michigan State football game. Security officials allowed the man into the stadium, where more than 113,000 people had gathered, because his weapons were empty and no ammunition was found. A member of the color guard reported the impostor, who was escorted out by police. Diane Brown, a spokeswoman for the university's department of public safety, told MyFoxDetroit.com that school officials do not believe anything was done **"incorrectly or improperly by police in any of the checkpoints."** Brown said the unidentified man cooperated with police, and told officers he used his uniform as a ruse because he wanted to attend the Oct. 9 game but could not get a ticket. **"We escorted him out. He was very compliant and he just continued to explain that he wanted to come to the game,** but couldn't get a hold of a ticket and thought he'd use his uniform to be able to do that," she told the website. Michigan fans told the website they were very surprised about the incident. **"Whether it was good or bad, in a stadium filled with 113,000-plus, I don't think that's the way to handle such a situation,"** Alex Mandel told the website. **"It's really disappointing because usually the security's really good at the games,"** Julianne Patterson said. The man was arrested and released pending a further investigation (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** September 26, 2010

**Source:** Metro News

**Title/Headline:** Terror Attacks 'Likely' In India During Commonwealth Games

**Abstract:** The Commonwealth Games is likely to trigger a new round of terrorist attacks in India, a security expert has predicted. Fears about the safety of competitors, together with concerns about sanitation in the athletes' village, prompted a number of teams to think carefully about taking part in Delhi. All nations have now confirmed their participation, although stars such as Geraint Thomas, Phillips Idowu and Elena Baltacha have withdrawn from the competition, which is set to get underway on October 3rd. **Although most athletes**

have been persuaded to compete, leading international security firm Control Risks has now warned that terrorists are likely to target India during the event. Chietigj Bajpae, a senior analyst for Control Risks, told the Observer: 'I think there is a relatively high likelihood of attacks taking place, but these attacks may not target the Games venues themselves.' He advised that athletes should avoid using public transport or visiting tourist attractions and markets. Mr Bajpae added that as Indian authorities planned to use most of their security resources guarding the venues, terrorists would find that other parts of Delhi were more vulnerable to attacks (Metro News, 2010).

**Date:** October 29, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Mike Levine

**Title/Headline:** *DoD Alert: Marine Marathon Could Be Target*

**Abstract:** Senior officials are worried that the person responsible for at least three military-related shootings near the nation's capital could target Sunday's Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, saying in an alert Friday morning that the recent shootings "are a cause for concern" and could be build-up to a Sunday attack. The FBI has confirmed that the same weapon was used in three recent incidents: one shooting more than a week ago at the Marine Corps Museum in Triangle, Va., one two days later at the Pentagon, and one earlier this week at a vacant Marine recruiting station in Chantilly, Va. The FBI is still trying to confirm that a fourth shooting Friday morning is connected. "All three shootings prior to [Friday's] shooting had the USMC [Marine Corps] as a common link," said the note, issued by the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Command to other parts of the military. "We cannot discount the three incidents as being a warning to the USMC to not run the marathon." While the alert noted that the incidents "occurred at night with no personnel on duty at the time," yet another shooting confirmed from the same weapon "may indicate an emboldening of tactics, perhaps with an end state of taking operational action during the Marine Corps Marathon," said the alert, obtained exclusively by Fox News (Levine, 2010)



**Date:** October 30, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Honduras: At Least 14 Massacred On Football Field*

**Location:** Tegucigalpa, Honduras

**Alleged Terrorist(s):** Unknown

**Offense(s):** Drive By Massacre

**Incident Name:** 2010 Honduras Football Massacre

**Abstract:** A carful of attackers armed with assault rifles drove up to a football field in a poor Honduran neighborhood Saturday and opened fire, killing at least 14 people. Armando Calidonio, vice minister of security, said the gunmen shot from point-blank range at the victims, who were known to gather there to play football. Ten were killed at the scene and four died as they were being taken to the hospital. More were wounded -- some gravely, Calidonio said, though the number was not clear. The attackers numbered about five, but police did not have any suspects. "We still do not know the motive of this tragedy," Calidonio told reporters. The massacre took place in Colonia Felipe Zelaya, a crowded, violent neighborhood in the northern city of San Pedro Sula that is home to hundreds of gang members. Mass shootings are not uncommon in Honduras. "Maras" -- street gangs that grew out of Los Angeles and spread to Central America -- are blamed for rampant violent crime, extortion and more recently acting as enforcers for drug cartels. In September, gunmen mowed down 18 shoe factory employees in San Pedro Sula in a shooting blamed on gang rivalries. Six youths were slain in a home last month, also in San Pedro Sula. Authorities linked that massacre to the drug trade (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** November 24, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, The Alex Jones Show

**Title/Headline:** *John Duncan Terror Warnings*

**Abstract:** While being interviewed on the Alex Jones Show, Congressman John Duncan stated, "But I think now these terrorists would probably do something much more spectacular than bring down a plane; they'll probably blow up a mall at Christmas, or blow up a major sporting event, or poison the water supply, or even blow up a big city subway system...they'd kill a lot more people" (Infowars, 2010).

**Date:** December 9, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Big Sis Set To Expand Spy Program To Sports Stadiums*

**Abstract:** If you thought seeing Big Sis urging Americans to "report suspicious activity" at Wal-Mart checkouts was creepy enough, you ain't seen nothing yet. Homeland Security announced yesterday that the program was set to be expanded to include 9,000 federal buildings, as well as sports stadiums, businesses and communities in general. Despite the official Homeland Security You Tube channel being bombarded by almost 6,000 profanity-filled comments from Americans outraged that their country is sinking into

a decrepit Soviet-style informant society, Janet Napolitano announced yesterday that the **“If you see something, say something,”** campaign will be extended to include around 9,000 federal buildings across the country. **“In the coming weeks, “If You See Something, Say Something”** public awareness materials designed to help America’s businesses, communities and citizens remain vigilant and play an active role in keeping our homeland safe will be posted in approximately 9,000 federal buildings throughout the country,” states a DHS press release. **“Signage will appear at FPS guard stations at each facility, and any calls reporting suspicious activity will be directed to the existing national network of FPS call centers, which operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”** The memo also indicated that the campaign would be extended to sports stadiums, labeled **“sports and general aviation industries”** in the press release, as well as businesses and communities in general – so before too long expect to see and hear Big Sis reminding you that you live in a Sovietized police state wherever you happen to be. **“In the coming months, the Department will continue to expand the “If You See Something, Say Something” campaign nationally with public education materials and outreach tools designed to help America’s businesses, communities and citizens remain vigilant and play an active role in keeping the country safe,”** states the release (Watson, 2010).

**Date:** January 8, 2011

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *S.C. Mayor: Odor Sickens Basketball Players, Fans*

**Abstract:** Dozens of fans were being screened Friday night by emergency responders after odor from a ventilation unit sickened several players and spectators at a high school basketball game. At least two people were taken to the hospital after the odor spewed from the heating and air conditioning unit at Ridgeland High School in the southeastern part of the state, Mayor Gary Hodges told The Associated Press. No serious injuries were reported, and he did not suspect foul play. **Between 200 and 300 people were at the game when the unit at the three-year-old school turned on, sickening a basketball player and then others, the mayor said. Illnesses ranged from naseau, vomiting to skin irritation. “We don’t know what we’re dealing with,”** Hodges said. The players and fans were moved from the gym to another part of the school, and small groups were going through a decontamination process that involves answering questions from emergency responders. **Those feeling ill must go through a more rigorous process that involves taking off their clothes to look for redness and spots. Irritation subsided for the several people who initially had it after they left the gym.** Hodges said local hazardous materials teams were on hand, and the state Department of Health and Environmental Control was on its way. **“We’re going to be here for hours finishing this decontamination process,”** he said (Fox News, 2010).

**Conclusion:** Terrorist acts and warnings are everywhere for sporting events and the biggest sporting event is the Super Bowl. A match made in heaven for the “terrorists” and hell on earth for the victims in the stadium and the viewers on TV.



## The Nuclear Bible: Terrorism & Texas



**Intro:** Terror is nothing new in Texas, as it's been happening since 1963. Every form of terror including a Presidential Assassination, a Football Franchise, Shootings, Massacres, Horror movies, and Plane Attacks, terror is always bigger in Texas.



**Date:** November 22, 1963

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *John F. Kennedy Assassination*

**Abstract:** John F. Kennedy, the thirty-fifth President of the United States, was assassinated at 12:30 p.m. Central Standard Time (18:30 UTC) on Friday, November 22, 1963, in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas. Kennedy was fatally shot while riding with his wife Jacqueline in a Presidential motorcade (Wikipedia, 2010).

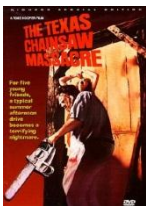


**Date:** August 1, 1966

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Charles Whitman*

**Abstract:** Charles Joseph Whitman (June 24, 1941 – Aug. 1, 1966) was a student at the University of Texas at Austin and a former Marine who killed 16 people and wounded 32 others during a shooting rampage on and around the university's campus on Aug. 1, 1966. Whitman killed three of his victims inside the university's tower, and 10 others from the 29th floor observation deck of the University's 307-foot administrative building; one, Karen Griffith, died a week after the shooting from her wounds. The tower massacre happened shortly after Whitman murdered his wife and mother at their homes. **He was shot and killed by Austin Police Officer Houston McCoy, assisted by Austin Police Officer Ramiro Martinez** (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** 1974-2006

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre Franchise*

**Abstract:** The Texas Chainsaw Massacre is an American horror franchise consisting of six slasher films, comics and a video game adaptation of the original film. The original film, The Texas Chain Saw Massacre, directed by Tobe Hooper and written and produced by Hooper and Kim Henkel, was released in 1974. Hooper also directed the first sequel to the original film, however, the other sequels have had various writers and directors attached to them. **Hooper has not had any direct involvement with the rest of the sequels, however, he did co-produce the original film's remake and also produced its prequel, along with Henkel. The films have grossed over \$203 million at the worldwide box office.** Leatherface and his family are the antagonists in all of the films in the franchise. The film series is ranked eighth at the United States box office – in adjusted 2008 dollars – when compared to other American horror franchises. **The franchise began when a video game adaptation of The Texas Chain Saw Massacre appeared eight years after the release of the film, followed by various comic books, three sequels, a remake, and a prequel to the remake** (Wikipedia, 2010).

- 1) The Texas Chain Saw Massacre (1974)
- 2) The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2 (1986)
- 3) Leatherface: The Texas Chainsaw Massacre III (1990)
- 4) Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Next Generation (1994)
- 5) The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (2003)
- 6) The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (2006)



**Date:** 1996-1997  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title/Headline:** *Texas Terror*

**Abstract:** The **Texas Terror** was a franchise in the Arena Football League. The Terror played in the 1996 and 1997 Arena seasons. Their home games were played at the Summit also at that time home to the Houston Rockets of the NBA. **The Terror's logo appeared to be a stylized representation of Frankenstein's monster holding a football** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** February 2, 2006  
**Source:** The Daily News, T. J. Aulds  
**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Attack Warning Story Dismissed*

**Abstract:** If you are reading this, you survived a predicted nuclear attack on Texas City. Recent weeks have seen the city mentioned as the subject of rampant Internet and e-mail claims suggesting that emergency management officials were preparing for some form of attack. Officials with several agencies said those reports are false. Shauna Dunlap, a spokesman for the FBI, said that there are "no credible or corroborated threats to the area." **That attack was to have taken place Tuesday, based on those reports. A report filed on the Arctic Beacon Web site as well as the site owner's Internet radio show had warned of a pending nuclear attack on the city — not from terrorists, but the federal government.** Basing his information on a report from a man claiming to be a former U.S. Army intelligence officer, show host Greg Szymanski reported that the area was likely the target for a government-led nuclear attack. The report quickly made the rounds via e-mail and blog sites. Attempts to reach Szymanski to comment on his report were unsuccessful. **On Wednesday, people driving along Galveston's Seawall Boulevard could see unmarked black trucks and sport utility vehicles bearing government license plates near crews setting up what appeared to be satellite or radar gear on the beach.** The crews were wearing shirts embossed with the words, "Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team," a branch of the U.S. Defense Department. **It was enough to get even the most timid conspiracy theorist thinking something was up. But local homeland security officials as well as the FBI said the Internet story and the arrival of the Weapons of Mass Destruction team are little more the coincidental training exercises that may have been blown out of proportion.** Bruce Clawson, director of homeland security for Texas City, said he was alerted to the online report and passed the information to the FBI. He said it was a routine measure. **"Based on what we know, we are not aware that this (report) had any basis in fact," said Clawson. "Anyone indicating anything other than training is seriously misinformed."** Members of the Weapons of Mass Destruction team told The Daily News they were calibrating equipment for an upcoming drill. Team members said they were participating in a series of seminars at the San Luis Hotel & Conference Center, not far from where they had set up shop (Aulds, 2006).

**Date:** November 6, 2009  
**Source:** NPR (National Public Radio), Kevin Whitelaw  
**Title/Headline:** *Massacre Leaves 13 Dead At Fort Hood*

**Abstract:** A mass shooting rocked one of the nation's largest military posts after a U.S. Army psychiatrist allegedly opened fire inside Fort Hood in Texas. Thirteen people were killed and 30 people were injured according to U.S. military officials. Most of the victims were U.S. military personnel. **One U.S. soldier, armed with at least two handguns, including a semiautomatic weapon, started firing around 1:30 p.m. local time before he was eventually shot four times by emergency personnel** responding to the incident, Lt. Gen. Robert Cone said. Military officials said the alleged shooter, identified as Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, 39, was unconscious and on a ventilator. **Cone initially told reporters that the suspect had been killed, but offered updated information at a second press conference that Hasan, a psychiatrist working at Fort Hood, had survived.** The accused shooter, however, is not talking to investigators, according to Cone. **Authorities said they took three other U.S. soldiers into custody in the initial aftermath of the incident, but they were all quickly released.** A senior U.S. official told The Associated Press that investigators have not ruled out the possibility that some casualties may have been victims of "friendly fire," shot by authorities amid the mayhem and confusion at the scene. **Hasan was a psychiatrist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for six years before being sent to Texas in July.** He was apparently upset about being scheduled to deploy overseas, according to Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson of Texas, who told Fox News that she was told he may have been targeting specific individuals. A source tells NPR's Joseph Shapiro that Hasan was put on probation early in his postgraduate work at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. **He was disciplined for proselytizing about his Muslim faith with patients and colleagues, according to the source, who worked with him at the time.** As the attack

unfolded, military officials immediately locked down the sprawling post, which covers some 335 square miles in central Texas. **The lockdown was lifted several hours later, but the post continues to operate at a heightened level of security.** In Washington, President Obama expressed his sympathies to the wounded and the families of the slain soldiers, and he pledged a full inquiry. "It's difficult enough when we lose these brave Americans in battles overseas," he says. **"It is horrifying that they come under fire at a military base on American soil"** (Whitelaw, 2009).



**Date:** November 9, 2009

**Source:** ABC News, Richard Esposito, Matthew Cole, Brian Ross

**Title/Headline:** *Officials: U.S. Army Told Of Hasan's Contacts With Al Qaeda*

**Abstract:** U.S. intelligence agencies were aware months ago that Army Major Nidal Malik Hasan was attempting to make contact with an individual associated with al Qaeda, two American officials briefed on classified material in the case told ABC News. According to the officials, the Army was informed of Hasan's contact, but it is unclear what, if anything, the Army did in response. Investigators want to know if Hasan maintained contact with a radical mosque leader from Virginia, Anwar al Awlaki, who now lives in Yemen and runs a web site that promotes jihad around the world against the U.S. In a blog posting titled "Nidal Hassan Did the Right Thing," Awlaki calls Hasan a "hero" and a "man of conscience who could not bear living the contradiction of being a Muslim and serving in an army that is fighting against his own people." Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) called for an investigation into whether the Army missed signs as to whether Hasan was an Islamic extremist. **"If Hasan was showing signs, saying to people that he had become an Islamist extremist, the U.S. Army has to have a zero tolerance,"** Lieberman told Fox News Sunday (Esposito, Cole, & Ross, 2009).

**Date:** December 31, 2009

**Source:** Dallas News, Michael E. Young

**Title/Headline:** *Downtown Dallas Terror Plot, New Stadium Among The Top Local Stories Of 2009*

**Abstract:** On Sept. 24, FBI agents foiled what appears to have been a dramatic terrorist plot to destroy a downtown Dallas office tower with the arrest of Hosam "Sam" Smadi, a 19-year-old Jordanian living in Italy, Texas. Smadi was arrested after dialing a cellphone number that he thought would detonate a bomb inside a vehicle parked underneath the 60-story Fountain Place, the FBI said. **The FBI said the fake bomb was provided to Smadi by undercover operatives who had been monitoring the teen since they saw his posts professing allegiance to al-Qaeda in an extremist Web forum in January.** Friends in Italy where Smadi worked at a roadside barbecue restaurant since last spring said they did not know he held extremist views, and his family suggested they might have been inflamed by jihadist Web sites and FBI prompting. Smadi has pleaded not guilty (Young, 2009).



**Date:** February 18, 2010

**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Remains Of 2 Found After Austin Plane Crash*

**Abstract:** The remains of two people have been found in an Austin, Texas, building where a man crashed a small plane, authorities said. The identities of the two dead people have not been confirmed, the Austin Fire Department said in a statement. Two other people who were injured in the incident were taken to a hospital, and 11 others were treated for minor injuries, Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said. **Authorities said Andrew Joseph Stack III, 53, an Austin resident with an apparent grudge against the Internal Revenue Service,** set his house on fire Thursday and then crashed a Piper Cherokee PA-28 into the building, which houses an IRS office with nearly 200 employees, federal officials said (CNN, 2010).

**Date:** April 29, 2010

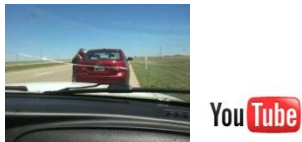
**Source:** ABC News, Jeff Carlton

**Title/Headline:** *Texas Terrorist' Posts Death Threat Against Obama*

**Abstract:** A Dallas man describing himself as a terrorist threatened to kill President Barack Obama in an online posting because he was upset about health care reform, according to a criminal complaint. Brian Dean Miller, 43, faces one count of making threats against the president, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. He is scheduled for arraignment in federal court Friday. His public defender and his mother did not return phone messages Thursday. According to a criminal complaint, Miller made the death threats March 21 on Craigslist under a posting titled **"Obama must die." The posting said he was following through on a promise to become a terrorist if the federal health care bill passed. "I am dedicating my life to the death of Obama and every employee of the federal government,"** the posting said. It ended with a call to arms: **"This is war. Join me. Or don't. I**

don't care. I'm not laying down anymore." He said, "Today I become a terrorist." In a separate post the same night, Miller essentially dared others to turn him in to the Secret Service, according to the complaint. He allegedly wrote that others should "feel free to notify them if it helps you sleep better tonight. You should tell them I threatened to kill the president and destroy the U.S. government. Maybe you would like to quote the post as your evidence." **A resident of Arlington, Texas, reported the threats to the Secret Service. Agents tracked down Miller at his Dallas home**, where he lives with his mother, according to the complaint. Police arrested Miller and seized his computer. They found no weapons in the residence. Miller's mother told agents her son is "frequently depressed, prone to verbal outbursts and may be suicidal," according to the complaint. Her son initially refused to answer questions, then acknowledged he made the threats. He said everything posted on Craigslist was "fictional." According to the complaint, when the agents asked if Miller wanted to kill the president, he told them: **"Yes, I would kill him, if I were a different person. I would kill them all"** (Carlton, 2010).

### **In a video posted on YouTube, a North Texas police officer states the following:**



**Date:** May 14, 2010

**Source:** Youtube

**Title/Headline:** *Randomly Stopped And Searched For WMD's In North Texas!*

#### **Abstract:**

Officer Hagler: **"We don't know who's hauling mass destruction bombs... We've caught people hauling bomb material down the highway here and its people you wouldn't think it would be... That's the reason we talk to everybody... I don't want it to go down there and blow somebody's family up, or blow a building up or kill somebody. Stuff like that... We catch a lot of stiff coming through... We catch bomb material..."** (Youtube, 2010).

**Date:** May 18, 2010

**Source:** KHOU News, Shern-Min Chow

**Title/Headline:** *Homeland Security Alert: Terror Suspect May Be Headed To Texas Through Mexico*

**Abstract: A Homeland Security Alert is asking Houston police and Harris County Sheriff's deputies to keep their eyes open for a potential terrorist.** The alert focuses on Mohamed Ali, a suspected member of the terrorist group Al Shabaab. It indicates he may be traveling to the U.S. through Mexico. **Al Shabaab is a terrorist group based in Somalia with links to the Somali attacks dramatized in the movie "Blackhawk Down."** A few months ago, the group announced its allegiance to Al Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden. **"[Al Shabaab operatives] are certainly a real threat to U.S. security and an increasing threat to U.S. security,"** said Rice University Baker Institute Fellow Joan Neuhaus Schaan. Schaan is an expert on Homeland Security and terrorism, and her research is reviewed by the U.S. government, military and civil authorities. She said Al-Shabaab trains extremists and wants to turn Somalia into the next Afghanistan. "Similar to the set up in Afghanistan in 2001 when Al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden had a strong relationship with the Taliban that allowed them free reign in Afghanistan," Neuhaus Schaan said. **The route from Somalia to Texas is shorter than Americans would like to think. It goes through Mexico.** Two weeks ago, a federal indictment was filed in San Antonio against a Somali citizen. It alleges Ahmed Muhammed Dhakane led a "large-scale smuggling enterprise," moving east Africans into the U.S., including members of a terrorist group called AIAI. "It was hundreds of individuals," Neuhaus Schaan said, in reference to the indictment. The current indictment has three counts for making false statements in regard to immigration for allegedly lying about his ties to terrorist groups. The U.S. Attorney's office in the Western District indicates the investigation is ongoing. **Why would Al Shabaab come to the U.S? "Either to recruit provide more funding or serve as operatives or sleepers for some future activity,"** Neuhaus Schaan said. It's not a melodramatic spy movie. **It's reality. In 2007, former Houstonian Daniel Joseph Maldonado was brought back to Houston by the U.S Attorney in the Southern District after he was captured in Somalia reportedly training with terrorist groups.** "He had initially been on the frontlines of Al Shabaab, but when they realized he was an American, they pulled him back because they had plans for him to come back to the U.S. and recruit female suicide bombers," said Neuhaus Schaan. U.S. Homeland Security officials confirmed the Muhamed Ali alert, but declined to comment on it. They did not indicate that this report would jeopardize any ongoing investigation. If authorities are right, **Mohamed Ali is hardly alone and a terror network is following well-worn human smuggling routes into the Lone Star State.** "There would be a reasonable chance to have him [Mohamed Ali] coming through Houston," Neuhaus Schaan said. **"They [Al Shabaab] have been pretty busy in Texas"** (Chow, 2010).

**Date:** May 20, 2010  
**Source:** KVUE News  
**Title/Headline:** *Pirates Terrorize Boaters On Texas Lake*

**Abstract:** With machine-guns in hand, Mexico's deadliest cartel is patrolling the waters of a Texas border lake. **These pirates have already ambushed three, possibly four boats, operating with virtual impunity** as they make off with cash and electronics. It's happening on Falcon Lake in Zapata, 200 yards from the Mexican border (KVUE News, 2010).



**Date:** May 26, 2010  
**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press  
**Title/Headline:** *Jordanian Man Pleads Guilty In Dallas Bombing Plot*

**Abstract:** Hosam Smadi parked a sport-utility vehicle in the garage beneath a Dallas skyscraper, activated a timer connected to what he thought was a bomb and used a cell phone to try remotely detonating the explosive he had spent months working to obtain. Smadi, 19, who pleaded guilty to attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, had hoped the bomb would bring down the 60-story building, kill thousands of office workers and create financial havoc. Instead, he was arrested, having been supplied with a fake truck bomb by undercover FBI agents posing as al-Qaida operatives. The charge is punishable by life in prison, but if Lynn accepts the plea agreement, Smadi would serve no more than 30 years and then be deported. Prosecutors have agreed to drop a charge accusing him of bombing a public place. **"Today's guilty plea underscores the continuing threat we face from lone actors who, although not members of any international terrorist organization, are willing to carry out acts of violence in this country to further the terrorist cause,"** said David Kris, the assistant attorney general for national security. Smadi said he came to the United States when he was 16 and was educated here through the 11th grade. **The FBI said it had been monitoring Smadi after discovering him on an extremist website last year. Investigators said he acted alone and wasn't affiliated with any terrorist organizations** (Carlton, 2010).

**Date:** June 3, 2010  
**Source:** ABC News, Jason Ryan  
**Title/Headline:** *Texas Terror Sting: Feds Say Suspect Was In Contact With Anwar al-Awlaki*

**Abstract:** A Texas man has been indicted on two counts for allegedly attempting to support al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and communicating with one of its top leaders Anwar Al Awlaki, a Yemeni-American cleric who U.S. officials have placed at the center of several recent terrorist plots involving U.S. targets and Americans, including last year's deadly Ft. Hood shooting, which left 13 dead. The man, Barry Walter Bujol, 29, allegedly was in contact with Awlaki going back to 2008, when he gained the attention of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in Houston. Agents determined that Bujol, who they said used aliases including "Abdul Bari," "Abyu Najya," "Pat Lex" and "Abdul-Bari Al Ameriki Al Aswad," was in e-mail communication with Awlaki (Ryan, 2010).



**Date:** June, 29, 2010  
**Source:** Infowars, Jurriaan Maessen  
**Title/Headline:** *Czech Military To Help National Guard Establish "Chemical Warfare Unit" In Texas*

**Abstract:** According to Texas National Guard chief commander Adjutant General Jose S. Mayorga, soldiers from the Czech military 31st brigade of radiation, chemical and biological protection will help their US counterparts establish a similar unit in Texas. He made the statement to the Czech News Agency (CTK) on June 22, while visiting with Czech chief-of-staff Vlastimil Picek on his invitation. "Since the Texas guard is considering establishing a similar unit, Mayorga said he would like to see how the Czech unit, seated in Liberec, north Bohemia, is organized and how it prepares for emergency situations, and also its way of reacting to them", reports the Prague Daily Monitor. It is interesting to note that the Nuclear Threat Initiative's (NTI) news outlet reported on March 16 2009 that this very chemical warfare unit would be assigned to "help protect" President Obama during his visit to the EU-USA summit held in Prague in April of that year. Now I don't know about you, but since when does a 'chemical warfare unit', specialized in such things as tracking down anthrax-facilities and other devilries, get to "protect" an American president visiting? "The plan of security measures to accompany the EU-USA summit reckons with us.", NTI reported the head of the 31st brigade of radiation, chemical and biological protection, Miroslav Knopp, as saying. "However", said Knopp, **"I must not disclose any details as the [plan] is secret. Our role will be similar to our assistance in the protection of then U.S. President George Bush during his visit to Prague, and at the NATO summits in Istanbul and Riga". "The Czech chemical warfare unit is world-renowned.**



This April it protected the U.S.-Russian summit in Prague. Previously it ensured the security of the Olympic Games in Athens and was deployed in the Gulf War and other conflicts.” It’s a strange thing, is it not, that some Czech chemical warfare unit- operating from a relatively second-rate nation in Europe, protects US presidents, provides security for the Olympic Games and is involved in combat-operations overseas. **It’s even more strange that the unit will now help the Texas National Guard establish a replica of itself in the great state of Texas** (Maessen, 2010).

**Exactly 6 months prior to Superbowl XLV (2011) in Arlington, Texas on February 6, 2011, the following exercise “Operation Lone Star” took place in Texas.**



**Date:** August 6, 2010

**Source:** National Guard, Staff Sgt. Daniel Griego

**Title/Headline:** *Texas Guard, Czech Army Trains For Disaster In Operation Lonestar*

**Abstract:** For the joint members of the Texas Military Forces, the Department of State Health Services and local civil agencies, preparedness means more than a ready standing force. With the persistent threat of hurricanes, flooding and seasonal pandemics, preparedness requires a fully trained, joint force capable of engaging a large-scale incident anywhere in the state. **"What we do and what we're training for is a mass casualty,"** said Texas State Guard Capt. James R. Owens, a registered nurse with the DFW Medical Group. **"It's about taking care of the population." This year, these state assets used the annual humanitarian event Operation Lone Star to conduct a complete exercise simulating a mass casualty incident.** Providing the Rio Grande Valley with immunizations, physicals and various other medical services, the mission sought to stress and challenge the capabilities of state military and civilian departments, as well as reinforce their cooperation and inter-agency communication. **"At one level, we provide free care,"** said Dr. Brian R. Smith, lead for the public health agency sponsoring OLS and the regional medical director for Health Service Region 11. **"At the same time, it provides a preparedness exercise for those of us in public health and the Texas Military forces to work together and to practice together in a major event."** Among the state agencies supporting the operation is the Texas Medical Assistance Team (TexMAT-1), populated by paramedics and medical practitioners from through the state. **"It's an opportunity under a training scenario to see a lot of people at one time,"** said Charles A. Neely, an EMT paramedic with TexMAT-1. "It just improves our capabilities in the long run." The two-week operation, running from July 26 through August 6, featured sites in Brownsville, Palmview, Raymondville and San Juan during the first week and will include Laredo, Rio Grande City and Zapata during the second week. **Many OLS locations rotate from year to year, but tend to stay centralized in local high schools or elementary schools.**



Flag of Czechoslovakia



Flag of Chile



Flag of Texas

Further bridging the spirit of cooperation, even **service members from the Czech Republic and Chilean armies supported OLS this year.** **"We need to practice for any kind of mass casualty occasion, too,"** said Capt. Petra Matulkova, an epidemiologist with the Czech Army, which is part of the State Partnership Program with Texas. **"We need to know these things, being military doctors."** With so many organizations working together, key leaders placed a premium on clear and effective communication throughout the operation. "A lot of the training that we're doing is being able to communicate," said Owens. "At any level, at any issue, we will have to be able to communicate." **This finely tuned coordination allowed OLS to process 12,645 area residents in 2009, a number that event organizers expect will only grow in 2010 and future years.** Spanning six counties in Texas, Operation Lone Star functions as an ideal execution of a real-time public health crisis, uniting disparate agencies for a common and worthy goal. "We set it up just as if we may have a thousand people or one person that needs the services," said Owens. **"It may be small at one area or larger at another, but in the grand scheme of things, it provides a very good and very applicable training exercise for our units"** (Griego, 2010).

**Date:** August 19, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Unguarded Bridges Along Border Are Potential Illegal Route Into U.S.*

**Abstract:** On each side of a towering West Texas stretch of the \$2.4 billion border fence designed to block people from illegally entering the country, there are two metal footbridges, clear paths into the United States from Mexico. "Technically speaking it's not a bridge, it's a grade control structure," said Sally Spener, spokeswoman for the International Boundary and Water Commission, which maintains the integrity of the 1,200-mile river border between the U.S. and Mexico. The structures under the spans help prevent the river -- and therefore the international border -- from shifting. Whatever they're called, there are fresh sneaker tracks on the structures -- indicating they're being used as passages into the country. **"This is outrageous and yet another example of the federal government failing miserably in its duty to secure the border from those who wish to do us harm, and they need to take immediate action to address this situation,"** Katherine Cesinger, spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Rick Perry, said in a statement. **"If we are spending so much money on a fence, why**

not put some into cutting (the bridges) out, eliminating an easy access at a place that is not a port?" said Don Reay, executive director of the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition. "If he can do it, so can drug cartels with loads of narcotics of any kind," Hudspeth County Sheriff's Lt. Robert Wilson said. **"Even a terrorist could pass here with weapons of mass destruction and be in the United States and up on the interstate and gone in a short time."** The crossings are owned by both the United States and Mexico and are needed for workers to maintain and occasionally fix cement structures that support the bridge, Spener said. **Any changes to the structures, she said, would have to be approved by officials in both countries.** And no one has ever asked to secure the bridges or remove them, she said. **"We would be happy to work with Border Patrol if they have security concerns they've identified,"** Spener said. "It would be a challenge, but we'd be happy to discuss it." Cordero said he's not aware of any requests by Border Patrol or the Department of Homeland Security to secure the crossings. But still, he concedes, it would be nice if there was more security around the remote crossing. "Obviously this is where technology and the experience of our agents comes into play," Cordero said. **"Do we have to pay more attention here? Yes, because we're talking seconds that they can get in"** (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** September 20, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Jane Winter

**Title/Headline:** *2 Shot, Gunman Killed At Texas Army Base*

**Abstract:** A person opened fire at a convenience store on Fort Bliss, injuring two people before being killed by responding officers, the commander of the West Texas Army post said. Col. Joseph A. Simonelli Jr. declined to discuss the conditions of the victims or other details of the shooting. Simonelli said the area was roped off for an FBI investigation, but the sprawling facility next to El Paso never was under lockdown. **"Our law enforcement agents took it upon themselves to react immediately and aggressively, and I think that's the main reason why this didn't escalate further than it is right now,"** Simonelli said (Winter, 2010).

**Date:** September 21, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Authorities ID Fort Bliss Gunman As Retired Army Sergeant*

**Abstract:** The FBI is investigating why a retired Army sergeant walked into a Fort Bliss convenience store and shot two employees, one fatally, before he was gunned down by responding officers, the agency. **Authorities did not know whether gunman Steven Kropf, 63, of El Paso, had any relationship with either victim, the FBI said in a Tuesday statement, which described the Monday shooting at the West Texas Army post as an isolated incident.** Bettina Maria Goins, 44, of El Paso was pronounced dead at a military hospital where she was rushed immediately after the shooting, and another woman remained hospitalized with serious injuries, the FBI said. Both women were civilian employees of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, which runs merchandise operations for the military, including fast-food restaurants and convenience stores. **Post commander Col. Joseph Simonelli Jr. said officers responded to reports of the shooting in less than three minutes and killed the gunman.** The post was not put on lockdown, but traffic was directed around the store where the shooting occurred, Simonelli said (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** November 12, 2010

**Source:** Raw Story, Stephen C. Webster

**Title/Headline:** *Revealed: Texas Officials Covered Up Dangerously Radioactive Tap Water For Years*

**Abstract:** Texas officials charged with protecting the environment and public health have for years made arbitrary subtractions to the measured levels of radiation delivered by water utilities across the state, according to a series of investigative reports out of Houston. Those subtractions, based on the test results' margin of error, made all the difference for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): **without the reduction, demonstrated levels of dangerous radiation would have been in excess of federal limits for years.** This was being done in direct contravention of an order by the US Environmental Protection Agency, which told state regulators in 2000 to stop subtracting the margin of error. The findings are part of an investigation by Houston CBS affiliate KHOU. Confronted by reporter Mark Greenblatt, **TCEQ staffer Linda Brookins claimed that the radiation was "natural" and people shouldn't be concerned.** She also refused to read on camera the EPA's order to stop subtracting margins of error from radiation test results. KHOU called it "Texas math," in part two of its ongoing series. Thanks to the TCEQ's under-reporting of radioactive content, one particular water provider in Harris County was able to skirt needed maintenance for years, even though uncensored tests showed radiation was almost always above legal limits. **Independent tests, the station noted, showed that some of the radiation contained harmful alpha particles, which can cause cell mutations and increase the risk of cancer. The practice of under-reporting radiation continued until last year, when the EPA once again demanded Texas comply with the law.** "What was illegal and a bad idea yesterday is illegal and a bad idea today," TCEQ chairman Bryan W. Shaw told The Dallas Morning News. **"We won't see any environmental benefits from this. We'll just see the additional bureaucracy associated with permitting in this state and across the U.S." In an editorial, the paper called Republicans' fight to protect industry over environmental regulations a "dangerous roll of the dice" when it comes to federal dollars, noting that new regulations require the state to create a permitting authority to govern emissions, but it refuses.** When the new rules take effect next year, the state's energy industry could effectively be brought to a standstill, with no new construction being permitted. And now water standards, it would seem, may be the next major clash between Texas regulators and federal authorities. **"Is this what [Governor] Rick Perry means when he talks about standing up to the feds?"** The Texas Observer asked. This video is part one of an investigative series by CBS affiliate KHOU, aired Nov. 9, 2010 (Webster, 2010).

**Date:** December 24, 2010

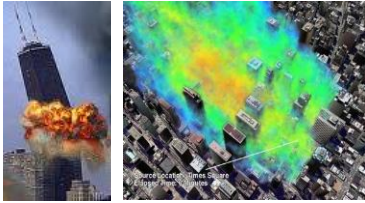
**Source:** CNN

**Title/Headline:** *Two Injured In Texas Plant Explosion*

**Abstract:** An explosion has injured two people at a plant in Crosby, Texas, police said Friday. All of the employees at the plant were accounted for after the blast, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Hazardous materials teams were called in, but no evacuations were required as a result of the explosion, sheriff's officials noted (CNN, 2010).

**Conclusion:** Outside of New York City, the state of Texas is terror central. Interestingly, Ron Paul, and Alex Jones come from the state where the nuclear terror attack at the Super Bowl will likely occur. A coincidence? Not a chance.

## The Nuclear Bible: The Chicago “Windy City” Bio Attack?



**Intro:** Should a nuclear terror attack transpire in America, it is highly likely that it will be followed up by a bio terror attack, similarly to the Anthrax Attacks after 9/11. While there is no way to be for certain, the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> of each month would be likely dates. Unfortunately, recent events point towards a potential false-flag bio attack in the Chicago area, due to revelations surrounding Larry Silverstein's (owner of the Twin Towers) purchase of the Sears tower and soon to be Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel. These two unapologetic Zionists look hell bent on terrorizing America in a whole new sick and twisted manner. Do your part to save the lives of millions, and forward this information as soon as possible.



**Date:** September 18, 2001

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Event:** 2001 Anthrax Attacks

**Abstract:** The 2001 anthrax attacks in the United States, also known as Amerithrax from its Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) case name, occurred over the course of several weeks beginning on September 18, 2001, one week after the September 11 attacks. Letters containing anthrax spores were mailed to several news media offices and two Democratic U.S. Senators, killing five people and infecting 17 others. The ensuing investigation became "one of the largest and most complex in the history of law enforcement." Media reports focused on other possible suspects for years, but **FBI files show that the investigation began to focus on Bruce Edwards Ivins as early as April 4, 2005, when Dr. Ivins told the FBI he would not talk any further without his lawyer present. On April 11, 2007, Dr. Ivins was put under periodic surveillance because "Bruce Edwards Ivins is an extremely sensitive suspect in the 2001 anthrax attacks". Ivins was a scientist who worked at the government's biodefense labs at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland. In June 2008, Ivins was told of the impending prosecution, and on July 27, 2008 he committed suicide by an overdose of acetaminophen. On August 6, 2008, federal prosecutors declared Ivins to be the sole culprit of the crime. Two days later, Sen. Charles Grassley and Rep. Rush Holt called for hearings into the DOJ and FBI's handling of the investigation. On February 19, 2010, the FBI formally closed its investigation.** A review of the science used in the investigation is under way at the National Academy of Sciences. Some information about the case related to Ivins' mental problems is still "under seal. Lawsuits filed by the widow of victim Bob Stevens have not yet been settled (Wikipedia, 2010).

**The Sears Tower in Chicago is owned by Larry Silverstein, the owner of World Trade Center # 7, the 3<sup>rd</sup> WTC Tower that was demolished on September 11, 2001.**



**Date:** June 22, 2005

**Source:** Prison Planet, PBS

**Title/Headline:** Building 7 "Pull It" Comment: Silverstein Responds

**Abstract:** For a year and a half since this website first gave traction to the story, the Internet and talk radio has buzzed with speculation on what Larry Silverstein meant when he admitted on a September 2002 PBS documentary, 'America Rebuilds' that he and the NYFD decided to 'pull' WTC 7 on the day of the attack. We have been resolute in pointing out that to 'pull' a building means to demolish it. The very same PBS documentary features demolition experts using the term 'pull it' as they discuss controlled demolitions of buildings. Speculation around the issue has only increased with Silverstein's refusal to explain his comments. The question is, if Silverstein didn't mean that "pull it" meant to demolish the building then what did he mean? It's obvious that the kid's been caught with his hand in the cookie jar and he's trying to make excuses. Was Silverstein simply talking about evacuating the building? We know for a fact that although the building had been evacuated there were still secret service personnel in the building who died when it collapsed. They weren't told to evacuate. **Whatever Silverstein meant by the term "pull it," the fact remains that the**

**building collapsed exactly like a controlled demolition and it wasn't even hit by a plane. It was 'pulled' in the true sense of the term, by well placed explosives.** So the fact that Silverstein hasn't made the effort to make this justification in the wider media, and was only willing to comment on it when pushed, tells us that he's not comfortable in being questioned on this, in the face of what now must be hundreds of people calling his office asking about it. **We need a clear and concise answer. What are we to expect next? Cornered animals are very unpredictable. We're waiting for the day when they hold their hands up and say 'you're right, explosives brought down the buildings!' Al-Qaeda had their agents wire the buildings before the attacks!** It takes demolition experts weeks and sometimes months to successfully wire a building, the supposition that Mohammed Atta's motley crew could have pulled it off under cover is too absurd to contemplate. Our focus remains steadfast. These criminals are under a relentless barrage of questioning. **Criminals in the spotlight cannot commit more crimes and get away with it. They would love dearly to carry out another terror attack and have everyone worship them again as they did after 9/11. But our hard work in keeping them on the back foot is saving lives and liberties in the long term. Keep working hard and stay in the fight** (Prison Planet, 2005).

**Date:** August 22, 2008

**Source:** Infowars.net, Steve Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Government Biological Weapons Legislator: Anthrax Inside Job Cover Up Continuing*

**Abstract:** A former government biological weapons legislator appeared on the nationally syndicated Alex Jones show yesterday to discuss his detailed knowledge of the cover up of the 2001 anthrax attacks, which he is adamant were perpetrated by criminal elements of the US government in an attempt to foment a police state by killing off opposition to hardline post 9/11 legislation. Dr Franics A. Boyle literally helped write the law with regards to terrorism, as he was responsible for drafting the Biological Weapons Anti-Terrorism Act of 1989 that was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed into law by President Bush Snr. Professor Boyle teaches international law at the University of Illinois, Champaign. **He holds a Doctor of Law Magna Cum Laude as well as a Ph.D. in Political Science, both from Harvard University.** He has also served on the Board of Directors of Amnesty International (1988-1992), and represented Bosnia- Herzegovina at the World Court. In light of the latest developments with the FBI Anthrax investigation, the professor joined Alex Jones on air to re-cap the story that made waves in late 2006. **In October 2001 when the anthrax attacks took place and it was revealed that the spores were super weapons grade anthrax at one trillion spores per gram created with special electro-static treatment, Dr Boyle says it became obvious to him that there was nowhere it could have come from other than a government lab. Dr Boyle proceeded to call a very high level official in the FBI who deals with terrorism and counter-terrorism, Spike Bowman, whom he had met at a terrorism conference at the University of Michigan Law School. Dr Boyle went through all the names, the contractors and the labs for Anthrax work with the FBI's Bowman. Bowman then informed Dr Boyle that the FBI was working with bio-lab Fort Detrick on the matter, to which he responded that Fort Detrick could really be the main problem. "I told Mr Bowman in October of 2001 that the only people that had the capability to do this would be those individuals working at either United States Government labs, or private contractors and things of this nature, and it obviously seemed to me that this was U.S. government related."** the University of Illinois Professor told listeners. It was documented at the time that the anthrax strain used was military grade. This was later widely reported in 2002 in publications such as the New Scientist. **"At that point I assumed good faith on the part of the FBI in this investigation because it had killed several people, it had shut down the United States Congress, which I think was probably the greatest political crime ever inflicted on our Republic in its history. But then I read that the FBI had authorized the destruction of the U.S. government's Ames strain collection."** Boyle continued. The destruction of the anthrax culture collection at Ames, IA., from which the Ft. Detrick lab got its pathogens for U.S. biowarfare programs, was blatant destruction of evidence as it meant that there was no way of finding out which strain was sent to who to develop the larger breed of anthrax used in the attacks. The trail of genetic evidence would have led directly back to a secret but officially-sponsored US government biowarfare program that was illegal and criminal. "I knew a cover up was underway because legitimate scientific researchers could have taken that collection and used it to genetically re-construct precisely where and when and how the weapon came from. This was clearly a federal crime in its own right." Boyle stated. The Professor explained that the motive behind the attacks was clear: **"I believe the first anthrax attack was designed to ram through the PATRIOT ACT because Senators Daschle and Leahy were holding it up and once the anthrax occurred it rammed right through, indeed, on the renewal of the USA PATRIOT ACT, Senator Feingold was holding it up and all of sudden out of nowhere some white powdered substance appeared at one of the Senate office buildings, and all of a sudden the renewal of the PATRIOT ACT went through."** The evidence becomes more compelling when you take into consideration the fact that the White House was on anthrax fighting antibiotics weeks prior to the attacks. The professor stressed that a criminal cover up took place and that it is ongoing: **"They are still doing it today, if you read the investigation, the press conference they heard the other day, it does not add up, if you read the article in today's New York Times it does not add up, it appears that the FBI set the investigation up by scientists in such a way that no one knew exactly what they were doing, they could not communicate with anyone else and only communicated with and took samples from the FBI."** "There is today in existence a stock pile of super weapons grade anthrax that is under the control of the original perpetrators of the anthrax attacks of October 2001 and that stock pile can and will be used again when their masters decide it would be politically convenient to scare and terrorize the American people." "They could launch another attack on us, including Congress, the Judiciary, the media." The professor warned. **"I think what we need to do now is insist upon a full scale Congressional investigation, not some type of presidential commission cover up along the lines of the 9/11 report."** Professor Boyle concluded. Dr Boyle also covered the new evidence suggesting that Dr Ivins, the man the FBI named as the leading suspect in their investigation two weeks ago, has been used as a patsy in the cover up. "Ivins is only the latest dead microbiologist." Boyle stated, **"You also have to tie into this the large numbers of dead microbiologists that have appeared since around the summer before these events, when the New York Times revealed the existence of the covert anthrax weapons programs run by the CIA, and that too is in the public record."** Boyle stressed (Watson, 2008).





**Date:** November 6, 2008

**Source:** Prison Planet, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Obama's First Appointment Is Son Of Zionist Terrorist*

**Abstract:** Rahm Emanuel's father was member of militant terror group that bombed hotels, massacred villagers – Obama pick is keen supporter of lobbying group aimed at creating militarized youth brigades President elect Barack Obama's first appointment, Rahm Emanuel, who is set to become chief-of-staff, is the son of a member of the Zionist terrorist group Irgun, which was responsible for bombing hotels, marketplaces as well as the infamous Deir Yassin massacre, in which hundreds of Palestinian villagers were slaughtered. Revelations about Obama's relationship with Bill Ayers, a Weather Underground domestic terrorist, which dogged him during the final weeks of the campaign trail, pale in significance to his selection of Emanuel, whose father, Benjamin M. Emanuel, was an Irgun member. Irgun has been labeled a terrorist organization by both The New York Times newspaper and by the Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry. Irgun was closely affiliated with the widely feared hardcore terrorist Stern Gang, an organization that carried out assassinations, train bombings and bombed police stations in an attempt to pave the way for unrestricted immigration of Jews into Palestine. Irgun operated in Palestine between 1931 and 1948. Following the ideology of right-wing Revisionist Zionism, Irgun's doctrine was that, "Every Jew had the right to enter Palestine; only active retaliation would deter the Arabs and the British; only Jewish armed force would ensure the Jewish state". This manifested itself by way of terror attacks such as the July 1946 bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, which killed 91 people. In 2006, Israelis including former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former members of Irgun, attended a 60th anniversary celebration of the bombing organized by the Menachem Begin Centre. Buses and marketplaces were also a target for Irgun, who were widely chastised for favoring attacks against civilian targets. The widely condemned Deir Yassin massacre, which occurred in April 1948, involved Irgun working in consort with the Stern Gang and going house to house slaughtering Palestinian villagers. Eyewitness accounts of spies working for mainstream Jewish authorities, such as Meir Pa'il, reported Irgun members running around shooting civilians "full of lust for murder". "I saw the horrors that the fighters had created. I saw bodies of women and children, who were murdered in their houses in cold blood by gunfire, with no signs of battle and not as the result of blowing up the houses," said eyewitness Eliahu Arbel. "[One body was] a woman who must have been eight months pregnant," noted Jacques de Reynier, a French-Swiss Representative of the International Red Cross, "He hit in the stomach, with powder burns on her dress indicating she'd been shot point-blank.". The son of a man who helped carry out this slaughter has now been selected by Obama to be his chief-of-staff. Cries of "sins of the father" lose their gusto when one considers the fact that, after the 1996 re-election of Bill Clinton, Rahm Emanuel "Was so angry at the president's enemies that he stood up at a celebratory dinner with colleagues from the campaign, grabbed a steak knife and began rattling off a list of betrayers, shouting 'Dead! ... Dead! ... Dead!' and plunging the knife into the table after every name." Sounds like a nice guy. Rahm Emanuel is also an enthusiastic supporter of the United States Public Service Academy Act, a lobbying group founded in 2006 in order to promote the foundation of an American public service academy modeled on the military academies – a youth corps whose students would be trained in "civilian internship in the armed forces". This rings the alarm bells when we recall Obama's pledge to create a "civilian national security force" that is "just as powerful, just as strong, just as well-funded" as the U.S. military. A creepy You Tube video of a brown-shirt style Obama youth brigade chanting and marching military style emerged last month, raising fears about where the messianic cult-like status of Obama's image could eventually lead (Watson, 2008).



**Date:** November 8, 2008

**Source:** Belfast Telegraph

**Title/Headline:** *Rahm Emanuel's Father: An Israeli Terrorist?*

**Abstract:** The appointment of Rahm Emanuel triggered widespread interest in Israel, the native country of his former Jewish underground fighter father. The older Emanuel, a paediatrician born in Jerusalem, was a member of Irgun, the hard-line militant group which fought for Jewish independence until 1948. It was described as "terrorist" at the time by Britain. Mr Emanuel's appointment could reassure Israel that Mr Obama will continue America's close alliance. The Ynet news service quoted Michael Kotzin, a leader of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, as saying Mr Emanuel is a frequent attendee at Israel-related events. He co-sponsored a Bill defending Israel against a world court advisory opinion in 2004 criticising the route of the military's separation barrier for cutting deep into the West Bank, and co-sponsored another Bill congratulating Israelis and Palestinians who work together for peace. He is credited with choreographing the famous handshake between Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin on the White House lawn in 1993 (Belfast Telegraph, 2008).

**Date:** November 13, 2008

**Source:** Kabobfest

**Title/Headline:** *Wikipedia Deletes Benjamin Emanuel Entry*

**Abstract:** Wikipedia has deleted Rahm Emanuel's father's page. Benjamin M. Emanuel's entry was recommended for deletion shortly after Obama named the younger Emanuel as his Chief of Staff, and it looks like it had already been deleted (or recommended for deletion) once before in January of 2007.

"Benjamin M. Emanuel" is no longer searchable in Wikipedia, but the former-page can be accessed through the original URL:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin\\_M.\\_Emanuel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin_M._Emanuel)

The old entry is no longer even in Google cache. The Progressive Mind was forward-thinking enough to save the original entry, including the original links (Kabobfest, 2008).



**Date:** December 2, 2008

**Source:** Larry Greenemeier

**Title/Headline:** *Is A Bioterrorism Attack In The U.S. Imminent?*

**Abstract:** As India picks up the pieces of last week's deadly terrorist attacks in Mumbai, a congressional study warns of a possible bioterror strike in the U.S. by 2013. In fact, biological weapons—anthrax, Ebola, influenza, and other pathogens—are more likely than nuclear weapons to be used to initiate the attack, according to CNN, which obtained an early copy of the study, which officially released today by the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism. Former Florida Sen. Bob Graham, chair of the panel created earlier this year to probe the possibility of terrorist hits in the U.S., told CNN that if such an attack were to occur, it would be "9/11 times 10 or a hundred in terms of the number of people who would be killed." Biological weapons are a more likely choice than nukes, he said, because their ingredients are easier to obtain and such an attack "would be easier to carry out." The commission's recommendations, according to CNN: the U.S. government must impose tight security at U.S. labs with such poisons on hand (a measure that might have helped prevent the 2001 anthrax mailings or at least helped law enforcement catch the culprit sooner), strengthen international treaties so that other countries also improve safeguards, enhance surveillance to detect early signs of an attack, and develop better ways to track the source of any biological weapons. Some scientists have also been pushing for the U.S. to vaccinate millions of citizens in advance of an attack, while others say only doctors, paramedics, nurses and other first-line responders should be vaccinated to help limit damage in the event of a bioterror attack. Critics, however, caution that widespread vaccination might not be effective if a disease-causing pathogen mutates and becomes resistant to a vaccine. Though he stressed the threat of a bioterror attack, Graham did not rule out a nuke strike, noting that as more countries develop their nuclear arsenal it becomes more likely that terrorists will also get their hands on the technology and materials. The bipartisan report faults the Bush administration for failing to devote enough resources toward preventing such an attack, the *Washington Post* reported Sunday. The *Post* adds that, according to the report, U.S. policies have at times "impeded international biodefense efforts while promoting the rapid growth of a network of domestic laboratories possessing the world's most dangerous pathogens." According to the *New York Times*, the report also singled out Pakistan, which has nuclear capability, as a security priority for the incoming Obama administration. Not surprising given that the Mumbai terrorist attacks are believed to have been executed by Pakistani militants (Greenemeier, 2008).

**Date:** December 23, 2008

**Source:** William B. Fox

**Title/Headline:** *Chicago Cops Dodge Blagojevich/Sears Tower Investigation*

**Abstract:** A Chicago Police Department official, who refused to be identified by name, stated that city law enforcement would avoid investigating allegations against embattled Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and Mayor Richard M. Daley. Former Army intelligence officer Capt. Eric H. May, military/political editor of the *Lone Star Iconoclast*, recently repeated that the governor and mayor were co-conspirators in a May 2-4, 2006, attempt to sabotage Chicago's Sears Tower. The 110-story building was bought on the day of the March 11, 2004, Madrid bombing by Larry Silverstein. Even with recent revelations of widespread corruption and conspiracy by Illinois and Chicago officials, the former NBC editorial writer's allegations would seem outlandish – were they not backed up by a document trail connecting everyone from top government officials to media mainstays and even active-duty military intelligence. All of them coalesced into an informal alliance against the governor, the mayor and Homeland Security director Michael Chertoff, who was heading up exercises set to simulate the collapse of an unnamed downtown Chicago skyscraper. All of them believed that the chance of an attack against the Silverstein property was real. The documents tell the tale. On April 26, 2006, advised of a possible attack by inside sources, May put in calls to Illinois National Guard Public Affairs Officer Col. Tim Franklin and Chicago Police Public Information Officer Laura Kubiak. Both confirmed the existence of terror exercises rehearsing the demolition of Sears Tower. Alarmed,

May issued RED ALERT: "CHICAGO 911" CONFIRMED, which was quickly posted worldwide. **The next day, April 27, the Illinois governor's office issued a press release confirming the just-exposed exercises, revealing that the exercises, involving up to 2,000 participants, had been in the works – unannounced – for seven months.** Shortly afterwards, May wrote Blagojevich directly. He copied contacts in the Defense and State Departments, stating his conviction that there was a treasonous plot afoot. After two days of silence from the governor's office, May began to give interviews, expressing his doubts about Blagojevich and Daley. The Chicago mayor was curiously absent from the city at the time on a first-ever visit to Israel, in the company of Israeli intelligence. "The Edge," hosted by radio journalist Daniel Ott, spread word about the suspicious exercises widely throughout the Midwest. **It may seem inconceivable that Chicago police would still shy away from investigating or even discussing the possibility of an official conspiracy, but May isn't surprised. "We should remember just how dangerous government can be. Every great American since the Founding Fathers has agreed on that point.** No one should be surprised that 'Blago' and company are part of a conspiracy. It wasn't so long ago that Illinois officials conspired with Al Capone. The Chicago cops stood by and played dumb then, too." Decorated Vietnam combat veteran Merlin Neadows, who was part of what has since come to be called the "Chicago Mayday Mission," is even harsher with Windy City law enforcement: "They're a disgrace," the former infantryman said. **"They know that we did their job while they hid back in 2006, and they're still hiding. If it hadn't been for us Internet infowarriors, Chicago would have had a terror attack for sure"** (Fox, 2008).



**Date:** January 2, 2010

**Source:** The European Union Times

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Orders US Government To Begin Preparing For Biological Attack*

**Abstract:** The US Post Office could play a key role in distributing medical aid in the event of a biological attack, according to an executive order released by the White House. The order signed by President Barack Obama directs government agencies, local law enforcement and the US Post Office to work on a model for distribution of medical countermeasures in the wake of a biological attack. "This policy would seek to: (1) mitigate illness and prevent death; (2) sustain critical infrastructure; and (3) complement and supplement State, local, territorial, and tribal government medical countermeasure distribution capacity," the order said. "The US Postal Service has the capacity for rapid residential delivery of medical countermeasures for self administration across all communities in the United States," the order added. The US Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano were instructed to work with the post office to develop a "dispensing model for US cities to respond to a large-scale biological attack, with anthrax as the primary threat consideration." The order calls for the model to be drawn up within 180 days, but gives no details as to whether the idea of using the US postal system to assist Americans in the wake of a biological attack is a new one. **The United States has sought to bolster its capacity to respond to biological attacks since 2001, when anthrax-laced letters mailed to people across the United States led to five deaths.** The order came amid heightened security concerns here following an attempt to bring down a US-bound jetliner on Christmas Day. A 23-year-old Nigerian has been charged in the case (The European Union Times, 2010).



**Date:** January 26, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Judith Miller

**Title/Headline:** *Obama Gets 'F' on Stopping Spread Of Weapons Of Mass Destruction*

**Abstract:** A bipartisan, independent commission on stopping the spread of weapons of mass destruction says that the Obama administration has failed in its first year in office to do enough to prevent a germ weapons attack on America or to respond quickly and effectively should such an attack occur. In a 19-page report card being published Tuesday, the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation and Terrorism, chaired by former Senators Bob Graham, a Democrat from Florida, and Jim Talent, a Missouri Republican, gives the new administration the grade of "F" for failing to take key steps the commission outlined just over a year ago in its initial report. Specifically, the commission concludes that the Obama administration, like the three administrations before it, has failed to pay consistent and urgent attention to increasing the nation's ability to respond quickly and effectively to a germ attack that would inflict massive casualties on the nation. **The commission repeated its warning that unless nations acted decisively and urgently, it was more likely than not that a WMD will be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by the end of 2013, and that the terrorists' weapon of choice would be biological, rather than nuclear.** The administration's delayed response to the H1N1 virus, the report concludes, demonstrated that the United States was "woefully behind in its ability to rapidly produce rapidly vaccines and therapeutics, essential steps for adequately responding to a biological threat, whether natural or man-made." Even with time to prepare, the report noted, the epidemic peaked "before most Americans had access to vaccine."

**And a bio-attack, it warned, would have no such warning.** The administration's lack of urgency was also reflected in its lack of priority on producing and distributing enough vaccines and other medical countermeasures for Americans, its reluctance to insist that hospitals have enough surge capacity to treat people who would be infected in a bioterror attack, and the lack of a national plan to coordinate federal, state and local efforts following a bioterror strike, the document asserts. **Ultimately, the commission chairman and vice chairman say, the "lack of preparedness" and "consistent lack of action" reflect "a failure of the U.S. government to grasp the threat of biological weapons."** Unlike its effort to prevent a nuclear attack, the Obama administration has shown "no equal sense of urgency" about preventing or responding to germ warfare that might cause comparable death and suffering, the commission concludes. **The report assigns 17 grades that it says highlight the issues of greatest priority in protecting Americans from WMD. The commission gave the administration a "D+" for its efforts to tighten oversight of high-containment labs in which experiments involving the deadliest pathogens are conducted.** There were still far too many Federal, state, and local agencies regulating germs in sometimes conflicting ways, it states. The commission also gave Congress a failing grade for failing to consolidate the estimated 82 to 108 committees and subcommittees that oversee some part of the Department of Homeland Security. **"Virtually no progress has been made since consolidation was first recommended by the 9/11 Commission in 2004," the report asserts.** The Obama administration disputed the findings of the report Tuesday, arguing that the president has accomplished a "great deal" in his first year in office. **White House spokesman Nick Shapiro cited a recently signed executive order establishing "federal capability to rapidly provide medical countermeasures to supplement state and local response in the event of a large-scale biological attack."** He said Obama would launch a new initiative aimed at addressing potential "public health threats" during his State of the Union address Wednesday. The Graham/Talent WMD Commission, as it is known, is a legacy of the 9/11 Commission, which recommended its creation to examine WMD proliferation threats in its own report. **In December, 2008, the WMD commission concluded in its final report that American national security faced ever growing threats from unconventional weapons, and from biological weapons in particular. Its report, "World at Risk," unanimously concluded that bioterrorism was the most likely WMD threat the nation confronted given the exponential growth of biological technology and the stated desire of Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups to acquire such weapons.** It called upon the administration to take 13 steps to reduce America's vulnerability to such an attack. The new report card assesses the progress that the Obama administration has made in implementing its recommendations. **The report is not uniformly negative. It gives the Administration high marks -- an "A" -- for the reviews it has conducted into how best to store and secure dangerous pathogens, and two "A-minus" grades for appointing a WMD coordinator and restructuring how the White House oversees homeland security issues.** But it warns that such steps are not commensurate with the threat the nation faces from terrorist groups searching for unconventional weapons in asymmetrical warfare. Robert Kadlec, **President Bush's former special adviser on bio-defense policy,** declined to comment on the commission's failing grade in the area in which he worked, saying there was still "ample opportunity to provide more focus and resources" for bio-preparedness in the administration's remaining three years. **"This is a hard problem which deserves high priority,"** he said. Two defenders of the administration's policies, both of whom asked not to be identified by name because they were speaking without authorization, said that the **Obama White House gave bio-defense and countering nuclear proliferation high priority. One official said that Obama's second presidential security directive -- the first being the reorganization of the White House national security apparatus -- mapped out a national strategy to defend the nation against biological attacks.** He also predicted that the administration would seek increases in its new budget for bio-defense and global surveillance programs. Having been extended for one more year of work in 2009, the 9-member WMD Commission is disbanding after issuing this final report card. **But staff members said that its chairman and vice-chairman intend to form a non-profit organization to continue pressing the government to do more to counter WMD threats** (Miller, 2010).



**Date:** June 9, 2010

**Location:** Illinois, USA

**Source:** Fox News, Llila Chacon

**Title/Headline:** *Massive Emergency Drills Planned In Chicago, Oak Lawn, Bridgeview, Elk Grove Village And Bensenville*

**Abstract:** **Imagine a bomb blast, a plane crash, a hazardous materials spill and a CTA derailment, all in the same week.** That's the set-up for a massive joint training exercise that's set to start Sunday. The drill is designed to stretch first responders to the breaking point. **Dozens of local, state and federal agencies will respond, and seven hospitals will be ready for casualties.** Anyone who sees the drill might think it's the real thing; Oak Lawn Police Lt. Arthur Clark says it will be very realistic. **"People who live in buildings across the street when they look out their window will see over 300 first responders and over 50 pieces of fire and emergency equipment,"** he said. **"They're going to see people who will be simulated injured."** And that's just for starters. At least seven different scenarios will play through Thursday in Oak Lawn, Bridgeview, Elk Grove Village, Bensenville and in Chicago. One event will be at Soldier Field, another will take place on a stretch of CTA track at 15th Street. There are bound to be traffic tie-ups, and frightening scenes of survivors and victims. **So if you see one, remember this story before you call 911. About 1500 people will be part of this. The folks putting this together say it's one of the biggest exercises ever coordinated in our area.** Volunteers from Great Lakes Naval base will play the injured. **Mannequins will play the fatalities, and they're being dressed for the occasion by the Salvation Army stores** (Chacon, 2010).



**Date:** June 10, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Shepard Ambellas, Alex Thomas

**Title/Headline:** *What Do The Sears Tower, WTC, and Terror Drills Have In Common?*

**Abstract:** Larry Silverstein, owner of Silverstein Properties, Inc. and the man who leased the World Trade Center Towers also happens to be the owner of the Sears Tower in Chicago. The complex was renamed the Willis Tower on July 16, 2009 and is insured by global insurance broker Willis Group Holdings. The insurer is very important in the grand scheme as can be seen with the WTC, whose insurance settlement amounted to a cool 4.68 billion dollars. A company named Kroll is the company tasked with providing security for the Sears Tower. After 9/11, Kroll purchased Convair, the very company that was responsible for recovering data from WTC hard drives. Kroll also managed the bunker in the WTC and is known to have had a hand in the London 7/7 bombings. The Willis Tower just so happens to have an asbestos problem much like the one that plagued the World Trade Center. Contrary to what many claim, there is clear evidence that shows the asbestos problem within the Willis Tower. Remember that on September 11, 2001, NORAD was conducting a war games drill that simulated planes flying into towers. There is at the very least, a very eerie correlation with the upcoming terror drills that will be conducted in Chicago from June 13 through June 17. This terror drill is slated to be a full scale event carried out over a five day period and will include a simulated airplane crash, terror attack, and the release of a bio weapon. Just a thought (Ambellas & Thomas, 2010).



**Date:** November 13, 2010

**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Rahm Emanuel Announces Run For Chicago Mayor*

**Abstract:** Rahm Emanuel officially announced Saturday what everyone has known since he quit his job as White House chief of staff, hugged President Obama and returned to Chicago: He's in. To the surprise of no one, Emanuel, who has long talked about his desire to be mayor, told a packed auditorium at a school on Chicago's North Side that he is running to succeed retiring Mayor Richard Daley. The election is Feb. 22. Emanuel represented the city's North Side in Congress before he went to the White House. He has been actively campaigning in the city since his return about two months ago. "Only the opportunity to help President Obama as his chief of staff could have pried me away from here," Emanuel said Saturday. "And only the opportunity to lead this city could have pried me away from the president's side." Since his return, Emanuel also has been courting donors who can add to the \$1.2 million left from his congressional campaign fund. He is one of about a half dozen candidates who have either formally announced or are about to. During his announcement speech, Emanuel pledged not to raise taxes and to award city contracts to the lowest bidder. "Our first responsibility is to make the tough choices that have been avoided too long because of politics and inertia," he said (Fox News, 2011).

**Date:** January 27, 2011

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *Missing Vial Of Nerve Agent Forces Lockdown At Utah Army Base*

**Abstract:** Officials say a missing vial of nerve agent is responsible for a lockdown overnight at a Utah military base that carries out tests to protect troops against biological attacks, Fox13now.com reports. The Army says Dugway Proving Ground, where military weapons are tested, was locked down for hours over a missing vial of VX "nerve agent." The amount missing was less than one fourth of a teaspoon and it was recovered at around 3 a.m., according to the station. VX nerve agent affects the body's ability to carry messages through the nerves. The Army says no one was in danger and the lockdown was ordered as a precaution. Between 1,200 and 1,400 people were inside the facility at the time. Dugway is about 85 miles southwest of Salt Lake City. A news release from the base on Thursday said, "during a routine inventory of sensitive material in the chemical laboratory, Dugway officials discovered a discrepancy between the records and the agent on-hand. As a precaution, the commander immediately locked down the installation and began efforts to identify the cause of the discrepancy." No employees on the base were injured, a spokeswoman for Dugway told the station (Fox News, 2011).

**Conclusion:** A plane crashing into the Sears tower oozing a green mist in the Windy City is not imaginary at this point, but the EXACT drill that took place in Chicago on June 9, 2010!. Bringing all the media attention to this possible bio attack is the only real effective means of thwarting it. If it does happen in this manner, the American public will know who to blame this time around. Please see Chapter 43: The Unusual Suspects for more info...



## The Nuclear Bible: The End of the Internet



**Intro:** The biggest thorn in the side of the Globalists is the internet and there are now rumors that the world may be in the process of going to Internet 2, a highly controlled internet with Chinese style censorship. In 2009, Jay Rockefeller, stated that **“The internet never should have been invented”** (YouTube, 2009). On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Paul Joseph Watson reported that the controversy surrounding White House information czar and **Harvard Professor Cass Sunstein’s blueprint for the government to infiltrate political activist groups has deepened**, with the revelation that in the same 2008 dossier **he also called for the government to tax or even ban outright political opinions of which it disapproved**. Sunstein was appointed by President Obama to head up the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, an agency within the Executive Office of the President.

On page 14 of Sunstein’s January 2008 white paper entitled **“Conspiracy Theories,”** the man who is now Obama’s head of information technology in the White House proposed that each of the following measures **“will have a place under imaginable conditions”** according to the strategy detailed in the essay.

- Government might ban conspiracy theorizing. (most of which occurs online)
- Government might impose some kind of tax, financial or otherwise, on those who disseminate such theories (which would most likely be levied based on online behavior)

Watson went on to state, **“That’s right, Obama’s information czar wants to tax or ban outright, as in *make illegal*, political opinions that the government doesn’t approve of”** (Watson, 2010).

These statements shows the disdain for the internet by the powers that be, because more and more people worldwide are tuning out of the mainstream media and onto the internet for their news and information, due to the corporate media’s unwillingness to speak the truth about a number of issues, particularly, **the North American Union, the New World Order, WMD’s, 9/11 Truth, vaccines, and countless other topics**. Should China be implicated in a “Cyber Attack” of some sort that enables the nuclear terrorism on February 7, 2010, or in the near future, we can say goodbye to the free internet as we know it.

**Date:** May 26, 2010

**Source:** PC World, IDG News, Grant Gross

**Title/Headline:** *US Needs Plan For Online Terrorism Recruiting, Expert Says*

**Abstract:** The U.S. government lacks a plan to counter terrorist recruiting efforts online, even though such efforts by jihad groups are growing, one terrorism expert told U.S. lawmakers. The U.S. government doesn't make an effort to engage with people who may be open to terrorist recruiting efforts and dissuade them from joining, Bruce Hoffman, a professor in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, told lawmakers Wednesday. **The U.K. government has a program that works with local communities to identify possible targets for terrorism recruiting, said Hoffman, a former scholar in residence at the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. "Very clearly, our adversaries have a communications strategy,"** Hoffman told a subcommittee of the House of Representatives Homeland Security Committee. "Lamentably, we don't." Instead of on-the-ground programs working with potential targets of terrorism recruiting, U.S. agencies have, in some cases, tried to control terrorism communications on the Internet, Hoffman said. "We shouldn't be censoring the Internet," he said. **"I think the problem is we default toward these very intrusive approaches." While most witnesses at the hearing agreed that the U.S. government shouldn't be censoring Web sites linked to terrorism,** John Philip Mudd , a senior research fellow at the Counterterrorism Strategy Initiative at the New America Foundation, suggested that taking down terrorism recruiting Web sites may be helpful. Internet service providers should have protection from lawsuits if they take down terrorism-related Web sites, said Mudd, a former counterterrorism official with the CIA and the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation. **"We're not going to stop Internet recruitment and radicalization,"** he said. **"We can work on it, we can chip away at it, but it's not going to stop."** Members of the subcommittee decried the ability of terrorists to recruit followers online, but several lawmakers also said they want to be careful that the U.S. government doesn't trample on free speech rights when it tries to counter terrorism recruiting activity online. There's an active debate in the U.S. security community about whether law enforcement agencies should attempt to take down Web sites recruiting terrorists, but by taking down sites, investigators could lose valuable information, said Representative Michael McCaul , a Texas Republican. Mudd seemed to disagree. Keeping terrorism Web sites online may give investigators short-term gains, he said. **"But in general, I'd say, make sure they can't spread the ideology, because that's spreading the revolution,"** he said. The U.S. government has, at times, been too heavy-handed in its antiterrorism efforts, but there's also a proliferation of terrorism recruiting materials online, McCaul said. More than 5,000 Jihadist Web sites and discussion forums are online, he said. **"I don't think anyone here disputes that the terrorists are successfully using the Internet to help spread their message,"** he said. **"Terrorists once had to travel to terror camps in Pakistan to receive indoctrination and training. Now, aspiring terrorists only need to open their laptop and connect to the Internet."** Representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Center for Democracy and Technology said that U.S. courts have established clear rules for when it's appropriate for government law enforcement agents to take away free speech rights. A 1969 Supreme Court case established that subversive speech was protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution unless it incited "imminent lawless action," said Anthony Romero , the ACLU's executive director. In many cases,

terrorism Web sites don't rise to that level, Romero suggested. While several lawmakers expressed concerns about terrorism recruiting online, Brian Jenkins, a senior advisor at research and analysis firm **The RAND Corp.**, suggested that **terrorism recruiting efforts in the U.S. since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks have been limited. RAND found that only about 125 people in the U.S. were recruited to terrorism groups between Sept. 11, 2001, and 2009, he said. "There are veins of extremism, there are handfuls of hotheads, but no apparent deep reservoir from which Al-Qaeda can recruit,"** he said. Terrorists have gotten to the implementation stage in only three plots, including a failed car bombing in New York City May 1, in the U.S. since Sept. 11, Jenkins said. An online recruitment campaign is "producing very few active terrorists," Jenkins added. **"The number of English language Web sites vastly exceeds the number of terrorists it has produced. As a marketing effort, it would be judged a failure"** (Gross, 2010).



**Date:** June 22, 2010

**Source:** National Geographic

**Title/Headline:** *Electronic Amageddon*

**Abstract:** A nuclear warhead will detonate high above the earth's surface...One of the most wired nations [America] in the world will go dark" Dr. Vincent Peter Pry (CIA) "It would change the game. It would change the world order." What do future presidents need to know about existential dangers this country could face? Explorer investigates the science behind the dangers of a high-altitude electromagnetic pulse, or HEMP. **Picture an instantaneous deathblow to the vital engines that power our society, delivered by a nuclear weapon designed not to kill humans but to attack electronics. What could happen if an electromagnetic pulse surged to earth, crippling every aspect of modern society's infrastructure?** Explore what could happen when a high altitude electromagnetic pulse (HEMP) occurs and cripples our electrical grid.

**Apparently, the Globalists are considering detonating an EMP, which would basically take America back to the Stone Age. This would disrupt any and all communication abilities for Americans trying to resist the post-nuclear agenda.**

**Date:** July 13, 2010

**Source:** CBS News

**Title/Headline:** *Thousands Of Laptops Stolen During 9-hour Heist*

**Abstract:** Thousands of laptops have been stolen from the Florida office of a private contractor for the U.S. military's Special Operations Command. Surveillance cameras caught up to seven people loading the computers into two trucks for nine hours. U.S. Special Operations Command coordinates the activities of elite units from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. A spokeswoman said Tuesday that none of the stolen laptops contained military information or software. The Virginia-based company iGov was awarded a \$450 million contract earlier this year to supply mobile technology services linking special operations troops worldwide. A company executive says iGov is cooperating with authorities and the March 6 break-in at its Tampa facility remains under investigation (CBS News, 2010).

**This theft will likely be used as the alleged gateway for the nuclear terrorists past U.S. security.**

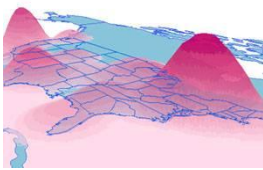
**Date:** July 19, 2010

**Source:** Fox News

**Title/Headline:** *FBI Warning Of Al Qaeda Hit Lists, Bomb-Making Tips Led To Shutdown Of Blogging Site*

**Abstract:** A popular website that hosted more than 70,000 bloggers was shut down suddenly last week after the FBI informed its chief technology officer that the site contained hit lists, bomb-making documents and links to Al Qaeda materials, it was reported on Monday. When the WordPress platform Blogetery.com went dead, the initial explanation from the site's host, Burst.net, was that "a law-enforcement agency" had ordered it to shut down, citing a "history of abuse." **The explanation caused a wave of conspiracy theories in the blogosphere. But according to a report on CNET Monday, Burst.net shut down Blogetery.com when it became spooked by a letter from the FBI, in which the bureau detailed the presence of terrorist materials among the blog posts.** Burst.net CTO Joe Marr explained that the FBI contacted them with a request for voluntary emergency disclosure of information, bringing to their attention that terrorist material presenting a threat to the lives of Americans was found on a server Burst.net hosted. FBI agents said they wanted specific, immediate information about the people who posted the material. Paul Bresson, unit chief for the FBI's national press office, wrote in an email to FoxNews.com Monday that Burst.net shut down the website on its own. **"We did not make a request to shut down a website," Bresson wrote. Burst.net executives and public relations staffers were not available for comment; answering machines at the office appeared to be disconnected.** Bloggers had been theorizing for days about the shutdown, mostly speculating about conspiracies and anti-piracy movements. File-sharing news site TorrentFreak claimed it was most likely the work of anti-piracy authorities. **The site speculated that it could be part of a new initiative called "Operation: In Our Sites," designed to crack down on Internet piracy and counterfeiting under the authority of Vice President Joe Biden and U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator Victoria Espinel. "Operation: In Our Sites" has already targeted numerous sites including TVShack.net, Movies-Links.TV, FilesPump.com, Now-Movies.com, PlanetMoviez.com, ThePirateCity.org, ZML.com, NinjaVideo.net and NinjaThis.net. Others wondered whether**

this was a step by the government to assert control over the Web. Just weeks ago, a plan giving the President emergency power to turn off the Internet was approved by the Senate. The reality turns out to be much more serious. A representative for Burst.net said the company had offered Blogetery's operator his money back, but that "should be the least of his concerns." **"Simply put: We cannot give him his data nor can we provide any other details,"** the representative said. **"By stating this, most would recognize that something serious is afoot"** (Fox News, 2010).



**Date:** October 6, 2010

**Source:** San Diego State University, Gina Jacobs

**Title/Headline:** *Mapping Cyberspace*

**Abstract:** A \$1.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation will help SDSU researchers create new ways to analyze the spread of information and ideas on the Internet. The multidisciplinary cyber-infrastructure innovation project will map cyberspace by tracking the flow of information and monitoring its movement on the Internet. **"The spread of ideas in the age of the Internet is a double-edged sword; it can enhance our collective welfare, as well as produce forces that can destabilize the world,"** said Ming-Hsiang Tsou, associate professor of geography and the project's lead investigator. **"This project aims at understanding the process by which the impact of co-related events or ideas disperse throughout the world over time and space."** The project seeks to map both the geography and the chronology of ideas over cyberspace, as the ripples of information radiate outward from a given event epicenter. By mapping and analyzing such ripples, researchers hope to better understand the role of new media in biasing, accelerating, impeding or otherwise influencing personal, social and political uses of such information.

**Tracking Terrorist Ideas Online:** One application of the project will be to track terrorist and extremist ideas on the web to see where the information originates and how it spreads. As an example, the news of an obscure preacher's intention to burn the Koran spread like wildfire in various media throughout much of the world in general, and in the Islamic world in particular. **"This singular announcement by a solitary person touched off violent protests that took the lives of many and threatened further escalation of tensions and rifts between the West and the Islamic world,"** said Dipak Gupta, co-investigator on the project and professor of international security and conflict resolution. **"This episode illustrates the potential of relatively isolated events for destabilizing the world in unforeseen ways and with far-reaching consequences."** By identifying the path of information online, researchers hope to learn what makes a place more prone to the spread of any particular idea. In addition to terrorist ideas, the project also seeks to establish ways to map the spread of information on other ongoing topics, such as epidemics and global climate change, and other event-based topics, such as wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes.

**Diffusion of Information:** **"Understanding information diffusion and acquisition—e.g., searching, sending—patterns in response to such disasters and epidemics may significantly facilitate intervention responses, and eventually, prevention responses,"** Tsou said. The first phase of the project will develop basic language analysis tools creating semantic maps—words, phrases and patterns of language use—which characterize the seed sites in the spread of ideas. **Using these maps to guide web searches will provide a detailed picture of how seed sites are reporting an event.** By using this linguistic framework, a sophisticated web search will indicate how these seed sites and their social networks of users are reporting an event and influencing each other. In the second phase of the project, researchers will collect data on the spread of words, phrases and patterns of language use on websites over time and space. By mapping these sites on a world map, visualization will show how the ideas are spreading. In the third phase of the project, statistical analyses will seek to understand the reasons for a particular course along which an idea spreads. **In other words, potential factors that cause "susceptibility" to and "immunity" from a particular set of ideas will be identified. This project will continue for four years, collecting and analyzing data, and developing a theoretical structure on the spread of ideas.**

**Understanding 'Collective Thinking':** **"This project will help us to better understand the 'collective thinking' of human beings and minimize misunderstandings between different groups and people,"** Tsou said. *Mapping Cyberspace to Realspace: Visualizing and Understanding Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Global Diffusion of Ideas and the Semantic Web* was funded for four years starting Oct. 1 (Jacobs, 2010).

**Date:** April 20, 2010

**Source:** Sacramento Press, Hal Silliman

**Title/Headline:** *CIA Director Tells Cap-To-Cap Delegates: Cyber Attack Could Be Next "Pearl Harbor"*

**Abstract:** Central Intelligence Agency director Leon Panetta told 300 Sacramento Metro Chamber Cap-to-Cap delegates that the next "Pearl Harbor" is likely to be an attack on the United States' power, financial, military and other Internet systems. Panetta addressed the Sacramento delegation that includes 43 elected officials and hundreds of business and civic leaders who are in Washington D.C. for the annual program that advocates for the region's most pressing policy issues. He spoke on Monday, April 19, during the Cap-to-Cap opening breakfast. **"Cyber terrorism" is a new area of concern for the CIA, Panetta said. The United States faces thousands of cyber attacks daily on its Internet networks. The attacks are originating in Russia, China, Iran and from even hackers. "The next**

Pearl Harbor is likely to be a cyber attacking going after our grid...and that can literally cripple this country,” Panetta said. “This is a whole new area of threat.” But cyber terrorism is just one of four primary missions for Panetta, who took over directing the CIA last year after appointment by President Obama. **The CIA is also focusing on counter-terrorism, reducing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and fighting narcotics trafficking. Al Qaeda is becoming a viscous target, and as CIA and military operations tamp it down in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iraq, the terrorist elements are moving to places like Somalia, Yemen and North Africa—as well changing its tactics, he said. “The president’s direction...is we must dismantle and destroy Al Qaeda and its known elements,” he said. “It’s a fundamental mission....The primary effort takes place in Pakistan and tribal areas. We are now focused on Afghanistan and have increased our presence there.”** Meanwhile, CIA is working to help Iraqis fight Al Qaeda. **“Even as our military draws down in Iraq, we’ll keep our presence there...to provide intelligence to the Iraqis so they can secure their own country.”** **Worrisome, he added, is how Al Qaeda is “coming at us in other ways.”** These include using individuals who have clean records and are not being tracked; individuals who are already in the U.S.A. and in contact with Al Qaeda; and individuals who decided to “self-radicalize” and are easily and quickly recruited as terrorists. Previously, Panetta served as a congressional representative from the Monterey area, rising to the House Budget committee chair, and then latter as President Clinton’s Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **“I’ve spent most of my life on budget issues,” he said, noting the “work we did eventually produced a balanced budget for the country.”** When he’s asked why he took on the job at the CIA, he told the group, **“Because considering the size of the federal deficit, I’d rather fight Al Qaeda”** (Silliman, 2010).

**Date:** January 9, 2011

**Source:** Huffington Post, Craig Kanalley

**Title/Headline:** *Facebook Shutting Down Rumor Goes Viral: Site Said To Be Ending March 15, 2011*

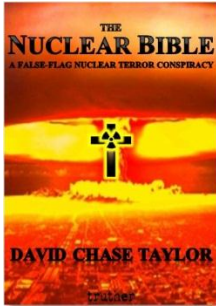
**Abstract:** It's not clear how it started, but a ridiculous rumor that Facebook is shutting down is spreading fast on social networks. The hot rumor -- evidenced by Google Trends and gaining traction on Twitter -- says that on March 15, 2011, Facebook will be closing down. Not taking a day off, not undergoing maintenance, but ending entirely. The rumor has led to such frantic tweets as, "Facebook will be shutting down on March 2011? I hope not!" (@MissAyl) and "So the rumor is Facebook is shutting down....please don't jump to twitter & ruin my social networking experience" (@jjelksboss). Facebook users are also concerned. Says one: "Facebook is shutting down on March 15, 2011 for good D: Is there any way we can stop this!?!?" And a group has already started to stop Facebook from shutting down. Ironically, Yahoo announced last month that its "Yahoo Video" will be closing down on the date in question, March 15, 2011, and videos can be seen for the last time on March 14. But that hardly means it's taking the rest of the Internet down with it. Just a day ago, an opinion piece published on CNN said that the recent Goldman Sachs investment was the "beginning of the end" for Facebook. That post went viral with more than 5,000 Facebook "likes" and could be partially to blame for the ensuing panic. Whatever the reason for this rumor, it's safe to say that as a site with more than 500 million users and a \$500 million investment from Goldman Sachs recently, Facebook won't be shutting down anytime soon.

**UPDATE (3:30 p.m. ET):** ABC News speculates that the rumor started with this post published Jan. 8 by the satirical Weekly World News. Facebook has yet to officially respond to the rumor.

**UPDATE (6 p.m. ET):** Facebook has officially responded to the rumors with a tweet: **"We didn't get the memo about shutting down, so we'll keep working away. We aren't going anywhere; we're just getting started."** A company spokesman also dismissed the rumors as "silliness."

**Conclusion:** If the internet shuts down, there will be so many angry and irate people that a new form of communication will take its place. That being said, the Internet MUST stay up if there is any chance of changing the world for the better.

## The Nuclear Bible: The Inside Scoop



**Intro:** *The Nuclear Bible: A False-Flag Nuclear Terror Conspiracy* is a book comprised of news and information regarding an upcoming False-Flag Nuclear Terror Attack. This book is NOT finished, but was sent out before Time is of the essence and Super Bowl XLV is less than 2 weeks away. Due to the massive amount of data and information available on this specific topic, articles have been liberally edited for content and structure. Please Google the “Title/Headline” for quickest route to the original article. It is imperative that you research the claims submitted in this text for yourself and that you act accordingly. Albert Einstein is alleged to have said “**Those privileged enough to know have a duty to inform.**” While the information enclosed is not 100% comprehensive, most relevant evidence and information has been documented accordingly.

*The Nuclear Bible* will be published in every language possible, so any help regarding this process is appreciated. Please send any new, relevant, missing, or helpful information regarding a Nuclear Terror Attack to **David Chase Taylor** at: [davidchasetaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:davidchasetaylor@yahoo.com)

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## **The Nuclear Bible: The Who, What, When, Where, How & Why of Nuclear Terror**

The following "Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why" synopsis attempts to portray the basics of *The Nuclear Bible*. This is a very deep, devious, and developed conspiracy between many individuals, governments, organizations, and political entities that will finally be brought into the Light. Any help in bringing this plot to the attention to the good men and woman of America and the World is greatly appreciated.



**WHO: Criminal Globalist Elements.** Located within European Royalty, International Banking Houses, Secret Societies and the U.S., British, and Israeli governments, this rogue network of individuals will attempt to set off a nuclear device in a false-flag terror attack that will ultimately be blamed on Al Qaeda, Pakistan and potentially Russia, China, Iran, and multiple countries in Africa.

As Globalist David Rockefeller stated: **"We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order."** Please see Chapter 43: *The Unusual Suspects* for more info...



**WHAT: A Nuclear Terror Attack.** The warnings of an impending terror attack are numerous and the references to stadiums, nuclear terror, Al Qaeda, and Pakistan are exhaustive. Please see Chapter 14: *Pakistan & Nuclear Proliferation*, Chapter 15: *Pakistan & Terrorism* Chapter 16: *Pakistan & World War III* for more info...



**WHEN:** Soon.

**2011 NFL Super Bowl** (XLV), February 6, 2011 in Arlington (Dallas), Texas, USA

**Date: 6/11      The Day After: 7/11**

Please see Chapter 30: *Nuclear Terror Dates, Targets & Scenarios*, Chapter 31: *Nuclear Terror Target # 3: The World Cup*, Chapter 32: *Nuclear Terror Target# 2: The Olympics* & Chapter 33: *Nuclear Terror Target # 1: The 2011 Super Bowl* for more info...



**WHERE:** **Live TV.** A nuclear blast is only visible to the naked eye for approximately 30 to 60 seconds. In order to have its desired terrorizing effect on its victims, a nuclear detonation **MUST** be seen by a live global TV audience, preferably in the hundreds of millions. The top three venues for nuclear terrorism are the World's most watched sporting events: The Super Bowl, the World Cup, and the Summer Olympics.

Please see Chapter 38: *Nuclear Terror & LIVE TV* for more info...



**HOW:** **Hijack & Scapegoat.** The Criminal Globalist Elements has successfully set up the State of Pakistan as the scapegoat of all terrorism and nuclear proliferation, while they themselves have hijacked (6) U.S. 150 kiloton thermo-nuclear weapons in 2007 during a routine weapons transfer from Minot Air Force Base in South Dakota to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. Please see Chapter 18: *Nuclear Hijack: Top Secret* for more info...

**WHY:** **Control.** Anytime a new theory is presented, one must address and answer the proverbial question of "Why?" In order for the Globalists to remain credible, relevant, and in control, the 9/11 Truth movement, the Ron Paul Revolution, and the Internet as we know it must be eliminated. The aforementioned grassroots movements are waking up millions of people and the Unconstitutional Federal government of the United States is running scared. The powers that be must dismantle, disarm, and force America into the North American Union before it can truly experience its destined neo-renaissance of Freedom and Liberty. The Globalists have been exposed by the freedom of information on the internet and are rushing to complete their sinister plans for global domination. As Obama's Foreign Policy Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski stated in May of 2010, **"For the first time in all of human history mankind is politically awakened – that's a total new reality – it has not been so for most of human history"**

### **A False-Flag Nuclear Terror Attack Equals:**

- The end of the 9/11 Truth Movement
- 100% Globalist Control over the Internet
- Emergence of the (NAU) North American Union as the "Solution" to Nuclear Terrorism
- Martial Law & Citizen Crackdowns in America
- World War III & Global Government



[www.ae911truth.org](http://www.ae911truth.org)

**The 9/11 Truth Movement:** The Globalists have been exposed at the perpetrators behind the attacks of 9/11, as well as the Mumbai Attacks of 26/11, the London Attacks of 7/7, the Financial Crisis, the Housing Crisis, Geo-Engineering, Eugenics, Climatgate and a host of other atrocities. This final act of Nuclear Holocaust will usher in a rabid fascist corporatist One World Government/New World Order system that is hell-bent on invading or nuking any Nation that stands in its way. World Government has been the quest of tyrants and despots for millennia. Should this event transpire, it would be the single greatest catalyst for world domination known to modern man.

**The Internet:** Long credited for the current global awakening, the Internet will likely be shut down just prior to or right after a nuclear attack. This act will hamper and diminish efforts by politicians, law enforcement and citizen from exposing the true nature of the attacks. Therefore, if you find the information enclosed relevant and credible, it is imperative that *The Nuclear Bible* is downloaded, printed, and circulated immediately. As Senator Jay Rockefeller told Congress in 2009, "It really almost makes you ask the question: Would it have been better if we never had invented the internet...?"



**North American Union (Proposed Flag)**

**The North American Union (NAU):** A false-flag nuclear attack on American soil is likely to bring about the emergence of the North American Union (NAU), the political union of Mexico, Canada, and the United States of America. It is highly likely that alleged "terrorists" from all three Nations will be fingered in the false-flag nuclear attack, thus making it an attack upon all North American Nations. Politicians and the corporate media will attempt to deceive and convince the people of North America that they are safer and more secure with a "nuclear terrorist stopping" security perimeter around all three Nations. The end result of the NAU is the disintegration and obliteration of the people and the traditions that are woven into The United States of America. More importantly, the Constitution of the United States and the American People's Bill of Rights will be null and void, thus rendering the American people politically naked and enslaved.

**Martial Law & Citizen Crackdowns:** A massive nuclear terror attack would empower and enable the U.S. Federal Government to crack down on its civilian population which is in the genesis of all-out revolution. Patriot civilians will likely be rounded up, incarcerated, and ultimately eliminated should these events transpire.

**World War III:** As 9/11 gave reason to the invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq, a nuclear terror attack will give the Obama Administration the "green light" to nuke or invade any Nation that doesn't cower, surrender, and submit to the New World Order/One World Government system. A false-flag nuclear attack will likely be blamed on Pakistan, the greatest documented purveyor of terror and nuclear proliferation on record. The Pakistani scapegoat has been beautifully groomed by the West for the last 30 odd years and is ready to be slaughtered. A nuclear terror attack would be retaliated upon by the United States, which would likely go on a nuking spree of the Middle East, inevitably starting WWII.

**Conclusion:** If you find the information within *The Nuclear Bible* alarming, relevant, and reliable, please see to it that it is forwarded to all:

- 1) **Public Officials:** Local, State, Federal & International (police, sheriff, FBI, CIA, politicians)
- 2) **News Media:** Local, National & International (tv, radio, newspapers, and internet)
- 3) **Sports Media:** Local, State, National & International
- 4) **The Public:** Classmates, Colleagues, Family, Friends, Neighbors & Fellow Church Goers
- 5) **Texas:** Businesses, Churches, Sports Bars, Local Governments in the Dallas/Arlington, Texas area
- 6) **NFL Athletes:** Whether on the Packers or Steelers, forward this information to any known current or retired NFL players

**SAVE, PRINT & FORWARD TODAY:** Due to the unreliability of the internet, especially in the case of a nuclear terror attack, please download and print a physical hard copy of *The Nuclear Bible: A False-Flag Nuclear Terror Conspiracy* today.

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## The Nuclear Bible: The NFL & Co.



**Intro:** The following NFL authorities that would be responsible for investigating a nuclear terrorist attack on the Super Bowl, appear to be chosen by the Globalists for such a day. They are associated with certain agencies, governments, corporations, and connections that have been implicated in the attacks of 9/11.

**A few pertinent questions:** Why did the NFL suddenly change its logo? Why did the NFL suddenly change its Super Bowl logo? Who really is the NFL Commissioner? Who was his father? Who is he married to? Who is his wife's father? What did Roger Goodell say in his first press conference as NFL Commissioner? Will a former NFL quarterback lead the Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2011 to stymie and real investigation? Where will Roger Goodell be on Super Bowl Sunday in Texas?



**Date:** August 9, 2006

**Source:** NBC Sports, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Goodell, From PR Intern To Commissioner: 47-Year-Old Becomes Only Third Top Man Since Rozelle Took Post In 1960*

**Abstract:** The knock on Roger Goodell's hotel room door came almost three hours to the minute after NFL owners began voting for a new commissioner. When he opened it, there stood the Steelers' Dan Rooney. He didn't have to say a word. "When I saw Dan smiling, I knew it wasn't bad news," Goodell said Tuesday. **And right then, in a seamless transition that followed a swift, unanimous selection, the symbol of the NFL's storied history embraced the league's future.** Favored for months to succeed Paul Tagliabue, the 47-year-old Goodell said he expects to begin serving a five-year term before the regular season starts Sept. 7. Goodell, who never stopped rising through the ranks during his lifelong service to the NFL, was chosen on the fifth ballot, beating four other contenders in a vote that took only three hours. He becomes just the fourth commissioner since World War II, having started his NFL career as a public relations intern a quarter-century ago and having served as Tagliabue's second-in-command for most of the last decade. "We've had the two greatest sports commissioners in the history of professional sports, Paul Tagliabue and Pete Rozelle, and I was fortunate to work for both of them," said Goodell, who shook every owners' hand afterward. "I look forward to the challenge and thank them again for their confidence." Goodell remained the favorite even through a four-month search conducted by a committee headed by Rooney and Carolina's Jerry Richardson. **There was no question that he was the choice of the league's most important owners all along, but none declared any allegiance until the finale. "I said from the beginning that we were going to look for the man to lead us,"** Rooney said he told the owners during the voting Tuesday afternoon. "I said that when we finished, I had no doubt that that was Roger Goodell." New England's Robert Kraft, one of the most influential of the newest owners, said: **"Roger got his MBA from Pete Rozelle and Paul Tagliabue. That's not a bad education."** The son of former U.S. Sen. Charles Goodell of New York, Goodell had been Tagliabue's top assistant on expansion and stadium construction. He also was the contact man with union head Gene Upshaw during the recent labor talks. In 2001, he became the NFL's chief operating officer. League revenues have skyrocketed during the 17 years under Tagliabue, who said he would leave his post after brokering new television and labor deals. The NFL will collect about \$10 billion in TV rights fees during the next six years, and enjoys labor peace with the players' association under an agreement completed in March. The owners believed Goodell would carry on in that tradition. **"The continuity was very important to me," said John Mara of the New York Giants, whose family, along with the Rooneys, represent the NFL's founding generation. "Roger has an awareness of the history and the tradition that the league represents."** Goodell beat four other finalists: lawyers Gregg Levy and Frederick Nance; Fidelity Investments vice chairman Robert Reynolds; and Constellation Energy chairman Mayo Shattuck III. Goodell's election was much less complicated than Tagliabue's in 1989, when it took owners seven months to select a successor to Rozelle. Originally, the top choice appeared to be Saints president Jim Finks, who was recommended by an advisory committee. **But many of the newer owners would not back Finks, favored by most old-liners. It took 12 ballots — six of them on Oct. 26, 1989 — to finally elect Tagliabue. Goodell's selection was over in less time than it takes for a long, leisurely lunch. "The process was good in that it got everyone looking ahead and not just at the circumstances in their own city," Tagliabue said.** Tagliabue simply introduced Goodell as the new commissioner, then stepped aside as he took the podium. "I spent my life following my passion," Goodell said. "The game of football is the most important thing. You can never forget that." Giants general manager Ernie Accorsi said, **"Those of us who have been around a long time were rooting for someone from inside the (NFL) family. "He's always been aggressive and always had a presence about him. He's obviously bright. He couldn't be more qualified for this job."** Goodell, born in Jamestown, N.Y., is married and has twin daughters (NBC Sports, 2006).



**Roger Goodell in his first speech as NFL Commissioner:** “I think we gotta lot of challenges to face, and the good news is that we’ll face them together, with 32 owners that are focused and prepared. Cause I think the process allowed us to talk about a lot of those issues, and what we need to do together to address those” (NBC Sports, 2006).

#### A Few Questions, Mr. Commissioner:

- What exact “challenges” does the NFL face?
- Why do we need to face them “together”?
- What exactly will all 32 NFL teams have to focus and prepare for all at the same time?
- What “issues” are so important that all 32 owners and teams are on board?

**Do tell Roger. Your words tease the mediocre minds of football fans worldwide, and anything short of a nuclear terror attack on the Super Bowl would not suffice.**



**Date:** August 31, 2007

**Source:** USA Today, Michael McCarthy

**Title/Headline:** *NFL To Revamp Shield With Redesigned Logo*

**Abstract:** The National Football League is launching a makeover of its red, white and blue "NFL Shield" logo that adorns everything from player jerseys to fan T-shirts and hats. The league is creating a leaner, meaner version of the iconic logo that will debut at the NFL draft in April, 2008. The revamped shield will be slightly taller and thinner, with a new football, fewer stars and darker colors, says Lisa Baird, the NFL's senior vice president of marketing. The redesign marks the first changes to the shield since 1980. At the NFL's annual meeting this spring, commissioner Roger Goodell talked about the NFL Shield as the "envy of the sports world." The league has been careful to make an "evolutionary, not a radical change," says Baird. **The new shield features eight stars (representing the eight AFC and NFC divisions) vs. 25 on the current logo. Why 25? It's a mystery.** After researching the shield's origins, the designers could find no reason for 25 stars, says Jaime Weston, director of brand and creative operations. The shield logo was first used around 1940, two decades after the NFL's founding in 1920. The football at the center has been redesigned to resemble the ball atop the Vince Lombardi championship trophy, says Baird. It replaces the old-fashioned pigskin nicknamed the "Hamburger" inside league offices. NFL vendors will probably thank the league for switching to fewer stars. Some vendors, without permission, have used fewer stars rather than shoehorning 25 tiny stars into smaller shields on hats and T-shirts. **Tinkering with one of the country's most powerful and ubiquitous sports brands will be a risky and expensive business.** NFL sponsors such as Reebok, Riddell, Wilson and EA Sports will have to switch shields on everything from uniforms (players wear three logos at the neck and waistlines and on the helmet) and licensed merchandise to the official "Duke" game ball and Madden video game. Even groundskeepers will have to adopt the new shield at NFL stadiums. **But Baird believes the cleaner, more modern symbol will "pop" better during TV telecasts.** The less-busy logo will also show up better on "third screens" increasingly used by sports fans: cellphones, laptops, iPods and PDAs. **During testing with focus groups, consumers liked the switch to eight stars for eight divisions, she says. "People felt that made more sense than tying in to 32 teams,"** says Baird (McCarthy, 2007).

**Although the NFL says that the 4 and 4 star logo is representative of the four divisions within the NFC and AFC Conferences, the NFL is seriously looking into franchises in Europe, so that particular concept will only be valid for a couple of years. More than likely, the 4 and 4 is representative of the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States: Barack Hussein Obama.**





**Date:** February 5, 2010

**Source:** ESPN, Calvin Watkins

**Title/Headline:** *2011 Logo Is First Of NFL's Standard Look*

**Abstract:** The North Texas Super Bowl Committee and the NFL unveiled the logo for Super Bowl XLV on Thursday morning, displaying Cowboys Stadium in the background with the Vince Lombardi Trophy sitting on top of the Roman numerals for the game. **There is a new logo for every Super Bowl, but starting with the 2011 Super Bowl, the theme of the logo will basically remain the same. The only differences from year to year are the stadium backdrop and the Roman numerals for the game.** NFL officials looked at eight designs before recently finalizing their choice. The NFL didn't present it to North Texas officials until last week. **"It's a unique mixture of icons that represents what this whole thing is all about. It's well done,"** said Bill Lively, the president and CEO of the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host committee. **"We've approached our mission not just for 45 but for many, many [Super Bowl] games to come."** The NFL also announced it's changing its postseason logo system and trophies. The AFC and NFC Championship Game trophies will change from a brown base with an 'A' or 'N' on top of it surrounded by players layered on a wall, to silver trophies in the make of a football. Playoff logos also will change to reflect the football as a trophy. All of the new logos and trophies will take effect starting with the 2010 season. **"We feel that 45 is a special year,"** said Mark Waller, chairman of marketing for the NFL. **"It feels like it's the perfect time to launch it"** (Watkins, 2010).

**The logo is clearly more marketable on a global scale, and fits into the plans for global expansion after the then infamous nuclear attack. Who knows, the NFL may take on the nickname: *The Nuclear Football League*.**

## **The Nuclear Bible: The NFL's First Family**



**Rodger Goodell & Jane Skinner**

**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Rodger Goodell*

**Abstract:** Rodger Goodell was born in Jamestown, New York, **the son of the late United States Senator Charles E. Goodell, a Republican from New York (notable for coming into both offices under special circumstances following the deaths of his predecessors)** and the late Jean Rice Goodell of Buffalo, New York. Goodell was heavily involved in the negotiation of the league's current collective bargaining agreement. He had worked extensively with Tagliabue since the latter became commissioner in 1989. **Goodell has played an extensive role in league expansion, realignment, and stadium development,** including the launch of the NFL Network and securing new television agreements as well as the latest collective bargaining agreement with the National Football League Players Association. **Rodger Goodell is married to former Fox News Channel anchor Jane Skinner** and they have twin daughters. Rodger has four brothers; among them are Tim, who has recently transferred his employment to **work at the Hess Corp. (a leading global independent oil/energy company based in New York City)**; and Michael, long-time partner of Jack Kenny, creator of the short-lived NBC series *The Book of Daniel*. The Goodell family was the inspiration for the Webster family on the show. His wife Jane Skinner received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Northwestern University. **Her father is Sam Skinner, former Secretary of Transportation and White House Chief of Staff under President George H.W. Bush** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** June 24, 2010

**Source:** The Huffington Post

**Title/Headline:** *Jane Skinner Leaving Fox News*

**Abstract:** Fox News anchor Jane Skinner is leaving the network after 12 years, she announced on-air Thursday. The co-anchor of Fox News' 11AM-1PM show, "Happening Now" — who is married to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell — told viewers that Thursday would be her final day on-air at the network and that she is taking a break from the news business. **"This is my last day on the air at Fox,"** she said. **"It's been a thrill to have been a part of the incredible success of this place over the past 12 years that I've been here.** My life in the 12 years I have been here has changed significantly in wonderful ways and they've created a lot of new responsibilities. **I added a husband who has in the last couple of years become the NFL commissioner, and has a job even busier than mine.**

**I have twin daughters, so to do justice to this new life I've decided to take a break from the business."** Skinner joined Fox News as a general assignment reporter in 1998 (The Huffington Post, 2010).

**Why did Jane Skinner leave a great job at Fox News roughly 8 months prior to Super Bowl XLV? Does she know something we don't?**

**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** Charles E. Goodell

**Abstract:** Rodger's father **Charles E. Goodell** was a congressional liaison assistant for the Department of Justice in 1954–1955. He won a special election on May 26, 1959, as a Republican to the 86th United States Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Daniel A. Reed. Goodell was re-elected in November 1960 to the 87th Congress, and re-elected three times thereafter. **He resigned on September 9, 1968, to accept an appointment, effective September 10, made by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller to fill the vacancy caused by the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** Samuel Knox Skinner

**Abstract:** Rodger Goodell's father-in-law is no other than Samuel Knox Skinner, an American politician, lawyer and businessman. **Skinner was instrumental in developing President Bush's National Transportation Policy and the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA),** which served as the catalyst for the whole ITS industry. From 1977 to 1989, Skinner practiced law as a **senior partner in the Chicago law firm Sidley & Austin,** where he served on the firm's executive committee. From 1984 to 1988, while practicing law full-time, he also served as Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority of northeastern Illinois, the nation's second largest mass transportation district. Also during that time, **President Reagan appointed Mr. Skinner as Vice Chairman of the President's Commission on Organized Crime.** From 1968 to 1975, Skinner served in the office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and, in 1975, **President Gerald Ford appointed Mr. Skinner United States Attorney.** **Skinner has held various sales and management positions with the IBM Corporation from 1960 to 1968,** and in 1967, IBM selected him Outstanding Salesman of the Year. He was President of Commonwealth Edison, CEO of US Freightways, on the board of directors of Odetics ITS, and on the board of directors of Dade Behring. Skinner also practiced with the Chicago-based law firm Hopkins & Sutter. He is currently a shareholder (partner) with the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and a **Commissioner of the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure Commission,** as well as an Adjunct Professor of Management and Strategy at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University (Wikipedia, 2010).

**If a nuclear terror attack occurs at the Super Bowl, chances are the NFL will have a key insider in the U.S. Congress to make sure no real investigation occurs.**



**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** Heath Shuler

**Abstract:** **Joseph Heath Shuler (Born December 31, 1971)** is a businessman, a former NFL quarterback, and the U.S. Representative for North Carolina's 11th congressional district, serving since 2007. He is a member of the Democratic Party. The district covers the Blue Ridge Mountains in western North Carolina and the largest city in the district is Asheville. Shuler's athletic career began at Swain County High School. **A standout quarterback who led his team to three state championships and was named the North Carolina High School Player of the Year,** he drew plenty of scout attention and accepted an athletic scholarship to the University of Tennessee in 1990. At Tennessee, Shuler gained national attention as one of the SEC's top quarterbacks. He held nearly all Volunteer passing records at the end of his career, although most of them have since been eclipsed by Peyton Manning. In 1993, he came in second in the vote for the Heisman Trophy. **Shuler was a first-round selection in the 1994 NFL Draft, taken by the Washington Redskins with the third overall pick.** ESPN rated him the 4th biggest NFL Draft bust of all time.[2] He held out of training camp until he received a 7-year, \$19.25 million contract.. As a pro, his career passer rating was a 54.3 and in 2004 ESPN rated him the 17th biggest 'sports flop' of the past 25 years. After retiring from the NFL, Shuler returned to the University of Tennessee and completed his education, graduating with a degree in psychology. He then became a real estate professional in Knoxville. **His real estate company is one of the largest independent firms in East Tennessee. In 2003, Shuler moved to Waynesville, North Carolina, where he lives today** (Wikipedia, 2010).



The  
Miami  
Herald

**Date:** November 9, 2010

**Source:** Miami Herald, McClatchy Newspapers, Barbara Barrett

**Title/Headline:** *N.C. Rep. Shuler May Challenge Pelosi For Minority Leader*

**Abstract:** Will U.S. Rep. Heath Shuler of North Carolina take on Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi in a showdown for the role of top Democrat next year? Shuler, of Waynesville, said in a debate in October - when he was defending his seat in his conservative mountain district - that he would not support Pelosi's re-election to her leadership post. He said then he would run himself before supporting her. He echoed those remarks to **The Associated Press, saying he thought that there were other contenders but that he would run if there were no "viable alternative."** Pelosi announced that despite losing control of the House, she'll run to be House minority leader for next term. No one else has announced a candidacy. Shuler repeated his pledge Thursday to Roll Call, a Capitol Hill newspaper. National outlets are predicting a candidacy. Shuler certainly offers an alternative. **He is a conservative Democrat who supports gun ownership and opposes abortion rights. He voted against the health care overhaul and the stimulus bill. He is the whip for the Blue Dog caucus of conservative Democrats.** Shuler could find support in a fellow Blue Dog, Rep. Mike McIntyre of Lumberton. McIntyre said in a statement last week that he wouldn't support Pelosi, saying the party needs a moderate to conservative leader. "It is time to move forward in a different direction," he said (Barrett, 2010).

**NFL Coaching Exodus:** Super Bowl winning coaches have made a mass exodus from the NFL as of late: Joe Gibbs, Mike Ditka, Bill Parcells, Jimmy Johnson, Barry Switzer, Dick Vermeil, Mike Holmgren, Brian Billick, Jon Gruden, Bill Cowher, and Tony Dungy along with other winning coaches like Marty Schottenheimer, Dan Reeves, Marv Levy, Don Shula, Wade Phillips, no longer coach in the league.

**The question remains: Why? Does the league have better coaches available, or does the NFL want to make sure that there are no respected coaches question the actions of the NFL in a nuclear crisis?**

## **The Nuclear Bible: The Militarization of the NFL**



NFL Camouflage Sideline Gear



**Date:** December 2, 2010

**Source:** Kristie Ackert

**Title/Headline:** *Antrel Rolle Compares Booing Players To Booing Soldiers Coming Home From Iraq, Later Apologizes*

**Abstract:** Antrel Rolle admits that he is a "bigmouth" and is unapologetic about it. Thursday, however, the Giants' safety put his foot in that mouth and had to issue a scripted apology shortly after he compared his teammates to American troops returning from Iraq. In an attempt to defend ripping Giants fans Tuesday for booing the team, Rolle said: **"They want to make it that guys paid this much money for a ticket. Yeah, I understand that, I understand completely. We risk ourselves out there on the field each and every day also. When soldiers come home from Iraq you don't boo them. I look at it the same way. I take my job seriously."** Later, in a statement released by the team, Rolle said: **"I used a very poor, inappropriate example earlier today to demonstrate how seriously I take my job. Obviously there is no comparison between the men and women of our military putting their life on the line defending our country and what I do. "They risk their lives and that gives me the opportunity to play a game for a living. After I made my earlier comments, somebody even said to me: how would your father, who is the chief of police in Homestead (Fla.) and puts himself at risk every day, feel about the comparison you made? Again, it was a very poor, very inappropriate choice of words."** This is not the first time Rolle has created controversy with his mouth. His complaints after a Week 2 loss in Indianapolis about the "controlled"

environment and lack of leadership in the Giants organization made headlines. **"Blame my mom, I am not a politically correct guy," Rolle said. "Not my father, it's my mother's fault. You ask me a question I am going to give you an answer, an honest answer. My coaches ask me, my girlfriend asks me, I am going to give them an honest answer. I don't sugarcoat anything."** Rolle, a former Arizona Cardinal who is in the first year of a five-year deal with the Giants, believes he is speaking up for some of his teammates. **"When I speak I am not speaking on behalf of Antrel Rolle, I speak on behalf of the New York Giants. I know for a fact I am not the only guy that feels that way,"** Rolle said. **"But once again, me as the bigmouth, I am the one that says something."** Rolle does not speak for all his teammates. Defensive end Osi Umenyiora, for one, said he understood the fans' frustration with the Giants' first-half performance on Sunday against Jacksonville. "That's just the way the fans are," Umenyiora said. **"They have every right to be that way. They are paying \$120 a ticket to come watch us play. You can't go out and stink it up like that, especially in New York. As long as they are coming to watch us play, they can boo, they can do whatever they want to do. That's well within their rights to do that"** (Ackert, 2010).

**Conclusion:** If a nuclear terrorist attack does occur during the Super Bowl, the U.S. Government and the corporate media will need a "hero" like on 9/11, when then New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, paraded in front of the cameras and painted a feel-good story for all of America to unite around. Apparently, Roger Goodell and his lovely wife will be there for America in its greatest time of need. On the flip side, the U.S. government must have individuals in key power positions that follow orders, fall in line, and don't ask any questions about what actually transpired and who is truly responsible. Should a nuclear false-flag attack take place at Super Bowl, we can be 100% sure that a fraudulent investigation will take place by the powers that be.

## The Nuclear Bible: The NFL & Human Sacrifices?



**Intro:** If there is to be a false-flag nuclear attack at the Super Bowl, then it would make sense that the event would be preceded with blood sacrifices on certain dates and in certain locations. While it is impossible to know for sure which suspicious deaths were actual sacrifices, the following information is shocking to say the least. Three former U.S. military personnel that played in the NFL have also died in suspicious manners. Apparently, the NFL and the U.S. government doesn't want anyone questioning their policies and actions.

| <u>Player:</u>       | <u>COD:</u>     | <u>Age:</u> | <u>Date:</u> | <u>Time before Super Bowl XLV***:</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Pat Tillman          | Friendly Fire** | 27*         | 04/22/2004   | 2,481 Days / 354 Weeks + 3 Days       |
| Reggie White         | Heart           | 43          | 12/26/2004   | 2,233 Days / 319 Weeks                |
| Sam Mills            | Cancer          | 45          | 04/17/2005   | 2,121 Days / 303 Weeks                |
| Hank Stram           | Diabetes        | 23          | 07/03/2005   | 2,044 Days / 292 Weeks                |
| Thomas Herrion       | Heart           | 83          | 08/21/2005   | 1,995 Days / 285 Weeks                |
| Damien Nash          | Heart           | 24          | 02/24/2007   | 1,444 Days / 206 Weeks + 2 Days       |
| Sean Taylor Burglary |                 |             | 11/18/2007   | 1,176 Days / 168 Weeks                |
| Sean Taylor Attack   |                 |             | 11/26/2007   | 1,168 Days / 166 Weeks + 6 Days       |
| Sean Taylor          | Murder**24      |             | 11/27/2007   | 1,167 Days / 166 Weeks + 5 Days       |
| Heath Benedict       | Heart           | 24          | 03/26/2008   | 1,047 Days / 149 Weeks + 4 Days       |
| Gene Upshaw          | Cancer**63      |             | 08/20/2008   | 900 Days / 128 Weeks + 4 Days         |
| Marquis Cooper       | Drowning**      | 26          | 03/01/2009   | 707 Days / 101 Weeks                  |
| Corey Smith          | Drowning**      | 29          | 03/01/2009   | 707 Days / 101 Weeks                  |
| Jack Kemp            | Cancer          | 73*         | 05/02/2009   | 645 Days / 92 Weeks + 1 Days          |
| Tony Fein Poisoning  |                 |             | 11/05/2009   | 489 Days / 69 Weeks + 6 Days          |
| Tony Fein            | Poison**        | 27*         | 10/06/2009   | 488 Days / 69 Weeks + 5 Days          |
| Gaines Adams         | Heart           | 26          | 07/17/2010   | 385 Days / 55 Weeks                   |
| Keli McGregor        | Heart**         | 47          | 04/20/2010   | 292 Days / 41 Weeks + 5 Days          |
| Jack Tatum           | Heart           | 61          | 07/26/2010   | 195 Days / 27 Weeks + 5 Days          |
| Kenny McKinley       | Suicide**       | 23          | 11/19/2010   | 140 Days / 20 Weeks                   |
| Don Meredith         | Brain           | 72          | 12/05/2010   | 63 Days / 9 Weeks                     |

\*U.S. Military Veteran

\*\*Suspicious Circumstances

\*\*\*Please see articles for COD (Cause of Death) & reported time of deaths



**Date:** April 22, 2004

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** Pat Tillman

**Date of Death:** April 22, 2004

**Location of Death:** Sperah, Afghanistan

**Age at Death:** 27

**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 2,481 (354 Weeks & 3 Days)

**Abstract:** Patrick Daniel "Pat" Tillman (November 6, 1976 – April 22, 2004) was an American football player who left his professional career and enlisted in the United States Army in June 2002 in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks. He joined the Army Rangers and served several tours in combat before he died in the mountains of Afghanistan. The Army at first reported that Tillman had been killed by enemy fire, and Lieutenant General Stanley A. McChrystal approved the award of a Silver Star. **The actual cause of Tillman's death was later recognized as resulting from friendly fire (Wikipedia, 2010).**



**Date:** August 12, 2010

**Source:** Huffington Post, Sam Stein

**Title/Headline:** *Pat Tillman's Father To Army Investigator: 'F--- You... And Yours'*

**Abstract:** There always was a dark cinematic thread to the story of Pat Tillman: the football star imbued with post-9/11 patriotism who was killed in a friendly-fire incident in the Afghan mountains and the allegations of a massive bureaucratic cover-up involving the highest levels of the U.S. Army in the wake of the tragedy. So it wasn't terribly shocking when word broke this past winter that "The Tillman Story," a documentary film, was being purchased by the powerhouse Weinstein Company. The story, even without a director applying his artistic license to the script, obviously had many elements of a political thriller. As the release date approaches -- the film will premiere in Los Angeles and New York on August 20 -- those elements are becoming a bit clearer and more intriguing. The Weinstein Company sent the Huffington Post two previously unseen letters written by Tillman's father at the peak of frustration with the army's investigation into his son's death. **The notes, penned to Brigadier General Gary M. Jones (the man spearheading the investigation) as well as the Senate Armed Services Committee (which oversaw Jones's work), paint a picture of a man increasingly convinced that a massive conspiracy was emerging around the death of his son. "You are a General," Tillman's father writes Jones after being presented with a briefing book of his findings. "There is no way a man like you, with your intelligence, education, military, experience, responsibilities (primarily for difficult situations), and rank... believes the conclusions reached in the March 31, 2005 Briefing Book. But your signature is on it. I assume, therefore, that you are part of this shameless bullshit. I embarrassed myself by treating you with respect [on] March 31, 2005. I thought your rank deserved it and anticipated something different from the new and improved investigation. I won't act so hypocritically if we meet again."**

**"In sum: Fuck you... and yours."**

The two letters are worth a read, if only for the insight they provide into how haphazard and mismanaged (deliberately or not) the investigations were. **Tillman's father comes off as emotional, for good reason. But the questions he raised -- while conspiratorial in tone -- offer compelling drama (both real life and for the upcoming movie). Take, for instance, the notion that the shooters of his son may have been blinded by the glare of the sunset. "The shooters were always looking North or Northwest," Tillman's father writes. "Even in Afghanistan, the sun sets in the West - Southwest. How on God's green earth can you add in a "glare factor" looking away from the sun that has set? Immediately after the sunset, facing the wrong direction (North vs. Southwest), the glare impaired their vision? Don't you need sun to have glare?" By the spring of 2007, indeed, evidence emerged that some of Pat Tillman senior's larger fears were driven not by emotion-driven conspiracy theories but by legitimate holes in the Army's story (Stein, 2010).**

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Reggie White*

**Date of Death:** December 26, 2004

**Location of Death:** Cornelius, North Carolina

**Age at Death:** 43

**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 2,233 (319 Weeks & 0 Days)

**Abstract:** Reginald Howard "Reggie" White (December 19, 1961 – December 26, 2004), nicknamed "The Minister of Defense", was a professional American football player who played defensive end for 15 seasons in the National Football League for the Philadelphia Eagles, Green Bay Packers and Carolina Panthers becoming one of the most decorated players in NFL history. He also played for two seasons in the United States Football League for the Memphis Showboats. The 2-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year, 13-time Pro Bowl and 12-time All-Pro selection holds 2nd place all-time amongst career sack leaders with 198.5 (behind Bruce Smith's 200 career sacks) and was selected to the NFL 75th Anniversary All-Time Team, NFL 1990s All-Decade Team and the NFL 1980s All-Decade Team. **During his professional career, he became famous not only for his outstanding play, but also for his Christian ministry as an ordained Evangelical minister. This led to his aforementioned nickname, "The Minister of Defense".** White's retirement was not without controversy. He created a stir in March 1998 with his comments before the Wisconsin state legislature, invoking racial stereotypes of Latinos, Asians, whites, blacks, and Native Americans. **He stated that these diverse "gifts" of each race, "formed a complete image of God [...] because He was trying to create Himself". An image that society had pushed aside, leading to the aversion of racial unity. He specified that "without assimilation there's no desegregation, nor is there integration, because people of all ethnic backgrounds have to be able to compete economically in order to build their families."** White was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2006, two years after his death. **On the morning of December 26, 2004, White was rushed from his home in Cornelius, North Carolina, to a nearby hospital in Huntersville, North Carolina, where he was pronounced dead. White had suffered a fatal cardiac arrhythmia.** The most likely cause of this, according to the Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner's Office, was the cardiac and pulmonary sarcoidosis that he had lived with for years. It was also stated that sleep apnea, which White was known to suffer from[7] may have contributed to his death. His grave site is situated at Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville, North Carolina (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title/Headline:** Sam Mills  
**Date of Death:** April 17, 2005\*  
**Location of Death:** Charlotte, North Carolina, USA  
**Age at Death:** 45  
**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 2,121 (303 Weeks & 0 Days)

**Abstract:** Samuel Davis "Sam" Mills, Jr. (June 3, 1959 - April 18, 2005) was an American football linebacker who played twelve seasons in the National Football League for the New Orleans Saints and Carolina Panthers. Mills was diagnosed with intestinal cancer in August 2003. Though he was told he had only a few months to live, he underwent chemotherapy and radiation and continued to coach. He was an inspirational force in the Panthers' post-season run to Super Bowl XXXVIII. His plea to "Keep Pounding" in an emotional speech before the Panthers' victory over the Dallas Cowboys later became the name of a fund to sponsor cancer research programs. Mills died at his home in Charlotte, North Carolina on the morning of April 18, 2005. He was 45 (Wikipedia, 2010).

\*Mills was found dead on the morning of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, but likely died in his sleep, thus putting the date of death on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2005.

**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title/Headline:** Thomas Herrion  
**Date of Death:** August 21, 2005\*  
**Days before Super Bowl XLV:** 1,995 (285 Weeks & 0 Days)  
**Location of Death:** Denver, Colorado, USA  
**Age at Death:** 23

**Abstract:** Thomas Herrion (December 15, 1981 – August 20, 2005) was an American football player for the San Francisco 49ers. Born in Fort Worth, Texas, Herrion, a 6-foot-3 (190 cm), 310-pound (140 kg) guard, played college football first at Kilgore College at the junior college level before transferring to the University of Utah where he blocked for current San Francisco 49ers quarterback and number one draft pick Alex Smith. He was signed to a reserve/futures contract with the 49ers on January 5, 2005 and spent one season playing in NFL Europe with the Hamburg Sea Devils. **Shortly after an exhibition game against the Denver Broncos on August 20, 2005, Herrion collapsed in the locker room and was transported to St. Anthony's Central Hospital in Denver where he was pronounced dead. The cause of death was later determined to be Ischaemic heart disease, or (according to a subsequent examination of the autopsy report) hypertrophic cardiomyopathy**

\*Although Wikipedia reports that Herrion's death occurred on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005, it is quite possible that he died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, due to the fact that the game is listed as "San Francisco at Denver, 9:00 p.m." in the 2005 NFL pre-season schedule. Since all NFL times are EST (Eastern Standard Time), and games usually last 3 hours, there is little chance that the given date time is correct.

**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title/Headline:** Hank Stram  
**Date of Death:** July 3, 2005\*  
**Location of Death:** Covington, Louisiana  
**Age at Death:** 82  
**Days before Super Bowl XLV:** 2,044 (292 Weeks & 0 Days)

**Abstract:** Henry Louis "Hank" Stram (January 3, 1923 – July 4, 2005), was an American college and Professional Football coach. He is best known for his fifteen-year tenure with the American Football League's Dallas Texans/Kansas City Chiefs and the Chiefs of the NFL. Stram won three AFL Championships (more than any other coach in the league's history) and Super Bowl IV with the Chiefs. He also coached the most victories (87), had the most post-season appearances (6) and the best post-season record in the AFL (5–1). Stram is largely responsible for the introduction of Gatorade to the NFL due to his close association with Ray Graves, coach at the University of Florida during Gatorade's development and infancy. Hank Stram never had an offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator, or special teams coach during his legendary career with the Dallas Texans/Kansas City Chiefs (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** February 23, 2007  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Title/Headline:** Damien Nash  
**Date of Death:** February 24, 2007\*  
**Location of Death:** St. Louis, Missouri, USA  
**Age at Death:** 24  
**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 1,444 (206 Weeks & 2 Days)

**Abstract:** Damien Darnell Nash (April 14, 1982 – February 24, 2007) was an American football player who was a running back for the Denver Broncos of the National Football League. He died after the 2006-2007 season, his only season with the Broncos. **Nash collapsed suddenly following a celebrity charity basketball game at Riverview Gardens High School on February 23, 2007.** He was found unresponsive at a residence in suburban St. Louis and was later pronounced dead. The charity event was a fundraiser to benefit the Darris Nash Find A Heart Foundation, a charity which raises funds for heart transplant research. Nash had created the charity in honor of his older brother, Darris, a recent heart transplant recipient. Sergeant Ed Douglas of the Ferguson, Missouri, police department said in a telephone interview that Nash was transported by ambulance to Christian Hospital Northeast. **Douglas said the case was still under investigation. Nash was pronounced dead at 6:41 p.m. MST.** An autopsy confirmed that no drugs or unnatural substances were present in Nash's body at the time of death. **While being a natural death of cardiac origin, the exact cause of death remains undetermined.** He leaves behind his wife, Judy Nash and a daughter Phaith Nash.

**\*Despite the time of Nash's death being 6:41pm on the evening of the collapse, Wikipedia states that Nash died the next day.**

**Date:** February 25, 2007

**Source:** ESPN, Len Pasquarelli

**Title/Headline:** *Nash Collapses And Dies After Charity Basketball Game*

**Abstract:** Denver Broncos reserve tailback Damien Nash collapsed and died Saturday night after an appearance in a charity basketball game in St. Louis. Nash, a two-year NFL veteran, was 24. Agent David Canter confirmed his client's death, as did Denver team officials. **"The Broncos family has suffered a great loss with the passing of Damien Nash,"** coach Mike Shanahan said from Indianapolis, where he was attending the NFL's scouting combine along with general manager Ted Sundquist. **"I am stunned and deeply saddened by this tragedy, and send my deepest condolences to Damien's family."** Canter, who is attending the annual NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis, was contacted after ESPN.com received reports of Nash's death from people close to other players who had participated in the basketball game. During a telephone interview, Canter, who was unaware of the incident, received a call from Denver officials confirming Nash's death. **"It's true," an obviously distraught Canter said. "It's true. I don't know what more to say right now, OK?"** Details of the incident were not yet available, and an official with the St. Louis police said an investigation was in its "very earliest" stages. The proceeds of the event were to benefit the Darris Nash Find A Heart Foundation, which raises money for heart transplant research. The foundation was created last month after Darris Nash, 25, the older brother of Damien Nash, received a heart transplant. Former Missouri receiver Sean Coffey was at the event with Nash and told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch there was no indication anything was wrong. **"Everything was normal. ... We were playing around at the game. ... He was fine," Coffey told the newspaper. "I give my best to his family. This is crazy. I can't believe this is happening. It was the first time I had seen him in a couple of years. I can't believe he's gone. I'm so happy I got to see him one last time."** Lee Baker, who was teammates with Nash at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, was supposed to have dinner with Nash after the basketball game. One of Baker's friends received a call that Nash had collapsed a short time after leaving the event. **"We still don't know what happened. He looked in great shape. He had four 3-pointers [in the game]. He had a big smile on his face. There was no indication" anything was amiss, Baker told The Associated Press. "He was a great guy. It's hard to believe. I want to think I'm dreaming. I was looking at him today, and thinking how proud I was of him. I was so happy for him."** One of Baker's final memories of Nash was of him holding his infant daughter after the game. "I feel fortunate to have met him," Baker said. "At the game, you saw the looks on people's faces and how much they appreciated him." A former University of Missouri standout, Nash entered the NFL as a fifth-round choice of the Tennessee Titans in 2005. He played three games with the Titans as a rookie, and then signed with Denver as a free agent last August. In his one season in Denver, he appeared in three games, rushing 18 times for 66 yards. **"The Denver Broncos organization is once again struck with profound sadness over the tragic loss of one of our players,"** team owner Pat Bowlen said in a statement. **"This is a tremendous tragedy and our hearts go out to the entire Nash family."** Nash is the second Broncos' player to die since the end of the 2006 season. Two-year veteran cornerback Darrent Williams was shot to death in a limousine after leaving a Denver-area nightclub Jan. 1 (ESPN, 2007).



**Date:** November 26, 2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Sean Taylor*

**Date of Burglary:** November 18, 2007

**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 1,176 (168 Weeks & 0 Days)

**Date of Attack:** November 26, 2007

**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 1,168 (166 Weeks & 6 Days)

**Date of Death:** November 27, 2007\*

**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 1,167 (166 Weeks & 5 Days)

**Location of Death:** Miami, Florida

**Age at Death:** 24

**Abstract:** Sean Michael Maurice Taylor (April 1, 1983 – November 27, 2007) was an American football free safety who played for the Washington Redskins of the National Football League. Taylor was drafted in the first round (fifth overall) of the 2004 NFL Draft by the Redskins. He played college football at the University of Miami and Hurricanes' 2001 National Championship team. **Due to his ferocious style of hitting, several of his pro teammates nicknamed him "Meast," an abbreviation for the term "half man, half beast."** Taylor died at the age of 24 on November 27, 2007, from critical injuries due to gunshots by intruders at his Miami area home. **Eight days after the original burglary, on November 26 at 1:45am EST, Taylor was shot in the upper leg by an armed intruder at his home in Palmetto Bay, Florida, where he had been recuperating from a football injury. He was mortally wounded in his femoral artery.** His longtime girlfriend, Jackie Mofett (a niece of actor Andy García), hid under the bedding with their 18-month-old daughter Jackie. Mofett then called 9-1-1 from her cell phone. Taylor was airlifted to the Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where he underwent surgery. He emerged from surgery about 12:30pm. He had lost a significant amount of blood and remained in a coma. His doctors speculated he may have suffered brain damage due to the blood loss, and an unnamed Redskins source reported that **Taylor's heart stopped twice during the emergency surgery. The next day, on November 27, Taylor died at the hospital at 3:30am.** His death led to an outpouring of national support and sympathy, especially in the Washington area, where Taylor had been a fan favorite as a Redskin and the Miami area, where Taylor had starred collegiately for the Miami Hurricanes. **Police detectives who examined the evidence and the crime scene had suggested that Taylor was the victim of professional thieves who were armed and dangerous.** In the immediate aftermath of Taylor's death, speculation on the Internet and within the media suggested that the details surrounding Taylor's death were especially sinister.

#### **Among The Rumors Were:**

- **That a knife was left on Taylor's bed during the November 18 intrusion as a "message."** Sharpstein recently clarified that the knife was a kitchen knife used by the intruders to pry things open during the first invasion and was tossed aside on the bed of Taylor's sister.
- That the phone lines to Taylor's home had been cut prior to the November 26 invasion in which he was shot. **This was refuted by police investigators, who clarified that the residential phone simply was not working.**
- **That the intruders did not steal or intend to steal anything during either invasion of Taylor's home.** The first police report did not address whether anything was stolen from Taylor's home. Although the police report mentioned that the desk and bed in Taylor's bedroom were rifled through, it did not specify if anything was stolen, presumably because when his mother filed the police report Taylor was not present to indicate if any of his belongings had been taken (Wikipedia, 2010).

**\*It appears that Taylor was supposed to die on November (11) 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007, but do to him fighting back with a machete, he was able to hold on to the next day. Washington D. C., the capitol of the United States, will eventually be replaced as the capitol of the U.S. when Denver, Colorado, becomes the new capital of the North American Union. Interestingly, these two cities feature prominently in the deaths of NFL players.**

**Date:** December 19, 2007

**Source:** ESPN, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Four Suspects In Taylor's Killing Plead Not Guilty To Murder, Armed Burglary*

**Abstract:** Four suspects accused in the killing of Redskins Pro Bowl safety Sean Taylor have filed written not guilty pleas to first-degree felony murder and armed burglary charges. The filing of a written plea usually means defendants do not appear in person at an arraignment, said Ed Griffith, spokesman for State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle. The arraignment hearing in the case is set for Friday. The four suspects from the Fort Myers area are charged with breaking into Taylor's Miami home Nov. 26 and shooting him during a confrontation in his bedroom. Taylor, who grew up in this area and played at the University of Miami before being drafted by the Redskins, died the next day at age 24. **Jailed without bond in the case are Eric Rivera Jr., 17; Charles Wardlow, 18; Jason Mitchell, 19; and Venjah Hunte, 20. Their written not guilty pleas were filed last week, according to court records. At least two of the defendants have confessed to taking part in the attempted burglary and a grand jury indictment identified Rivera as the one who shot Taylor (ESPN, 2007).**

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Heath Benedict*

**Date of Death:** March 26, 2008

**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 1,047 (149 Weeks & 4 Days)

**Location of Death:** Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, USA

**Age at Death:** 24

**Abstract:** Heath Benedict (June 30, 1983 – March 26, 2008) was a Dutch American football player. An offensive tackle, Benedict was considered to be one of the top offensive linemen prospects for the 2008 NFL Draft. **Benedict died suddenly in his home in Jacksonville, Florida on March 26, 2008. Authorities do not suspect foul play and the cause of his death was an enlarged heart (Wikipedia, 2010).**



The  
New York  
Times

**Date:** August 21, 2008

**Source:** The New York Times, Judy Batista

**Title/Headline:** *Gene Upshaw, N.F.L. Union Chief, Dies At 63*

**Date of Death:** August 20, 2008

**Location of Death:** Lake Tahoe, California, USA

**Age at Death:** 63

**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 900 (128 Weeks & 4 Days)

**Abstract:** With his union preparing for another contract negotiation with owners, Gene Upshaw died on August 20, 2008, at age of 63 due to pancreatic cancer. **His death stunned the NFL because almost nobody knew he had been ill.** Upshaw was found to have cancer only three days prior, when his wife took him to the hospital while the family was on vacation. **His death was so unexpected that earlier this week, the union had scheduled a news conference for him on Sept. 4 to discuss labor issues.** Upshaw died with his wife and three sons beside him at his home in the Lake Tahoe region of California (Batista, 2008).



**Date:** March 4, 2009

**Source:** The Huffington Post, Katharine Zaleski

**Title/Headline:** *Survivor Nick Schuyler Speaks About Missing NFL Players, Says They Removed Life Vests*

**Date of Death(s):** March 1, 2009

**Location of Death:** Gulf of Mexico

**Age at Death:** Marquis Cooper: 26

**Age at Death:** Corey Smith: 29

**Days before Super Bowl XLV:** 707 (101 Weeks & 0 Days)

**Abstract:** Nick Schuyler, the only man rescued after a fishing-party that included NFL players went missing Saturday, spoke about what happened to the other men. **The St. Petersburg Times reported on what Schuyler told the Coast Guard, warning that the story is "strange" and shouldn't be taken at face value considering Schuyler had spent two days in cold water.** Read what Schuyler said below and see a slideshow of the players' families awaiting news on their loved ones. Schuyler told investigators that about two to four hours after their boat flipped in rough seas, one of the two National Football League players on board gave up hope and let himself be swept away, according to relatives briefed by the Coast Guard. A few hours later, the second one did the same. **"We were told that Nick said the two NFL players took their life jackets off and drifted out to sea,"** said Bob Bleakley, whose son Will, 25, a former University of South Florida football player, is also still missing. With former Tampa Bay Buccaneers Marquis Cooper, 26, and Corey Smith, 29, gone, only Schuyler and Will Bleakley remained clinging to the boat. **Then, sometime early Monday, Will Bleakley thought he saw a light in the distance. He decided to take off his life jacket and swim to it,** hoping to get help, Bob Bleakley said. Schuyler told the investigators Private boats and planes searched Wednesday for two NFL players and a third man missing for four days since their boat capsized in the Gulf of Mexico off Florida, family members said. **The Coast Guard called off the official search Tuesday for Oakland Raiders linebacker Marquis Cooper, who owned the boat, free-agent NFL defensive lineman Corey Smith and former South Florida player William Bleakley.** But their families appealed for help to keep hunting (Zaleski, 2009).

**Date:** April 11, 2010

**Source:** The Sunday Times, Tony Allen-Mills

**Title/Headline:** *Widow Attacks Nick Schuyler's Story Of Capsize*

**Abstract:** Four men went to sea and only one returned. The survivor's harrowing story of a calamitous boating accident has become an American bestseller — to the dismay of some of the families whose men did not come home. **The book by Nick Schuyler, a sports trainer who was plucked from the capsized hull of a small fishing boat 75 miles off the coast of Florida in February last year, recounts in chilling detail the fight for life of four young athletes thrown into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico after a botched attempt to dislodge a trapped anchor.** One by one, Schuyler's friends succumbed to hypothermia as they clung to the overturned hull. By the time the boat was spotted by US Coast Guard searchers 43 hours later, only Schuyler, 25, was still alive. **His story has attracted doubt, suspicion and controversy ever since. In Not Without Hope, ghost-written by a New York Times sports writer, Schuyler declares that "the accident follows me like the wake of [the ill-fated] boat, churning, foaming, pushing toward the horizon of every day".** The book has received intense US media attention, partly for its searing account of the dying moments of the delirious victims as a storm blew up and body temperatures dropped in the winter waters; but also because two of the men on board were professional American football players in peak physical condition. The owner of the boat was Marquis Cooper, 26, a fast, defensive



player with the Oakland Raiders. Also on board was Cooper's friend, Corey Smith, 29, a tackler with the Detroit Lions. They were joined by Will Bleakley, 25, a former college football star who was Schuyler's best friend. The four had met in Tampa, where Schuyler trained athletes at a gym. **Schuyler said last week that one of his main aims in writing the book was to dispel malicious rumours that have spread across the internet, fuelled by a common feature of accidents at sea — the bodies of the other three men have never been found. It has variously been suggested that the men were drunk; that they may have fought in the water over lifejackets or for the best position on the upturned hull; that one of them gave up, took off his lifejacket and drowned; and that another swam away to his death.** Yet nothing has been more damaging to Schuyler's book than a statement by Cooper's widow, Rebekah, who accuses the author of "greatly exaggerating" his relationship with her late husband; of changing his story about what happened; and of "financially exploiting the deaths of others". Rebekah Cooper has branded the book a "one-sided account that has never been scrutinised against objective investigation", and has defended her husband against suggestions that he was an "inexperienced boater" who had failed to prepare properly for the trip. **"Marquis knew the water like the back of his hand,"** said Cooper, who attacked Schuyler's "ever-evolving recreation of events". The Coopers had a four-year-old daughter, Delaney. Schuyler described the book as his "best recollection" of what had happened and added: "If I was making stuff up, I guess I would have buttered myself up a little more." He also said that all proceeds from the book would go to charity. He writes that it was **Bleakley's idea to undo the anchor line at the bow of the boat and tie it to the stern in the hope of jerking the anchor free by gunning the motor in reverse. Instead, the line dragged the stern down and flipped the bow high in the air.** The four men were thrown in the water. Mortified by his error, **Bleakley dived under the hull to retrieve the lifejackets that none of them had been wearing. He found three, and used a buoyant seat cushion for himself.** By Schuyler's account, Cooper was the first to suffer after hours in the water. **At first the men had huddled together "like puppies" to conserve body heat, but after 15 hours Cooper began to hallucinate and tried several times to rip off his lifejacket — a feature of hypothermia that is apparently known as "paradoxical undressing".** As the men repeatedly fell off the hull and climbed back on amid 15ft waves, Cooper died in Schuyler's arms. By then, Smith was behaving bizarrely, attempting to throw himself off the hull, and screaming abuse at his friends. **"It wasn't Corey. It was like evil Corey, like Corey's demon,"** says Schuyler, who had been clinging to Cooper's body but was forced to let it float away as he struggled to control Smith. Bleakley lasted a second night, but died 18 hours before Schuyler was rescued. "I was just lucky, I guess," he said (Allen-Mills, 2010).

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Jack Kemp*

**Date of Death:** May 2, 2009

**Days before Super Bowl XLV:** 645 (92 Weeks & 1 Day)

**Age at Death:** 73

**Location of Death:** Bethesda, Maryland, USA

**Abstract:** Jack French Kemp (July 13, 1935 – May 2, 2009) was an American politician and a collegiate and professional football player. A Republican, he served as Housing Secretary in the administration of President George H. W. Bush from 1989 to 93, having previously served nine terms as a congressman for Western New York from 1971 to 89. He was the Republican Party's nominee for Vice President in the 1996 election, where he was the running mate of presidential nominee Bob Dole. Kemp had previously contended for the presidential nomination in the 1988 Republican primaries. **Before entering politics, Kemp was a professional quarterback for 13 years. He played briefly in the National Football League (NFL) and the Canadian Football League (CFL), but became a star in the American Football League (AFL).** He served as captain of both the San Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills and earned the AFL Most Valuable Player award in 1965 after leading the Bills to a second consecutive championship. He played in the AFL for all 10 years of its existence, appeared in its All-Star game seven times, played in its championship game five times, and set many of the league's career passing records. Kemp also co-founded the AFL Players Association, for which he served five terms as president. **During the early part of his football career, he served in the United States Army Reserve. On January 7, 2009, Kemp's office issued a statement announcing that he was battling cancer; the type of cancer and the anticipated treatment were not announced.** His diagnosis and prognosis were never publicly disclosed. However, he continued to serve as chairman of his Washington-based Kemp Partners consulting firm and continued his involvement in charitable and political work until his death. **On May 2, 2009, Kemp died at his home in Bethesda, Maryland, from cancer; he was 73. President Barack Obama praised Kemp's work on race, adding that Kemp understood that divisions involving race and class stood in the way of the country's common goals.** Former President George W. Bush said that Kemp "will be remembered for his significant contributions to the Reagan Revolution and his steadfast dedication to conservative principles during his long and distinguished career in public service" (Wikipedia, 2010).



**ESPN**

**Date:** October 6, 2009

**Source:** ESPN, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Rookie Charged With Assaulting Officer*

**Abstract:** Baltimore Ravens rookie linebacker Tony Fein said Monday night he will be exonerated of charges he allegedly assaulted a police officer once his side of the altercation is made public. Fein, however, refused to discuss specifics of the skirmish, which occurred inside a Johnny Rockets restaurant in Baltimore's Inner Harbor tourist district. **"I'm just saying I'm innocent," said Fein in the locker room following the Ravens' 24-23 preseason victory over the New York Jets. "I'm not going to get into the details of it, but**

**the truth will come out.**" The arrest of Fein, an Iraq war veteran, was the result of police profiling, the linebacker's agent said Monday. **Fein was charged Sunday with the misdemeanor assault of a Baltimore City officer who confronted him after a security guard thought he saw Fein pass a handgun to a friend at the restaurant counter, said police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.** The item was a cell phone. **"Tony's never owned a weapon in his life,"** Fein's agent, Milton Dee Hobbs, said. **"That weapon was a cell phone."** Hobbs said police approached Fein because he was a black man wearing a sweatsuit with a hood. Guglielmi disputed the claim that this was a case of racial profiling. **"It doesn't matter if you're black, white, green or blue, if you push an officer, you're going to get arrested."** Guglielmi said. **"He can take concerns up with the judge."** Fein would not address whether he believed he was a victim of profiling. While Fein spoke, nearby teammates offered profanity-laced support for the rookie and chastised media members for not asking questions related to the Ravens' victory. Fein said he had never been in trouble with the law before. **"I'm 110 percent innocent and once the facts come out, I'll be proven [innocent],"** he said. Ravens wide receiver Jayson Foster, who acknowledged he was with Fein when the scuffle took place, is cooperating with the investigation. **"I already gave my report to the police. You'll have to pretty much check with them to see what they say,"** said Foster. When pressed about details, Foster said he didn't know that Fein had been charged with a crime. **"I don't know the charges,"** Foster said. **"We'll wait for the [police] report to come out. How it ends up is how it will be."** Baltimore police recently stepped up security at Harborplace, a shopping and dining complex that is a major tourism draw for the city, after a shooting at the same building a week earlier. When police questioned Fein, 27, he became belligerent and shoved the officer, Guglielmi said. According to a police report, Sgt. Joseph Donato loudly told Fein: **"Stand up, turn around and keep your hands where I can see them."** Fein reacted by pushing Donato with one hand while turning around from the restaurant counter, police said. Donato was knocked to the ground and hurt his right elbow, the report said. Donato grabbed Fein by his **"F Troop, 9th Cavalry, Ft. Hood, Texas"** sweatshirt, forced him to the ground and he and other officers handcuffed him, the report stated. Fein was not injured, police said. The police report noted the officer was concerned about "a recent shooting at this pavilion" and that Fein's sweatshirt "did not seem weather-appropriate." **Hobbs said it was the officer who was aggressive and that Fein didn't shove him.** **"Tony's a good kid,"** Hobbs said. **"He's not going to disrespect an officer."** Hobbs said Fein has not been arrested before and Maryland's courts database does not have any record of previous arrests or charges against Fein. The police department's internal affairs unit does not have any sustained complaints against Donato on file, Guglielmi said. **Fein was released about 1 a.m. Monday and slept at a downtown hotel with the rest of the team, something the team does the night before a game, according to Kevin Byrne, a Ravens vice president.** **"Like all citizens, Tony will get his due process and have his opportunity to explain,"** Byrne said in a statement. "There are two sides to every story." Fein served in the Army for more than three years before playing college ball. In two seasons at Ole Miss, he had 136 tackles (77 solo) in 24 games, according to the Ravens Web site. Fein was signed as a free agent in June following a minicamp tryout (ESPN, 2009).

**Although the previous article states that Fein "slept at a downtown hotel with the rest of the team", he was allegedly staying at a "friend's house" as reported in the next article, and mysteriously died on the way to the hospital after being apparently poisoned. It is possible that Fein was murdered in police custody, and dropped off at another location. Regardless, foul play in this case is obvious, and due to Fein's stint in the U.S. military, it is highly likely that he was murdered in an attempt to keep him from going public about the war and why he decided leave the military.**

**Date:** October 7, 2009

**Source:** ESPN, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Fein Death Being Investigated*

**Date of Poisoning:** October 5, 2009

**Days before Super Bowl XLV:** 489 (69 Weeks & 6 Days)

**Date of Death:** October 6, 2009

**Location of Death:** Seattle, Washington, USA

**Age at Death:** 27

**Days before Super Bowl XLV:** 488 (69 Weeks & 5 Days)

**Abstract:** Tony Fein, an Iraq war veteran and NFL rookie linebacker who played with the Baltimore Ravens during the preseason, has died of unexplained causes after collapsing at a friend's house in what his agent said appears to be "an accidental situation." Fein, 27, an undrafted rookie free agent from Mississippi, was lying face down and unconscious, vomiting and barely breathing when medics arrived at a house outside Port Orchard on the Kitsap Peninsula just before 9 a.m. PT Tuesday, said Mike Wernet, a battalion chief and medical officer with South Kitsap Fire & Rescue. **The medics put a breathing tube down Fein's throat after he stopped breathing and administered medication, but he went into cardiac arrest during the drive to Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton,** across Puget Sound from Seattle, and was pronounced dead at the hospital at 9:48 a.m. PT Tuesday, Wernet told The Associated Press. **A man and woman who were present described Fein as a friend who was staying with them. They told the aid crew they awoke to find him unresponsive and vomiting. "They didn't really give us a lot of information about what had happened the night before," apparently because they were upset, Wernet said. "They didn't indicate anything out of the ordinary." There were no obvious wounds or signs of alcohol or other drug abuse, and nothing indicated foul play,** he added. Kitsap County sheriff's Deputy Scott E. Wilson said a detective was assigned to the case Wednesday because the death seemed unusual. **"We don't have any indication of anything suspicious ... or foul play,"** Wilson said. Fein's agent, Milton D. Hobbs, a lawyer in Oxford, Miss., said he knew of no medical condition or previous severe illness in Fein. "As I understand it, it was an accidental situation," Hobbs said. "As far as I understand it from family members, there's nothing to indicate that he intended to hurt himself." **An autopsy won't be conducted before Thursday and no report will be issued before all toxicology and other tests are complete, likely in six to eight weeks,** said Allen G. Gerdes, Kitsap County chief deputy coroner. Fein, a native of Port Orchard, was released by the Ravens in their last major round of roster cuts on Sept. 5. **"Tony Fein was a really good teammate, a tremendous American, a tremendous young man ... just a really good person,"** Ravens coach John Harbaugh said before Wednesday's practice in Owings Mills, Md. **"We were proud to have him here as part of our team. We're unbelievably disappointed about the news."** Hobbs said he last spoke with Fein on Friday and since the death had talked

with the Fein's sister, mother and some friends. He would not discuss a possible cause of death. "He was working out and we were discussing football opportunities. That was still his goal," Hobbs said. "We talked about Canada." Some Canadian Football League teams had expressed interest in Fein before he joined the Ravens but there had been no contacts since he was cut, the agent said. **Fein was arrested on Aug. 23 and charged with misdemeanor assault on a police officer after an incident at a restaurant at Baltimore's Inner Harbor in which the officer reportedly mistook his cellular telephone for a handgun. A trial was scheduled Wednesday, but prosecutors notified Fein's attorney last Thursday that they planned to dismiss the case because of conflicting witness accounts, state's attorney spokeswoman Marty Burns said. Fein played quarterback for South Kitsap High School before graduating in 2000. At age 19 he enlisted in the Army and spent 2½ years in Iraq as a 19 Delta reconnaissance scout. He later enrolled at Scottsdale, Ariz., Community College, became one of the nation's top junior college recruits and played for Ole Miss in 2007 and 2008. In two seasons at Ole Miss, he had 136 tackles (77 solo) in 24 games, according to the school's Web site. "A humble young man," Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis said. "Our hearts definitely go out to his family because it's such a tragedy for a man to be that young and go through the things he's been through" (ESPN, 2009).**

**As documented in the following article, Fein was poisoned. Chances are, he was poisoned while in jail, but did not die until the next day.**

**Date:** November 25, 2009

**Source:** ESPN, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Tony Fein Died Of Overdose*

**Abstract: Former NFL player Tony Fein died of an accidental drug overdose, the Kitsap County coroner said Wednesday. Coroner Greg Sandstrom said that toxicology tests showed "acute opiate [morphine] intoxication" with the added effect of Alprazolam, a drug used to treat anxiety. Sandstrom says Fein also vomited and aspirated that material. Fein collapsed Oct. 6 at a friend's house near Port Orchard and died at Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton. The 27-year-old from Port Orchard was an Army veteran who served in Iraq. The linebacker was an undrafted rookie free agent from the University of Mississippi who played for the Seattle Seahawks and Baltimore Ravens in the preseason (ESPN, 2009).**

**If ESPN reports are to be believed, Fein was arrested for a cell phone that was thought to be a gun, tackled and taken into custody, (despite witnesses reporting that Fein never resisted arrest), was released later that evening, spent the night in two different places (friend's house and with his team in a hotel), where he took allegedly took deadly cocktail of drugs, survived until morning, and died the next day on the way to the hospital.**



**Date:** January 17, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Gaines Adams*

**Date of Death:** January 17, 2010

**Location of Death:** Greenwood, South Carolina, USA

**Age of Death:** 26

**Days before Super Bowl XLV:** 385 (55 Weeks & 0 Days)

**Abstract: Gaines Adams (June 8, 1983 – January 17, 2010) was an American football defensive end in the National Football League. He was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the first round in the 2007 NFL Draft and in 2009 was traded to the Chicago Bears. He played college football at Clemson. Adams was taken to the emergency room in Greenwood, South Carolina on the morning of January 17, 2010, after his girlfriend found him at home. **He was pronounced dead at 8:21 a.m. ET. The coroner confirmed, after an autopsy, that Adams died of cardiac arrest due to an enlarged heart.** Neither Adams nor his relatives knew about any kind of medical condition he may have had. At the time of his death, neither drug abuse nor foul play was suspected (Wikipedia, 2010).**



**Date:** January 20, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *Keli McGregor*

**Date of Death:** April 20, 2010

**Location of Death:** Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

**Age of Death:** 47

**Days before Super Bowl XLV:** 292 (41 Weeks & 5 Days)

**Abstract:** Keli McGregor (January 23, 1963– April 20, 2010) was a professional football player in the NFL and was president of the Colorado Rockies from 2001 until his death. On April 20, 2010, he was found dead at the age of 47 in a Salt Lake City hotel room while on a business trip. He was in his seventeenth season with the Rockies, his ninth as club president. Initial indications were that he died of natural causes. Other major figures in the game paid tribute to him as the news of his death became public. **On August 30, 2010 it was announced that McGregor died of a rare virus that infected his heart muscle. The infection caused lymphatic myocarditis, killing an otherwise healthy McGregor. "In an unusual manifestation of a viral illness, this organism infiltrated his heart muscle and disrupted the electrical pathways that signal the heart to beat properly,"** a statement from his family said. "The heart muscle may have recovered from the viral attack had these electrical pathways not been destroyed, but the muscle may have been permanently weakened and destined for eventual heart failure." **It continued, "Just as a healthy brain can be infected with viral meningitis, a healthy heart can be infected with viral myocarditis,"** the McGregor family stated. "Fortunately, the vast majority of viral illnesses do not damage the heart or the brain" (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** July 27, 2010

**Source:** USA Today, Sean Leahy

**Title/Headline:** *Longtime Oakland Raiders Defender Jack Tatum Dies At 61*

**Date of Death:** July 26, 2010?

**Location of Death:** Oakland, California

**Age of Death:** 61

**Days before Super Bowl XLV:** 195 (27 Weeks & 5 Days)

**Abstract:** Longtime Oakland Raiders defender Jack Tatum has died. His former teammate at Ohio State, John Hicks, confirmed the death to WBNS-TV in Ohio. Tatum was 61. He died of a heart attack. Tatum was a three-time Pro Bowler in nine season with the Raiders from 1971-1979. He finished his career with one season with the Houston Oilers. The NFL Network ranked him as the sixth-most feared defender in league history in a panel last summer. **His hit on Darryl Stingley in 1978 left the Patriots wideout paralyzed. Tatum later wrote a book titled "They Call Me Assassin."** The Raiders released a statement mourning Tatum's passing. It read: "We are deeply saddened by the news of Jack Tatum's passing. Jack was a true Raider champion and a true Raider warrior." Tatum suffered from diabetes and had five toes amputated from his left foot. He was a product of Ohio State, whose coach, Jim Tressel, released this statement about his passing: "We have lost one of our greatest Buckeyes. When you think of Ohio State defense, the first name that comes to mind is Jack Tatum. His loss touches every era of Ohio State players and fans" (Leahy, 2010).

**\*Although Tatum's date of death is listed July 27, 2010, due to his body being found that day, it is probable to assume that he may have died the previous night, thus making his time of death on 26<sup>th</sup> of July, 2010.**



**Date:** September 20, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** Kenny McKinley

**Date of Death:** September 19, 2010\*

**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 140 (20 Weeks & 0 Days)

**Location of Death:** Centennial (Denver), Colorado, USA

**Age of Death:** 23

**Abstract:** Kenny McKinley (January 31, 1987 – September 20, 2010) was an American football wide receiver for the Denver Broncos of the National Football League. He was drafted by the Broncos in the fifth round of the 2009 NFL Draft. He played college football at South Carolina. **McKinley was found dead on September 20, 2010, from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. His death was reported as a suicide by local media, and later confirmed by members of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's office.** A 131-page report was released by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department on December 1st 2010, concluding the investigation into McKinley's death. It stated that depression over debt, injury and his post-playing career was the main factor for his suicide. The report stated that McKinley had a gambling problem and was deep in debt (Wikipedia, 2010).

**\*Although McKinley's date of death is listed September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, due to his body being found that day, it is probable to assume that he may have died the previous night, making it exactly 20 weeks prior to Super Bowl XLV.**

**Date:** September 21, 2010

**Source:** The Huffington Post, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Kenny McKinley Did Not Show Signs He Was Suicidal, Say Broncos Teammates, Coaches*

**Abstract:** Denver Broncos wide receiver Kenny McKinley, who is thought to have killed himself with a gunshot to the head, had made previous statements about committing suicide, according to a sheriff's investigative report released Tuesday. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's report quoted one investigator as saying McKinley had been depressed over a knee surgery he had a month ago. "He had made statements while playing dominoes shortly after the surgery that he should just kill himself," the officer reported. "No one believed he was serious." The report provided no explanation for the source of the investigator's information. The report also said

McKinley had made statements about not knowing what he would do without football. It said McKinley had flown to South Carolina 10 days earlier to see his young son and had brought him back with him to Denver on Sunday night. **Two female friends who were taking care of his son discovered McKinley's body Monday and called 911. Detectives who responded to his home a few miles from the Broncos headquarters found McKinley's body with a pillow over his head and a semiautomatic pistol on top of the pillow.** They also noted a strong odor of freshly burned marijuana, according to the report. Arapahoe County Coroner Michael Dobersen said Tuesday that McKinley died of a gunshot wound to the head. **He said a preliminary investigation "suggests the wound to be self-inflicted."**

**McKinley's teammates and coaches said Tuesday that they didn't see any hint the gregarious 23-year-old wide receiver was suicidal. Neither did the players at his alma mater, South Carolina, when he visited them earlier this month. "I actually saw Kenny a week and a half ago. He was over here picking up some stuff out of his locker," Broncos linebacker Wesley Woodyard said. "He was always a guy that used to love to joke with me and I would joke back and forth with him. But he had a big smile on his face. He just walked out of the building. "And that's the last thing we remember, that huge smile. Like coach said, he always showed every tooth in his mouth, just smiling and being happy." This is the third time in four years the Broncos have had to deal with the death of a teammate under stunning circumstances. Cornerback Darrent Williams, 24, was slain in a drive-by shooting on New Year's Day 2007, and three months later running back Damien Nash, 24, collapsed and died after a charity basketball game in St. Louis.**

Broncos coach Josh McDaniels said in a tearful news conference Tuesday that nobody with the Broncos sensed any warning signs from McKinley about his state of mind. **"We've all seen him recently. He's been the same person every time we see him. Liked junk food and chips and things like that," McDaniels said. "He was in the cafeteria, or in the training room, when we were seeing him the last so many weeks here. Nothing that would alarm us to anything like this."** Woodyard said McKinley was his usual joking and jovial self in recent weeks even as he was recovering from his second knee operation this year. **"Every memory that we have of Kenny is a joke and a big smile,"** Woodyard said. Woodyard said despite what it might look like to fans, NFL players have lots of pressures in their lives even though they're living the dream. **"Well, you know, football's a stressful job," he said, adding that players have to reach out for help. "It's the same thing with people in everyday life, you've got to talk to somebody in your life, so just to help you work out those problems."** McKinley was a fifth-round draft choice out of South Carolina in 2009. He remains South Carolina's all-time leading receiver with 207 catches for 2,781 yards. He returned to the school earlier this month, watching the Gamecocks beat Georgia 17-6 and visiting with his college coach, Steve Spurrier. **None of his old friends in Columbia, S.C., sensed anything was wrong. "No, all of our players said the same thing. When he was here, he was happy, smiling, the usual Kenny," Spurrier said. "In fact, I think he watched the Georgia game from up in my office there (in Williams-Brice Stadium) because he was on crutches from his knee surgery. I saw him up there right after the game. He was his usual self. It's hard to comprehend how that can happen."** People who are dealing with depression or suicidal thoughts aren't always outwardly despondent, said Dr. Michael Allen, director of research at the University of Colorado Denver Depression Center. He said suicidal individuals don't always reach out for help, even to those closest to them. **"Warning signs depend on the run up," Allen said, adding that suicidal people who have been depressed and thinking about killing themselves for weeks may sometimes reach out, or have trouble keeping a happy face to cover up their feelings. "For many people in the mild to moderate range you wouldn't know they're depressed. They're able to put up a good front of joviality,"** Allen said. Allen, who wasn't addressing McKinley's death specifically, said reaching out can be difficult for those in the military or on sports teams: **"In any group of men where toughness is valued, talking about anything that may be viewed as weakness goes against the grain,"** Allen said. The Broncos gathered Tuesday morning on their normal day off and met with grief counselors to help them deal with the death of their friend, who was on injured reserve after hurting his left knee in August. **"We prayed for his family and him," McDaniels said. The players decided to leave McKinley's locker in place for the remainder of the season as a shrine to their teammate. There will also be a moment of silence Sunday before their game against Indianapolis and players will wear white decals with No. 11 in navy on their helmets.** McDaniels said there's no way to make this a normal work week in preparing for the Colts, suggesting every player and coach will grieve in their own way. **"We've got to play with him on our shoulders and in our hearts,"** Woodyard said. **News of his suicide touched players across the NFL. "Kenny was such a good guy, such a fun guy to be around," said Minnesota Vikings receiver Sidney Rice, a college teammate of McKinley. "He was a happy guy who had a great sense of humor and he's going to be missed by so many people. He was funny and always kept people around him upbeat. I'm shocked he's gone."** McKinley played in eight games as a rookie in 2009 with seven kick returns for 158 yards before going on injured reserve with a left knee injury on Dec. 29. He recovered and participated in the team's offseason workouts but got hurt again during the first week of training camp and was placed on IR on Aug. 5. McDaniels said McKinley took the news well when he went on IR again, ending his season. **"It was really a decision that we made together. He knew the extent of his injury. It was really a choice he was very involved in,"** McDaniels said. **"There's situations where you could try to do something else, fight through it and all that, or you could try to have the operation and then go ahead and be ready to go for the next year. That's what we chose together. He was very much a part of that decision. He was working hard with his rehab."** McKinley's agent, Andrew Bondarowicz, said family and friends are at a loss to explain the death of a young man "who had such a love for life." **He said everyone has their theories, whether it was injuries, finances or something else. "There's nothing that we can point to and say, you know what, that's the sign that something was wrong or that he was struggling,"** Bondarowicz said. "At the end of the day, he was still an NFL player. Even the theories of financial difficulties, it was not like he was cut from the roster. You still get paid on injured reserve." **McKinley signed a four-year deal worth just under \$2 million last year after the Broncos selected him in the fifth round of the draft. The deal included a \$200,000 signing bonus and a \$310,000 rookie salary. He was making \$395,000 this season even though he was hurt.** Travis Shelton, a rookie receiver with McKinley in Denver before being waived, said he had spoken by phone with his friend earlier this month and McKinley was looking on the bright side of being out for the season. **"He was telling me he got time to spend with his son,"** Shelton said (The Huffington Post, 2010).



**Date:** December 6, 2010

**Source:** NFL, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Former Cowboys QB, MNF Personality Don Meredith Dies At 72*

**Date of Death:** December 5, 2010

**Location of Death:** Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA

**Age at Death:** 72

**Days to Super Bowl XLV:** 63 (9 Weeks & 0 Days)

**Abstract:** Don Meredith, one of the most recognizable figures of the early Dallas Cowboys and an original member of ABC's Monday Night Football broadcast team, died Sunday. He was 72. Meredith's wife, Susan, told The Associated Press on Monday her husband died in Santa Fe after suffering a brain hemorrhage and lapsing into a coma. She and her daughter were at Meredith's side when he died. "He was the best there was," she said, describing him as kind, warm and funny. **"We lost a good one."** She said a private graveside service was being planned and that family members were traveling to Santa Fe. Meredith played for the Cowboys from 1960-1968, becoming the starting quarterback in 1965. **While he never led the Cowboys to the Super Bowl, Meredith was one of the franchise's first stars. "Don Meredith was a Dallas Cowboys original,"** Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said in a statement released by the team. **"His wit, charm, and strength of personality were matched only by his wonderful leadership, toughness and athletic skill.** The Cowboys legacy has been built by dynamic and colorful personalities who could also compete at the highest level. No one fit that description better than Don Meredith. **"Few men have contributed, both on the field and as a broadcaster, to the impact that the NFL currently has on our country today more than Don. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, and his spirit will be with Cowboys players and fans forever."** Over his nine-year career, Meredith threw for 17,199 yards and 111 touchdowns. **He retired unexpectedly before the 1969 season.** Just two years after retiring from football, Meredith joined Keith Jackson and Howard Cosell in the broadcast booth as part of the Monday Night Football crew. **He quickly became one of the most popular broadcasters in sports because of his folksy sayings and country humor. Meredith's signature call was singing the famous Willie Nelson song "Turn Out the Lights" when it appeared a game's outcome had been determined.** Meredith left ABC after the 1973 season for a three-year stint at NBC. He returned to the MNF crew in 1977 before retiring in 1984, one year after Cosell left the team. "Don Meredith was one of the most colorful characters in NFL history," Commissioner Roger Goodell posted on his Twitter account Monday. **"He was a star on the field who became an even bigger star on TV. Don brought joy to football fans, from his play in historic NFL games like the Ice Bowl to his great personality that helped launch the success of Monday Night Football."** Before a generation knew Meredith for his colorful broadcasting career, he was one of the most recognizable figures of the early Dallas Cowboys teams. Meredith was drafted in the third round by the Chicago Bears in 1960 and was traded to the expansion Cowboys franchise for future draft picks. "Dandy Don", as he was affectionately known, shared time under center with Eddie LeBaron before winning the starting job in 1965. **Meredith led the Cowboys to three straight division titles and to consecutive NFL Championship games in 1966 and 1967. Dallas lost both games though to eventual Super Bowl winners Green Bay. In 1966, Meredith guided the Cowboys to their first-ever winning season (10-3-1). He was named NFL Player of the Year after throwing a career-high 24 touchdown passes and 2,805 yards. Meredith was one of nine Dallas players selected to the Pro Bowl that year -- the first of his two Pro Bowl years.** (NFL, 2010).

**Conclusion:** If these deaths are indeed a ritualistic human sacrifice, the NFL is offering up the best talent and personalities the can offer. With the players involved in suspicious deaths, one could assemble the best team on the planet. Aside from the three U.S. Military veterans deaths, some of the most famous TV personalities and sportsmen of the NFL met strange and suspicious deaths. Were all these deaths just by chance, fate, and natural causes, or is there something more sinister going on here?

## The Nuclear Bible: The NFL & International Expansion



**Intro:** Should a nuclear attack occur at the Super Bowl, the NFL would become a household name worldwide by the next day. People in every country of every religion and of every language would be talking about the Super Bowl. In order to cash in on its new found popularity, the NFL will likely expand into Europe, Canada, and possibly even Mexico. Just on time, many franchise stadiums have collapsed or teams existing stadium contracts have expired. Since there is likely to be a 2011 NFL lockout, the NFL will have an entire year to sort out the details of their new franchises abroad. When play resumes in 2012, the NFL will likely be an international league and it's dream of becoming a global league will finally be realized.



**Date:** 1991-2007

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *NFL Europe*

**Abstract:** NFL Europe was an American football league which operated in Europe from 1991 until 2007. Backed by the National Football League (NFL), the largest professional American football league in the United States, it was founded as the World League of American Football (WLAF) to serve as a type of spring league. In 1995, when the league was revamped after a two-year hiatus, the league name was shortened to the World League. In 1997, the league rebranded itself as the NFL Europe League or NFL Europe, which it held for most of the rest of its lifetime. For the league's last season, it would officially change its name to NFL Europa. At the time of its disbanding, there were six teams in the league: five based in Germany and one in the Netherlands. Players in NFL Europa were predominantly assigned by National Football League teams who wanted these younger, "developmental" players to get additional game experience and coaching. The expenses of these players and their coaches while living in Europe were assumed by the league. **On 29 June 2007, the NFL announced NFL Europa would immediately cease operations** (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** October 2, 2005

**Source:** NFL, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Cardinals Handle 49ers In Mexico 31-14*

**Abstract:** Robert Griffith sprinted out of the giant inflatable helmet, charging through the smoke and the corridor of cheerleaders. The Cardinals safety was screaming -- and wildly waving a Mexican flag. Needless to say, the biggest regular-season crowd in NFL history went loco. Judging from the vibrant colors in the stands and the beautiful halftime show, the NFL's first regular-season game outside the United States was a phenomenal fiesta for the 103,467 fans -- even if the Arizona Cardinals' 31-14 victory against the San Francisco 49ers wasn't exactly the most savory version of "futbol americano." Josh McCown passed for a career-high 385 yards and two touchdowns against the Niners' pathetic pass defense, and Neil Rackers kicked a career-best six field goals through the 7,700-foot air while Arizona's defense shut out San Francisco's offense. **But the sloppy play and one-sided result in a game between two of the NFL's worst teams seemed secondary to the goodwill and international exposure of a foreign venture the league hopes to turn into an annual affair.** "The experience in Mexico City has been wonderful, and this capped it off," said Rackers, who fell one short of the NFL record for field goals in a game. "It was wonderful. They're great fans, really into the game, more knowledgeable than I thought they would be. It was probably the best crowd I've been around." The cavernous arena was packed to the rafters with a crowd that exceeded the league's most optimistic projections two days ago, proving the sport's avid following in Mexico is second to none outside the United States. The NFL is widely popular south of the border, with nearly one in five Mexicans claiming an interest in the league. The NFL opened an office in Mexico in 1998, with an eight-person staff overseeing its growing profile. The league's popularity was evident to visitors arriving at Azteca, where the number of fans wearing replica jerseys -- more Dallas Cowboys than Niners or Cardinals -- nearly outnumbered the hundreds of police and security officials ringing the stadium. Only a few empty seats were visible in the upper deck of the famed soccer venue. Mexican fans showed they know football, cheering for surging ball-carriers and whistling at San Francisco's poor offensive execution. **And when the game got a bit dull early in the second quarter, they did "La Ola" -- the wave. When McCown made a spinning move to dodge a tackler in the fourth quarter, the fans shouted "Ole!"**

"Fans around the world can take notice of the way these people are, their passion about the game," 49ers coach Mike Nolan said. "It was exciting to play the game for both teams today, and they certainly latched on to the team that was ahead at the end, because early on, we had them on our side" (NFL, 2005).

**Date:** January 29, 2010

**Source:** Los Angeles Times, Kevin Baxter

**Title/Headline:** *NFL's Popularity In Mexico Continues To Grow*

**Abstract:** The United States' southern neighbor is home to millions of the league's fans. Could it get a team someday? A week from Sunday, Carlos Meza will join nearly two dozen friends and family members in front of the TV in his stepfather's tiny second-floor apartment. They'll gather behind tables filled with takeout pizza, tacos and sushi, and coolers filled with beer and soda, to watch the Indianapolis Colts battle the New Orleans Saints for the NFL title. "This year is going to be my 20th Super Bowl in a row," Meza, 28, said proudly. **Nothing unusual about that. Last year's Super Bowl telecast drew a record 98.7 million viewers in the United States.** But Meza won't be watching in the U.S. His stepfather's apartment is in a middle-class neighborhood in downtown Mexico City, where futbol is more commonly played with a round ball. In recent years, however, the city has also become home to a loyal, passionate -- and rapidly growing -- NFL fan base. **T-shirts, sweaters and replica jerseys bearing the emblems of the Dallas Cowboys, Pittsburgh Steelers and Miami Dolphins -- the country's most popular teams -- have become commonplace all over Mexico, where the NFL Network is now available on basic cable and 40 movie theaters in 10 cities show Monday night games live on the big screen.** What Mexico lacks, however, is a franchise. And Meza, a film distributor for Paramount Pictures, says that's a mistake. **"Here in Mexico there are a lot of fans of the NFL," said Meza, a die-hard backer of the Jacksonville Jaguars. "I think an NFL franchise here in Mexico would be a great idea."** Futbol Americano has a long history in Mexico, dating to 1896 and the first official game in Veracruz. Mining businesses soon helped to popularize the game, organizing competitions between company teams. By the early part of the 20th century a professional championship had been played, and the National Student Organization of American Football -- the Mexican version of the NCAA -- was established to regulate the sport in schools. **The NFL's popularity in Mexico is more recent, dating to the 1970s, when broadcasting giant Televisa began airing games in Mexico. Most of those early contests featured the Cowboys and Steelers, which explains those teams' continuing popularity. But the telecasts coincided with a huge increase in Mexican immigration to the U.S., with a Pew Research Center finding that 11% of the people born in Mexico now live on the northern side of the border.** That's led to an unprecedented wave of cultural sharing that has popularized many U.S. staples, from Taco Bell to tackle football, in Mexico. **Although the league claims more than 16.5 million fans in Mexico -- the largest concentration outside the U.S. and Canada -- that doesn't necessarily move the country to the top of a growing list of nations hoping to lure the NFL for even a game, let alone a franchise.** "We've started to make real progress there in terms of sponsorship, broadcast, etc.," said Chris Parsons, the NFL's vice president for international business. "But we're still a little ways off of having everything aligned and ready to go for games to go back into the Mexico market. We feel confident that we could do very well with a game in Mexico. We just want to make sure we do it at the right time with the right partners, the right support and the right sort of scale of fans that are avid in the marketplace that we can build off." **The league has international offices in five countries on three continents and has staged regular-season games before sellout crowds in London's Wembley Stadium in each of the last three years, and will be back for a fourth in October. It has also played 14 exhibition games in Japan and nearly staged a 2007 preseason matchup between the Seahawks and Patriots in China, where more than 7 million people watch the NFL on television. Six games have been staged in Mexico City between 1994 and 2005, drawing an average crowd of 100,392. A 2005 game between the Arizona Cardinals and San Francisco 49ers drew 103,467 fans into Estadio Azteca, at the time a record for a regular-season game. The NFL record for any game was also set at Azteca when a 1994 preseason game between the Houston Oilers and Dallas drew 112,376. "Obviously, the fan base is already in place," said Rolando Cantu, the first Mexican-born offensive lineman in NFL history and now an executive with the Arizona Cardinals, one of two teams that broadcast their games on radio in Mexico. "People are hungry for American football down there, especially on a professional level." Placing a team in either Monterrey or Mexico City -- Mexico's largest football hotbeds and the most likely sites for a franchise -- would do little to complicate travel since nearly half the NFL's teams are closer to both cities than they are to Buffalo, N.Y. "It will be a perfect fit," said Cantu, who said his team has season-ticket holders in Mexico and regularly welcomes fans who travel to Phoenix from the northern Mexican state of Sonora. "The challenge that we've got in Mexico is lining everything up to make sure that everyone is supporting the initiative in the same way that we get that partner support" in the United Kingdom, Parsons said. "We have no shortage of people and stadia and everything else, countries, wanting to host an NFL game and even have a team. But the business of what we do, we have to be absolutely sure that as we make those kinds of commitments that we're seeing the business side of that playing back to us. And we're very mindful of that." "The challenge that we've got in Mexico is lining everything up to make sure that everyone is supporting the initiative in the same way that we get that partner support" in the United Kingdom, Parsons said. "We have no shortage of people and stadia and everything else, countries, wanting to host an NFL game and even have a team. But the business of what we do, we have to be absolutely sure that as we make those kinds of commitments that we're seeing the business side of that playing back to us. And we're very mindful of that" "Mexico is an important market for the NFL," said Darin Perry, the L.A.-based director of brand and sponsorship marketing with the Marketing Arm, a leading international consulting agency. "The world, as we know it, is getting smaller. The boundaries of all kinds are disappearing. And as that happens, whether you're a corporate brand or a sports league, there's a push to reach new growth opportunities. "Tapping into that new world market is just a natural progression" (Baxter, 2010).**

**Date:** 2008

**Source:** NFL Network, David Carabello

**Title/Headline:** *Quick Facts: History Of NFL Games Outside The United States*

**Abstract:** With the Giants and Dolphins playing in London this week as part of the NFL's International Series, here are some quick facts NFL games abroad.



#### New York Giants Abroad:

- The Giants are 3-2 in international games
- The Giants defeated the CFL Ottawa Rough Riders in Ottawa in 1950 and 1951
- The Giants lost to Chicago, 16-7, in Toronto in 1960
- The Giants lost to the Steelers in Montreal in 1969
- The Giants defeated San Diego, 28-20, in Berlin, Germany, in 1994



#### Miami Dolphins Abroad:

- The Dolphins are 4-0 in international games, including 1-0 in London
- The Dolphins defeated the 49ers, 27-21, in London on July 31, 1988 (American Bowl)
- The Dolphins defeated the Raiders, 19-17, in Tokyo, Japan, in 1991
- The Dolphins defeated Denver, 31-27, in Berlin, Germany, in 1992
- The Dolphins defeated the Broncos, 38-19, in Mexico City, in 1997

#### NFL International Games:

- This marks the second regular-season game played outside of the U.S. (the first was in Mexico City in 2005; Cardinals defeated 49ers)
- It's the first regular season game outside of North America
- This will be the 10th NFL game played in London
- It will be the 19th NFL game played in Europe (1 in Sweden; 1 in Ireland; 2 in Spain; 5 in Germany)
- This marks the 58th NFL game played on foreign soil (including 6 NFL-CFL games and 1 AFL-CFL game played in Canada)
- The first NFL game played outside of North America was on Aug. 16, 1976 in Tokyo, Japan (St. Louis Cardinals defeated Chargers, 20-10)

#### The Breakdown of Non-European Countries:



**Canada:** 16 NFL Games



**Japan:** 14 NFL Games



**Mexico:** 8 NFL Games



**Australia:** 1 NFL Game

**Mexico City, Mexico:** The Cardinals-49ers game at Mexico City's Azteca Stadium had the largest attendance for a regular-season game in NFL history - 103,467.

#### Wembley Stadium, London, England:

- Seating capacity is 90,000 seats, second-largest in Europe
- The first game played in London (Wembley Stadium) and Europe was Aug. 6, 1983 (Vikings defeated St. Louis Cardinals, 28-10)
- The NFL's American Bowl series has been played 40 times, 8 times in London. The first American Bowl was played Aug. 3, 1986 - Chicago defeated Dallas, 17-6.

**Date:** September 24, 2006

**Source:** New England Patriots

**Title/Headline:** *NFL To Kick Off Countdown To 2008 Beijing Olympics When Patriots Face Seahawks In First-Ever NFL Game In China*

**Abstract:** **NFL to kick off countdown to 2008 Beijing Olympics when Patriots face Seahawks in first-ever NFL game in China.** The National Football League - America's most popular sports attraction - has been selected by the city of Beijing to stage a game in the Chinese capital city that will serve as the kickoff of the one-year countdown to the opening of the XXIX Olympic Games in China. The National Football League - America's most popular sports attraction - has been selected by the city of Beijing to stage a game in the Chinese capital city that will serve as the kickoff of the one-year countdown to the opening of the XXIX Olympic Games in China. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announced Sunday night that the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks will play in the first NFL game in China -- the world's fastest growing market -- when the teams meet in Beijing on Wednesday, August 8, 2007. Also taking part in the press conference prior to the Denver at New England game were Patriots Chairman & CEO Robert Kraft, NBC Universal Sports & Olympics Chairman Dick Ebersol, and Miss Ren Jun, who represented the Beijing Sports Competition Management Center. "We are very excited and proud to be bringing our game to China," said Commissioner Goodell. "We thank the Patriots and Seahawks for agreeing to take part in this historic game. We are also grateful to our broadcast partner -- NBC and its parent company GE -- and to the Beijing Municipal Sports Bureau and the Beijing Sports Competition Management Center. This promises to be a memorable event." The game will be televised live in China in primetime by China Central Television (CCTV) at 8:30 PM. CCTV is China's largest national TV network. NBC will carry the game live in the United States at 8:30 AM ET. **With a capacity of 60,000, Beijing's Workers Stadium - site of the soccer competition at the 2008 Summer Olympics - will play host to the matchup between the Patriots and Seahawks, two of the NFL's most exciting teams.** The Seahawks played in last season's Super Bowl after winning their first National Football Conference championship. Seattle is one of the top contenders to represent the NFC again at Super Bowl XLI, which will be played on February 4 in South Florida. Led by reigning Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player Shaun Alexander and quarterback MATT HASSELBECK, Seattle is aiming for a third consecutive NFC West championship under head coach Mike Holmgren. Seattle previously participated in the NFL's international American Bowl games in Vancouver, Canada and Tokyo, Japan. In their first international game since 1998 (Vancouver), the Seahawks will seek their first victory outside the United States. "The Seahawks are honored to be one of the teams selected to represent the NFL in this prestigious event," said Seattle Chairman Paul Allen. "We are proud of the Pacific Northwest's deep cultural and business ties to China. We look forward to developing relationships surrounding this game that will have a lasting impact and will serve as a legacy of our participation in this historic event." Led by head coach Tom Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady, New England has enjoyed unparalleled success in recent years, capturing three NFL championships in four seasons from 2001-04, by winning Super Bowls XXXVI, XXXVIII and XXXIX. **The Patriots have taken part in two international games since the American Bowl series of preseason games was instituted in 1986. They played in Montreal, Canada in 1990 and in Mexico City, Mexico in 1998. The trip to China will be the team's first game outside of North America. "My family has been doing business in China for nearly 20 years and we are proud that The Kraft Group is New England's number one exporter to China," said the Patriots' Kraft. "Based on our own experiences in China and the growing interest in American sports there, we launched a Patriots website in Chinese in 2004. It was the first of its kind. It is a privilege and an honor to be selected to participate in the NFL's inaugural China Bowl in 2007. I think our players and staff will be terrific ambassadors for the game of football and I hope that it will be an experience that they will never forget. I look forward to developing new relationships and building a legacy for the Patriots and the NFL in such a great country."** Fans in China will be familiar with the Patriots and Seahawks. CCTV is broadcasting the NFL's schedule of Sunday Night Football games live in China throughout the 2006 season, culminating with an on-site telecast of Super Bowl XLI. Seattle and New England each will appear on Sunday night at least twice this year. **The game in China will mark the 42nd international contest for the NFL in the American Bowl era. There have been 40 international preseason games and one regular-season NFL game since 1986. The regular-season game took place last year in Mexico City, where a record crowd of 103,467 in Azteca Stadium watched the Arizona Cardinals top the San Francisco 49ers 31-14 (New England Patriots, 2006).**

**Date:** December 12th, 2008

**Source:** China Sports Review

**Title/Headline:** *NFL Cancels China Bowl, Again*

**Abstract:** **The N.F.L., widely considered the most successful sports league in North America, will reduce its staff by about 150 employees after the Super Bowl in response to the slumping economy, Commissioner Roger Goodell told staff members in a memo Tuesday.** The N.F.L. has a total of 1,100 employees at its New York headquarters, at NFL Films in New Jersey and at the Los Angeles offices of the NFL Network and NFL.com. Although voluntary buyouts are being offered now, the league will not determine the breakdown of cuts until after the championship game on Feb. 1. Some franchises have started to trim their staffs, as well. The Denver Broncos made cuts earlier this year, and the New England Patriots recently laid off about 5 percent of the staff from Gillette Stadium -- about two dozen people -- in anticipation of reduced trade-show and special-event business there next year. **The Patriots also closed their one-person China office, which opened when the team was scheduled to play a game there. With the N.F.L. focusing its overseas plans on regular-season games in Europe, the China game has been canceled. This is actually the second cancellation of the NFL China game this year. The 2008 game, which scheduled for August 9 between New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks, was called off by NFL this April, with the reason that they wanted to concentrate their "global resources" on next October's regular season game in London.** NFL China has been concentrating on developing grassroots fans in local colleges by staging various events and also marketing themselves on TV and the Internet. Chinese fans can now watch games on CCTV and Shanghai TV, and a live game is also available once a week on Sina.com, a major Chinese web portal. **We're surprised by the Patriots' pullback from Beijing. But it all makes sense when looking at a bigger picture, where Honda's withdrawal from F1, MLB's recent job cuts and Arena Football League's possible suspension in 2009 are all considered (China Sports Review, 2008).**



**Date:** January 15, 2010

**Source:** NFL, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *49ers To Play Broncos In London In 2010*

**Abstract:** The San Francisco 49ers will play the Denver Broncos next season at Wembley Stadium, **the fourth straight year the NFL will stage a regular-season game in the British capital.** "For the past three years we have seen the extraordinary passion that exists for NFL football in the U.K.," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement. "We want to continue to build on that passion by strengthening our ties to our existing U.K. fans and creating new ones." The game between the five-time Super Bowl champion 49ers and two-time winner Broncos may not be the only one in Britain next season. "The NFL will continue to explore the possibility of playing a second game in the UK in 2010," the NFL said. The NFL has played games at Wembley for the last three seasons, with more than 80,000 fans at each game. **Manchester and Glasgow, Scotland, are being looked at as potential venues to host NFL games.** In October, before the New England-Tampa Bay game, Goodell said the idea of eventually **putting an expansion team in London was of "tremendous interest" to the NFL.** He gave no timeline when such a decision might be taken (NFL, 2010).

**Date:** October 29, 2010

**Source:** Sports Illustrated, Associated Press

**Title/Headline:** *Roger Goodell: NFL Supports Expansion Into Europe*

**Abstract:** Football is in the land of futbol to stay - and with an even bigger presence if NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has his way. **When the San Francisco 49ers take on the Denver Broncos at Wembley Stadium on Sunday, they'll be the latest teams that went across the Atlantic to do their part in helping the league grow its international fan base.** And despite the long travels and disrupted team schedules such a trip brings, the NFL is charging ahead with plans to increase the number of games it plays overseas. **This Sunday marks the fourth regular-season game to be played in London, and Goodell said the success of the previous three sellouts has buoyed his hopes to succeed with his ultimate expansion goal - having a full-time franchise in London.** "Each year, the different barometers indicate that our popularity continues to rise," Goodell said at an annual sports conference the NFL organizes together with The Economist magazine in London. **"I think the next step will be multiple games (in Europe). And if that's successful then I think the idea of a franchise here is realistic."** He just has to get the players and teams on board first, which may not be all that difficult. Like the teams that came before them, the Niners and Broncos have only had good things to say about their trans-Atlantic trip - focusing more on the team-building opportunities than the jet lag and time spent away from home. **"I've never been out of the country, so this is definitely a good experience and opportunity," Niners cornerback Nate Clements said. "And I look to take advantage of this and make the most of it."** Of course, it's not exactly easy to bring the full NFL circus abroad. Traveling logistics are one of the biggest challenges for teams coming over for games, highlighted by the Niners (1-6) and Broncos (2-5) choosing drastically different strategies for how to approach Sunday's matchup. San Francisco arrived on Monday and has spent the week in a five-star hotel in the countryside outside London, getting adjusted to the time difference and practicing on a field with the same wet and slippery conditions expected at Wembley. The Broncos, meanwhile, chose to stay home longer and only arrived Friday. **"Everyone was kind of like walking zombies off of the flight," Broncos offensive lineman Chris Kuper said. "Once we catch up on sleep we should be fine. We got two days to catch up on sleep."** The Niners have the added disadvantage of being listed as the home team, meaning they get one less game to play in San Francisco. But with the city turning the spotlight to the Giants playing in the World Series, it's not a bad time for the struggling football team to explore new surroundings. **"When you look at where we are right now as a team, it is nice to be able to get away and come here, and be able to sort of regroup as a team internally,"** head coach Mike Singletary said. Goodell acknowledged it's "painful" for teams to give up a home game, and said that's one of the reasons the NFL is considering expanding its regular season schedule to 18 games. That would let teams have eight home games even if they go abroad. Sending teams so far to play in front of foreigners may seem extreme, but Goodell insists it's the best way to connect with international fans - especially because most of them never have a chance to play the sport themselves. **"That is one of our challenges, how do we promote a sport that is not played by the youth in each of those markets?" he said. "But I think that's where media and bringing our game to those markets meets those challenges. We've seen it here in this marketplace, we've seen it in Japan, Mexico and Canada."** Goodell would not give any hints about a timeline for putting a team in London, "other than as fast as is practical." **"Once we've got the logistics, which I think we have, then it's just a question of the growth of the marketplace,"** Goodell said. **"And that's where we believe playing multiple games will demonstrate that there is a strong foundation for American football. Fans want to see it, there are partners that will support it. ... And when you can get to that point, I think you've given yourself a great deal of confidence that a franchise here would be successful."** So would players be willing to come play for a team based in England? Broncos quarterback Kyle Orton thinks so. **"London is a great place because you're going to have to find a combination of a city where people want to live and play for that team and I think this would be a great choice,"** Orton said. **"You've got to find a city that you can get 53 guys that kind of want to live over here. London's a great city and I think you'd have a lot of interest from players"** (Sports Illustrated, 2010).

## The Nuclear Bible: Stadium Debacles



**Date:** December 13, 2010

**Source:** Los Angeles Times

**Title/Headline:** *The Metrodome Collapse And The Shifting Symbolism Of The Domed Stadium*

**Abstract:** There was a time when the domed stadium was a leading architectural symbol of modernity and American building prowess. When Houston's Astrodome opened in 1965, for example, it was hailed as an engineering breakthrough and as the Eighth Wonder of the World; its clear span of 642 feet was more than double the size of any interior space ever built. **In recent years, however, the dome -- as a building type and a representation of American might -- has been taking it on the chin.** The Astrodome has been abandoned and is now used to store idle vans and trucks as Houston architects debate possible future uses for it. **In New Orleans, meanwhile, the Superdome became synonymous with despair and destruction when its roof was torn off by Hurricane Katrina and a few days later began serving as a leaky, squalid and dystopian temporary home for residents displaced by the storm.** The latest sign of the dome's demise as a symbol of progress and expertise came this weekend, when a heavy snowfall caused the roof of the Metrodome in Minneapolis -- designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill and completed in 1982 -- to collapse. **The damage means the Minnesota Vikings, the dome's key remaining tenant after the Twins moved to a new baseball-only stadium, will be forced to play a "home" game Monday night against the New York Giants at Detroit's Ford Field (Los Angeles Times, 2010).**



**Forbes**

**Date:** December 13, 2010

**Source:** Forbes, Kurt Badenhausen

**Title/Headline:** *Roof Collapse Could Be End Of NFL In Minnesota*

**Abstract:** Zygi Wilf has campaigned for public funding for a new football stadium ever since he bought the Minnesota Vikings for \$600 million in 2005. The state has put out money for new venues for the Minnesota Wild, Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Golden Gophers football team that have all opened over the past decade. **Yet the state legislator has refused to play ball with Wilf on a new building as it deals with a budget forecast showing a deficit of \$6.2 billion over the next two years.** All of Wilf's stadium campaigning can't touch the powerful video of the Hubert Humphrey Metrodome roof collapsing under the weight of two feet of snow early Sunday morning. **It marked the fourth time the roof had collapsed although the first time since 1983.** Luckily no one was hurt and the impending game between the Vikings and New York Giants was moved to Detroit to be played Monday night. Like most things in the NFL the choice of Detroit was based on television. The NFL said that Detroit was the best logistical fit since Fox camera crews were already in the Motor City for the Lions-Packers game on Sunday. **If Wilf can't get public funding for a new stadium after Sunday's collapse, Minneapolis can kiss the NFL goodbye. The NFL is headed to Los Angeles at some point. It is no longer a question of if, but when the league looks to reenter the second biggest TV market in the U.S. Many L.A. questions remain for the NFL.** Do they follow the stadium plan of billionaire Ed Roski or Anschutz Entertainment Group's Tim Leiweke? Should a stadium house 1 or 2 NFL teams? **And the all important question: what team or teams should move? The Vikings and San Diego Chargers are presumed to be the favorites as they along with the Oakland Raiders are the only NFL teams left that need major stadium upgrades.** The Vikings more than any other NFL team need a new stadium from a financial perspective and now apparently from a structural perspective (Minnesota officials are optimistic the roof can be repaired in time for next Monday's game against the Chicago Bears). **The Vikings' stadium revenues including premium seating, concessions, parking, sponsorships and non-football events were the lowest in the NFL last year at \$19 million.** The league average for stadium revenues was more than three times that amount at \$60 million. Top teams like the Dallas Cowboys, New England Patriots and Washington Redskins generate more than \$150 million annually from their stadium excluding tickets. The Cowboys generate more than \$50 million annually just from its cadre of sponsors including Bank of America, Ford, Miller and PepsiCo. The Vikings' paltry stadium revenues are going to affect the team's on-field performance before long as the salary cap rises and the team struggles to keep up. **Fans are weighing in on the Star Tribune's website in a new poll that shows that 72% of fans want a new stadium, although only 6% say the roof collapse swayed their previous vote.** If the Vikings can't get public funding to partially support a new stadium, the roof collapse gives the team cover to walk away from the Metrodome and head for L.A. Vikings President and co-owner Mark Wilf wasn't touching the new stadium issue yesterday saying, **"I'm not going to comment on [the stadium issue]. For right now, we're focused on the Giants game tomorrow. There will be a proper time to discuss such things."** Time is running out to discuss things. The Vikings lease at the Metrodome expires after the 2011 season (Badenhausen, 2010).

A year before the “Big Bang” of NFL international expansion, there just happens to be a TV show about American football that is being broadcast in at least 37 countries. This is an obvious attempt to popularize the game in foreign markets, teach the basic rules and positions, and to sell the younger generation on the game of American football.



**Date:** January 11, 2010

**Source:** Wikipedia, MTV

**Title/Headline:** Blue Mountain State

**Abstract:** Blue Mountain State is an American comedy series that premiered on Spike TV on January 11, 2010. The series producers include Chris Romano and Eric Falconer of It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, Channel 101 and The Sarah Silverman Program. It is produced by Lionsgate Television.

The series is a takeoff of National Lampoon's Animal House and Van Wilder focusing on the football-centric university, Blue Mountain State, and its rather awkward team "The Goats". It covers topics of college life, including football, scoring with women, drinking binges, wild partying, and hazing.

#### International Distribution:

| <b><u>Country:</u></b> | <b><u>Network:</u></b> | <b><u>Aired:</u></b>   |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| United States          | Spike                  | January 11, 2010       |
| Argentina              | MTV Latin America      | April 18, 2010         |
| Australia              | MTV Australia          | April 18, 2010         |
| Belgium                | MTV Belgium            | April 18, 2010         |
| Canada                 | Super Channel          | Various Times          |
| Chile                  | MTV Latin America      | April 18, 2010         |
| Columbia               | MTV Latin America      | April 18, 2010         |
| Croatia                | MTV Adria              | TBA                    |
| Chile                  | MTV Latin America      | April 18, 2010         |
| Columbia               | MTV Latin America      | April 18, 2010         |
| Croatia                | MTV Adria              | Coming Soon            |
| Denmark                | MTV Denmark            | April 18, 2010         |
| Ecuador                | MTV Latin America      | April 18, 2010         |
| Finland                | MTV Finland            | April 18, 2010         |
| Germany                | MTV Germany            | Repeats Various Times  |
| Austria                | MTV Austria            | Repeats Various Times  |
| Hong Kong              | MTV Asia               | April 18, 2010         |
| Hungary                | MTV Hungary            | April 18, 2010         |
| Indonesia              | MTV Asia               | April 18, 2010         |
| Ireland                | MTV UK & Ireland       | April 18, 2010         |
| Italy                  | MTV Italy              | April 19, 2010         |
| Japan                  | MTV Japan              | April 18, 2010         |
| Mexico                 | MTV Latin America      | April 18, 2010         |
| Netherlands            | MTV Netherlands        | April 18, 2010         |
| New Zealand            | MTV New Zealand        | N/A                    |
| Philippines            | MTV Asia               | April 18, 2010         |
| Poland                 | MTV Polska             | N/A                    |
| Portugal               | MTV Portugal           | N/A                    |
| Romania                | MTV Romania            | April 18, 2010         |
| Serbia                 | MTV Adria              | Coming Soon            |
| Singapore              | MTV Asia               | April 18, 2010         |
| Slovenia               | MTV Adria              | Coming Soon            |
| South Africa           | DSTV                   | N/A                    |
| Sweden                 | MTV Sweden             | April 18, 2010         |
| Turkey                 | ComedyMax              | N/A                    |
| Ukraine                | MTV Ukraine            | April 18, 2010         |
| United Kingdom         | MTV UK & Ireland       | April 18, 2010         |
| Vietnam                | MTV Asia               | N/A (Wikipedia, 2010). |

**Conclusion:** It is clear that should the Super Bowl be attacked by a nuclear device, the entire world would have an interest in what happened, and the game would take on a whole new global identification. When looking at motives for this attack, NFL expansion would be a prime one.

**International Expansion Guesses:**

- London Lions
- Mexico City Raiders
- Hamburg Seahawks
- Berlin Chargers
- Toronto Bills
- Frankfurt Vikings
- Barcelona Buccaneers
- Amsterdam Redskins

## The Nuclear Bible: The NFL, NBA, MLB & NHL Lockout of 2011



**Intro:** Just in time for the 2011 nuclear detonation at the Super Bowl, the four major sports leagues of the United States, the NFL, NBA, MLB and NHL, just happen to be having a lockout, all simultaneously! Is this sheer coincidence, or does NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, NBA Commissioner David Stern, MLB Commissioner Bud Selig, and NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman have foreknowledge regarding the nuclear attack, and are they complicit in the planning and executions of the subsequent aftermath?

**Date:** October 19, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Times, Jon Krawczynski

**Title/Headline:** *Union Says NFL Will Stop Health Care In March*

**Abstract:** The NFL has told the players' union that it will stop providing health care for players and their families in March if the two sides do not reach a new collective bargaining agreement. During an appearance with Minnesota Vikings fans on Tuesday, NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith said he was working to figure out a plan to ensure medical coverage for players and their families should they be locked out. Smith said he is dealing "with players where some of them have children who need heart transplants. We have several players who have children who are on kidney dialysis. We will have over 100 players who will have children who are born in the March, April, May timeframe. Right now all of those players need health insurance." NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said it's one more reason to reach an agreement. He also pointed to the federal COBRA law that allows employees to continue their existing coverage without interruption at their own expense or the expense of their union. "This means that no player or family member would experience any change in coverage for so much as a single day because of a work stoppage," Aiello told The Associated Press in an e-mail. "The union surely knows this and there is no excuse for suggesting otherwise." During the NHL lockout in 2004-05, the NHL players' union paid for substitute coverage. That will be one of several options the union will consider as it continues to prepare for a lockout. NFL owners spoke in optimistic tones at their fall meetings last week in Chicago, with many saying they believed a new deal could be reached without a work stoppage. New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft said he wanted to get something done by the holidays and NFLPA President Kevin Mawae echoed that desire. But Smith spoke a little less glowingly on Tuesday. "From a seriousness standpoint, the players believe this lockout is going to occur," Smith said (The Washington Times, 2010).

It is likely that should a nuclear detonation take place at the Super Bowl, hundreds of NFL players will seek psychological counseling and the NFL has decided that they will not pay for it. Aside from this point, many players have injuries that need year-round attention. Obviously, the NFL does not care about the health and well-being of their players, despite raking in billions in revenue due to their players.

**Date:** December 4, 2010

**Source:** NFL

**Title/Headline:** *NFLPA To Players: Save Your Pay For Possible 2011 Lockout*

**Abstract:** The NFL players' union has advised its members to prepare for a lockout that it expects to come in March, telling players to save their last three game checks this year in case there isn't a 2011 season. In a letter to the players that was seen by The Associated Press, NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith said the union had an "internal deadline" for agreeing to a new collective bargaining agreement. "That deadline has now passed," Smith wrote. "It is important that you protect yourself and your family." It wasn't clear what effect the passing of the self-imposed deadline would have on negotiations. NFLPA spokesman George Atallah said in an e-mail to The AP that he wouldn't comment because the letter was supposed to be internal, but he later took to Twitter to explain the situation. Atallah tweeted that the letter provided "an internal deadline to prepare, not for CBA negotiations." He also revealed that the league and union met Friday. NFL Network insider Jason La Canfora confirmed the meeting through a source with knowledge of the situation. It was the sides' second sit-down in the last two weeks -- a rarity so far. Previously, they had talked every 4 to 6 weeks. Copies of the NFLPA's letter, which was dated Wednesday, were strewn across a table in the New England Patriots' locker room Saturday and were visible to players, reporters and team officials. After a reporter asked players about the letter, a Patriots spokesman flipped the copies face-down. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello called the union's stance "disappointing and inexplicable, especially for fans." "We hope this does not mean the union has abandoned negotiating in favor of de-certifying and litigating," he said. "We are ready to meet and negotiate anytime and anywhere. But it takes sustained effort and shared commitment to reach an agreement. One side can't do it alone." It wasn't clear when the union's self-imposed deadline was or what has changed now that it has passed. NFLPA spokesman George Atallah didn't immediately return calls seeking clarification. The NFL hasn't missed games due to labor strife since 1987, when owners responded to a player strike by continuing the season with replacement players. But the prospect of a lost season in 2011 intensified when owners opted out of the collective bargaining agreement in 2008. Smith has said that he believes the owners opted out with the goal of locking out the players. The NFLPA's home page features a "Lockout Watch" that counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds until the CBA expires on March 3. The one-page letter on NFLPA stationery said the union expects the lockout to come March 4 and that players should work with their advisers to prepare for an impending lack of income. The letter also said the league is planning to cancel the players' health insurance. The union said it is filing a grievance to contest the cancellation, citing a section of the collective bargaining agreement that states:



**"Players will continue to receive the benefits provided in this article through the end of the Plan Year in which they are released or otherwise sever employment."** Dennis Curran, NFL senior vice president for labor litigation and policy, told the union in October that an employer isn't obligated to provide wages or salary or to pay for certain continued benefits for employees during a work stoppage. Curran added that under federal law, employees are entitled to continue their employer-provided health insurance coverage at their own or their union's expense. At that time, Aiello also pointed to the federal COBRA law, which allows employees to continue their existing coverage without interruption at their own expense or the expense of their union. **"This means that no player or family member would experience any change in coverage for so much as a single day because of a work stoppage,"** Aiello told The AP in an e-mail. "The union surely knows this and there is no excuse for suggesting otherwise." Patriots offensive lineman Matt Light, one of the team's player representatives, said Saturday that players understand the nature of the business, but canceling health insurance is a different matter. **"You're going to cancel somebody's health insurance and maybe they've got a baby that's due in the offseason?" he said. "Yeah, it gets personal."** Light said he is doing his best to educate his teammates on how to prepare. **"They've got to look at it like they're going into a period in which they are going to change their financial situation," he said. "Nobody knows what's going to happen. But if you're going to go a year without getting paid, you need to prepare accordingly."** Under the deal agreed to in 2006, the players receive 59.6 percent of designated NFL revenues. The owners opted out of that deal beginning next year, arguing they have huge debts from building stadiums and starting up NFL Network that make it impossible to be profitable. The two sides met last month and said they made "some progress" on proposals involving an 18-game regular season and limiting offseason workouts. Players have taken their case to the public in recent weeks, briefing Congress on the job loss and other economic impact of a lockout and even drafting letters for lawmakers to send to the league. **Using many of the same studies the NFL relies on when trumpeting public subsidies for new stadiums, an economist commissioned by the union estimated an average of about \$160 million in local spending and 3,000 jobs would be lost in each league city if the full 2011 season were wiped out.** The NFL called the figures "a fairy tale." Patriots linebacker Tully Banta-Cain said he already was squirreling away his savings in case of a lockout. Banta-Cain said he also was working on his outside businesses, which include a clothing line and a music label. **"I'm trying to prepare," he said. "And I'm trying to establish my off-the-field businesses and make sure I can make money in the offseason"** (NFL, 2010).



**NFL PLAYERS**  
ASSOCIATION

**Date:** June 20, 2010

**Source:** USA Today

**Title/Headline:** *National Football League Players Association*

**Abstract:** The NFLPA and the league have extended their 1993 agreement five times, most recently in March 2006 when it was extended through the 2011 season after the NFL owners voted 30-2 to accept the NFLPA's final proposal. However, in May 2008 the owners decided to opt out of this agreement and play the 2010 without a bargaining agreement in place. **This means the 2010 season will be played without a salary cap (or floor), and there is the looming possibility of no play at all in 2011 if an agreement cannot be reached** (USA Today, 2010).



**Date:** July 22, 2005

**Source:** National Hockey League Players Association (NHLPA)

**Title/Headline:** *National Hockey League: Collective Bargaining Agreement*

**CBA Expiration Date:** September 15, 2011

**Abstract:** Article 3: Duration Of Agreement: 3.1 Term. (a) **This Agreement is effective retroactive to September 16m 2004 (the "Effective Date"), and shall remain in full force and effective until midnight New York time on September 15, 2011,** and shall remain in effect from year to year thereafter unless and until either party shall deliver to the other a written notice of termination of the Agreement at least 120 days [by May 18, 2011] prior to September 15, 2011 or not less than a like period in any year after (NHLPA, 2005).



**Date:** December 20, 2006

**Source:** Major League Baseball

**Title/Headline:** *Major League Baseball: Collective Bargaining Agreement*

**CBA Expiration Date:** December 11, 2011

**Abstract:** The current CBA expires on December 11, 2011: **2007-2011 BASIC AGREEMENT:** This Agreement, effective December 20, 2006, is between the 30 Major League Clubs and the Major League Baseball Players Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Players Association" or the "Association"). In making this Agreement the Association represents that it contracts for and on behalf of the Major League Baseball Players and individuals who may become Major League Baseball Players during the term of this Agreement, and the Clubs represent that they contract for and on behalf of themselves, any additional Clubs which may become. (MLB, 2006).



**Date:** July 29, 2005

**Source:** National Basketball Association Players Association (NBAPA)

**Title/Headline:** *NBA Collective Bargaining Agreement: Article XXXIX*

**CBA Expiration Date:** June 30, 2011

**Abstract:** The National Basketball Association and the National Basketball Players Association today announced that a new six-year collective bargaining agreement has been ratified and signed. As part of the agreement, the NBA also announced that the Salary Cap for the 2005-06 season is \$49.5 million. The mid-level exception for the upcoming season is \$5.0 million (NBA, 2005).

**Expiration Date:** This Agreement shall be effective from July 29, 2005 and, unless extended or terminated pursuant to the provisions of this Article XXXIX, shall continue in full force and effect through June 30, 2011. **Section 5. Termination by NBA/Force Majeure:**

(a) "Force Majeure Event" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events or conditions, provided that such event or condition either (i) makes it impossible for the NBA to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or (ii) frustrates the underlying purpose of this Agreement, or (iii) makes it economically impracticable for the NBA to perform its obligations under this Agreement: wars or war-like action (whether actual or threatened and whether conventional or other, including, but not limited to, chemical or biological wars or war-like action); sabotage, terrorism or threats of sabotage or terrorism; explosions; epidemics; and any governmental order or action (civil or military); provided, however, that none of the foregoing enumerated events or conditions is within the reasonable control of the NBA or an NBA Team.

(b) In addition to any other rights a Team or the NBA may have by contract or by law, if a Force Majeure Event occurs and the NBA, as a result, ceases or suspends its operations for a definite or indefinite period and directs that no games (whether Exhibition, Regular Season, or Playoff games) be played by NBA Teams during such period (the "Force Majeure Period"), then, for each missed Exhibition, Regular Season, or Playoff game during the Force Majeure Period, the Compensation payable to each player who was on a Team roster at the time of the Force Majeure Event shall be reduced by 1/94.6th of the player's Compensation (NBAPA, 2010).

**Date:** November 22, 2010

**Source:** CBS Sports

**Title/Headline:** *Players Union Chief '99 Percent Sure' A Lockout Looms*

**Abstract:** NBA players association executive director Billy Hunter said Monday he is "99 percent sure" there will be a lockout next summer. "I think it's highly probable that there will be a lockout and that's what I'm preparing for because I don't see anything else right now," Hunter said. With negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement to replace the one that expires next summer going nowhere, Hunter said he's been instructing his players to save their money. There was no breakthrough in the latest meeting with league representatives last week, and the sides hope to meet again next month. But Hunter said the owners aren't budging on their demands for cuts in salaries, contract lengths and guarantees, annual raises, and the rookie salary scale. "What's left?" Hunter said in a conference room at the union's headquarters after helping distribute turkeys to 2,000 families outside. The sides have been negotiating for more than a year, but Hunter agreed with Commissioner David Stern that there's been no progress. And the players are no closer to agreeing to the cuts that the league is seeking. "I don't really see that the argument's all that compelling for the changes that they're asking for," Hunter said. The league is calling for a reduction in player salary costs of \$700 to \$800 million and is seeking a hard salary cap to replace the system which now allows for certain exceptions. The players counter that the current system has worked, pointing to record revenues and ticket sales, and strong TV ratings. They say the total of negotiated salaries has dropped for three straight seasons and forecast a 3 to 5 percent increase in revenues in 2010-11. "It seems like things are doing all right and so our position is that we want to do what's best for the game," said Knicks guard Roger Mason Jr., a member of the players

executive committee. **"Any way that we can make the game better as players, speaking for a lot of the guys, we're all for it. But we don't want to have a deal that's just not fair and that's what we think is being presented to us right now."** Hunter said the league has given no feedback on the proposal the union submitted in July. He offered no specifics of it, other than to say the players could be open to negotiating their guarantee of 57 percent of the revenues -- which Stern has said is a central issue in the next CBA. **Hunter added that the players believe their proposal resonated with some owners, but blames others -- he called them a hawkish group -- for pushing Stern toward a deal Hunter says he won't get, one that would guarantee each owner a minimum annual profit of \$10 million.** And Hunter, who has been mostly silent while Stern and deputy commissioner Adam Silver revealed items from their wish list last month, decided it's time to speak out to them. **"I think the message has to be driven home to I guess that hawkish group of owners that if they're inclined, if they want to lock us out -- because we're not going to strike -- if they want to lock us out and they want to pull the roof down on themselves, then hey, have at it,"** Hunter said. Both Hunter and Stern have said progress must be made by February's All-Star break to reduce fears of the first work stoppage since 1998. **Hunter isn't sure it'll come by then, saying he's "waiting for some sign, some movement from the owners that they want to reach a reasonable deal. "Right now they're being unreasonable and I can't tell you when reason's going to set in,"** he said (CBS Sports, 2010).

**Conclusion:** The players of the four major leagues should vacate their respective treacherous organizations and form their own leagues with better pay and better healthcare. As for the commissioners of these leagues, they should be charged with conspiracy and tried in a court of law.

## The Nuclear Bible: Dictionary

**Black Operation/Black Op(s):** Is a covert operation typically involving activities that are highly clandestine and, often, outside of standard military protocol or even against the law. A key factor in making an operation "black" is that it is carried out with great secrecy; in many cases no records of the operation are kept. Similarly, a secret budget (such as for military or intelligence operations) is called a "black budget" (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Coup d'état:** Known as a coup, putsch, and overthrow—is the sudden, illegal deposition of a government, usually by a small group of the existing state establishment—typically the military—to replace the deposed government with another body; either civil or military. A *coup d'état* succeeds when the usurpers establish their legitimacy if the attacked government fails to thwart them, by allowing their (strategic, tactical, political) consolidation and then receiving the deposed government's surrender; or the acquiescence of the populace and the non-participant military forces. Typically, a *coup d'état* uses the extant government's power to assume political control of the country. In *Coup d'État: A Practical Handbook*, military historian Edward Luttwak says, "A *coup* consists of the infiltration of a small, but critical, segment of the state apparatus, which is then used to displace the government from its control of the remainder", thus, armed force (either military or paramilitary) is not a defining feature of a *coup d'état* (Wikipedia, 2010).

**False-Flag Terrorism:** False-Flag operations are covert operations designed to deceive the public in such a way that the operations appear as though they are being carried out by other entities. The name is derived from the military concept of flying false colors; that is, flying the flag of a country other than one's own. False flag operations are not limited to war and counter-insurgency operations, and can be used in peace-time (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Full Spectrum Dominance:** A military concept whereby a joint military structure achieves control over ALL elements of the battlespace using land, air, maritime and space based assets. Full spectrum dominance includes the physical battlespace; air, surface and sub-surface as well as the electromagnetic spectrum and information space (Wikipedia, 2010). Unseen TOTAL control over both sides of a perceived conflict (i.e. Al Qaeda and the Pentagon).

**Globalists:** (The New World Order/Nuclear World Order) European Royalty, The Vatican/The Church, The Illuminati, The Rothschilds, The Rockefellers, The Anglo-European/American Establishment, The Zionist Establishment, The Tri-Lateral Commission, Bilderberg, The Council On Foreign Relations, The Club of Rome, Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, etc.

**Hegelian Dialectic:** (Problem, Reaction, Solution) Usually presented in a three-fold manner, was stated by Heinrich Moritz Chalybäus as comprising three dialectical stages of development: a thesis, giving rise to its reaction, an antithesis, which contradicts or negates the thesis, and the tension between the two being resolved by means of a synthesis (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Nucflash:** Refers to detonation or possible detonation of a nuclear weapon *which creates a risk of an outbreak of nuclear war*. Events which may be classified *Pinnacle - Nucflash* include:

- Accidental, unauthorized, or unexplained nuclear detonation or possible detonation.
- Accidental or unauthorized launch of a nuclear-armed or nuclear-capable missile in the direction of, or having the capability to reach, another nuclear-capable country.
- Unauthorized flight of, or deviation from an approved flight plan by, a nuclear armed or nuclear-capable aircraft with the capability to penetrate the airspace of another nuclear-capable country.
- Detection of unidentified objects by a missile warning system or interference (experienced by such a system or related communications) that appears threatening and could create a risk of nuclear war.

This term (*Pinnacle Nucflash*) is a report that has the highest precedence in the OPREP-3 reporting structure. All other reporting terms such as *Broken Arrow*, *Empty Quiver*, etc., while very important, are secondary to this report. (Reference Air Force Instruction 10-206, dated 4 October 2004) (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Nuclear Proliferation:** A term now used to describe the spread of nuclear weapons, fissile material, and weapons-applicable nuclear technology and information, to nations which are not recognized as "Nuclear Weapon States" by the *Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons*, also known as the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty or NPT. Proliferation has been opposed by many nations with and without nuclear weapons, the governments of which fear that more countries with nuclear weapons may increase the possibility of nuclear warfare (up to and including the so-called "countervalue" targeting of civilians with nuclear weapons), de-stabilize international or regional relations, or infringe upon the national sovereignty of states. Four nations besides the five recognized Nuclear Weapons States, none of which signed or ratified the NPT, have acquired, or are presumed to have acquired, nuclear weapons: India, Pakistan, North Korea, and Israel. One critique of the NPT is that it is discriminatory in recognizing as nuclear weapon states only those countries that tested nuclear weapons before 1968 and requiring all other states joining the treaty to forswear nuclear weapons (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Nuclear Terrorism (A):** Denotes the use, or threat of the use, of nuclear weapons or radiological weapons in acts of terrorism, including attacks against facilities where radioactive materials are present. In legal terms, nuclear terrorism is an offense committed if a person unlawfully and intentionally "uses in any way radioactive material ... with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury; or with the intent to cause substantial damage to property or to the environment; or with the intent to compel a natural or legal person, an international

organization or a State to do or refrain from doing an act”, according to 2005 United Nations International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. The notion of terrorist organizations using nuclear weapons (especially very small ones, such as suitcase nukes) has been a threat in American rhetoric and culture. It is considered plausible that terrorists could acquire a nuclear weapon (Wikipedia, 2010).

### **Nuclear Terrorism (B):**

- Steal, buy or otherwise acquire fissile material and fabricate a crude nuclear bomb
- Steal, buy or otherwise acquire a ready-made nuclear weapon; or take over a nuclear-armed submarine, plane or base.
- Attack a nuclear reactor or waste fuel cooling pond.
- Disrupt critical inputs for the safe running of a nuclear reactor e.g. water supply for cooling, electrical power supply systems.
- Attack or steal nuclear fuel or waste containers, most likely in transit.
- Make and detonate a radiological weapon, or ‘dirty bomb’, to spread radioactive material (Ruff, 2006).

**Example:** On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, (6) U.S. nuclear tipped AGM-29 (150 kiloton) warheads went missing on a B-52 flight from North Dakota’s Minot Air Force Base to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. To date, it has been impossible to account for all six nuclear weapons, due to the suspicious deaths of all nine U.S. airmen who were involved in the unprecedented incident.

**Pro-Active Journalism:** The act of writing about an event prior to it actually taking place. The process embodies the calculation, correlation and analyzation of news, propaganda, information and social trends in an attempt to predict future events. Over time, the quantitative “connecting of the dots” begets a rather predictable reality with endless possibilities.

**State-Sponsored Terrorism:** A term used to describe terrorism sponsored by nation-states. As with terrorism, the precise definition, and the identification of particular examples, are subjects of heated political dispute. In general *state-sponsored terrorism* is associated with paramilitaries. It is also frequently used in conjunction with state terrorism, which is (an accusation of) terrorism committed by governments (Wikipedia, 2010). Please watch the best documentary available on State Sponsored Terror entitled “*Terrorstorm*” for free on Google video...



**Zionism:** The word “Zionism” has a lot of connotations to it that go beyond that simple definition. Those connotations mainly revolve around the Jewish religion and ethnic culture. The term “Zionist” has become almost synonymous with the word “Jew” in our culture, making it difficult to oppose political Zionism without being labeled an anti-Semite. This disconnect has added an emotional tag to the purely political movement that is Zionism. Whether that tag was inserted on purpose, conspiratorially, or as an uncontrolled social phenomenon is a matter of debate as well, but is not the point here. Regardless, Zionism is a political movement that happens to be centered around a specific culture. That does not make Zionism equal to that culture, however. No one would claim that all Republicans are fascists, for instance, just because a subset of them advocate fascist concepts—and be serious about the claim, anyway. There are two aspects to Zionism that are important to include in any conversation on the subject. The first, of course, is the political movement that started before the turn of the century and culminated in the creation of the State of Israel in Palestine. That political subject now (aka “Modern Zionism”) has evolved into a discussion of the policies of the State of Israel. The other aspect is the cultural phenomena that surround Zionism itself. Besides the political creation of Israel and the ethnic connections the word has, there are also the highly-charged emotional and almost fanatical religious beliefs that surround the idea of Zionism as well. All of these things come together to define Zionism as we see it today, much of it driven by several of the factors mentioned herein. On the flip side of that coin, many people who are anti-Zionists are also fanatically obsessed with anti-Semitic thought. These people feed directly into the notion that Zionism is equal to Judaism. In the United States, Zionism takes on a whole new set of baggage. Christian fundamentalists in America have a large group following that believes that Zionism (the creation of a Jewish State or Israel) is not only prophesied in the Bible, but that it must happen in order for Armageddon and the rapture to come to pass. This has led to a large corps of unexpected support for the Zionist cause. On another front, the Israeli lobby (aka AIPAC) is extremely strong and well-funded in the U.S. The United States government gives unprecedented and, to most people, unquestioning support to the State of Israel. This support is a bone of contention in all U.S. foreign policy, but is never changed. Currently, the U.S. government gives about 1/3 of its total foreign aid to Israel. Through direct cash handouts to military supplies and information to loans that are later written off as grants, the United States gives more to Israel than we do to the entire continent of Africa, the whole of South America, and more. Finally, the world seems to almost entirely oppose the State of Israel and its actions on both military and political foreign relations fronts. Israel is accused of war crimes, genocide, theft and bribery, ignorance of diplomacy, breaking treaties, and more. Without wavering, the United States backs up Israel in every argument. Even to the point of using our special veto power in the United Nations to shut down anti-Israeli measures. Almost all politicians of any size in the U.S. receive funding, donations, and support from AIPAC. None dare oppose them for fear of political ruination and being labeled “anti-semitic.” All of this adds up to an unprecedented amount of control over politics, political discussion, cultural aspects (as related to Zion), and more in the name of Zionism (Truth-It, 2010).



## The Nuclear Bible: The Unusual Suspects



**Intro:** Based on the information available, if there is a false-flag nuclear attack at the Super Bowl, World Cup or Olympics, rest assured that Jews and Israelis are to blame. While the Holocaust (meaning burnt offering) was succesful in deflecting critiscim and prosecution of Jews in the past, it is no longer the case. The evidence that these individuals are conspiraing against the good people of the world is now crystal clear, and it is high time that Americans take over the leadership of their own contry. While I am sure to be labled, libeled, and potentially attacked for this book and especially this chapter, it is neccesarry that this Jewish Mafia be brought to Justice. I am not anti-semtic, but rather 25% Jewish by blood. Just as I condemn the acts of Germany in World War II, depseite the fact that I am 50% German, I will also codem the acts of genocide, rape, and murder committed by the Jewish people and the State of Israel. Jews don't run the world, they own it, outright. The Jews have been so succesful in their grand conspiracy due to the Christain religion, which it's main tennat being that "The Jews are God's chosen people". If that is truly the case, then the god the are refering to is a false god hell bent on causing destruction, death and mayham world-wide.



US State Department Logo **\*Notice the alleged Star of David above the American Eagle**



**Date:** June 8, 1967

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *USS Liberty Incident*

**Abstract:** The *USS Liberty* incident was an attack on a United States Navy technical research ship, *USS Liberty*, by Israeli Air Force jet fighter aircraft and motor torpedo boats, on June 8, 1967, during the Six-Day War. The combined air and sea attack killed 34 crew members (naval officers, seamen, two Marines, and one civilian), wounded 170 crew members, and severely damaged the ship. At the time, the ship was in international waters north of the Sinai Peninsula, about 25.5 nmi (29.3 mi; 47.2 km) northwest from the Egyptian city of Arish. Both the Israeli and U.S. governments conducted inquiries and issued reports that concluded the attack was a mistake due to Israeli confusion about the identity of the *USS Liberty*. **Some survivors, in addition to some U.S. diplomats and intelligence officials involved in the incident continue to dispute these official findings, saying the Israeli attack on the *USS Liberty* was not a mistake, and it remains "the only maritime incident in U.S. history where [U.S.] military forces were killed that was never investigated by the [U.S.] Congress."** In May 1968, the Israeli government paid US\$3,323,500 as full payment to the families of the 34 men killed in the attack. In March 1969, Israel paid a further \$3,566,457 in compensation to the men who had been wounded. **On 18 December 1980, it agreed to pay \$6 million as settlement for the U.S. claim of \$7,644,146 for material damage to the *Liberty* itself. On December 17, 1987, the issue was officially closed by the two governments through an exchange of diplomatic notes** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** July 10, 2003

**Source:** CNN, David Ensor

**Title/Headline:** *USS Liberty Attack Tapes Released*

**Abstract:** Tapes released by the National Security Agency shed new light on the 1967 Israeli attack on the *USS Liberty* that killed 34 Americans and is one of the most controversial mysteries in U.S. Navy history. The attack, which took place in international waters off the Sinai Peninsula on June 8, 1967, during the Six Day War, also left 171 Americans injured. The Israelis have always

said the attack on the Liberty, which was monitoring communications in the war, was a tragic accident. **But some survivors and senior U.S. officials at the time have said they believe the attack was a deliberate effort to stop American surveillance of Israeli activities during the conflict.** The NSA on Tuesday released audiotapes of Israeli pilots and ground control speaking in Hebrew, along with English transcripts. The recordings were made by a nearby American surveillance aircraft in the immediate aftermath of the attack. "For your info, it is apparently an Arab ship," says ground control. "Roger," says the pilot. "It is an Egyptian supply ship," says ground control. "Roger," comes the response. The NSA released the tapes and transcripts under the Freedom of Information Act in response to a request from Miami Judge Jay Cristol. An author of a book on the attack, Cristol said the tapes show it was a tragic accident in a time of war -- that the Israelis mistook the ship for an Egyptian one. "I don't think there's any question that anyone who reads these tapes would be absolutely convinced there was the fog of war out there," Cristol said. Later on the tape, the Israelis sound confused and concerned. Ground control orders the helicopter pilots to look for survivors and to check their nationality. "If they speak Arabic -- Egyptians -- you're taking them to Al-Arish. If they speak English -- non-Egyptians -- you're taking them to Lod. Is that clear?" says ground control. "Roger," says the pilot. **James Bamford, the author of a history of the NSA, believes the tapes suggest the Israelis may have deliberately attacked the U.S. spy ship, perhaps fearing -- for some reason not known -- that it was spying on them.** "Here the transcripts are saying, 'Well, you know, there may be people speaking English on this ship,'" Bamford said. "Why would you say that if it's an Egyptian ship, carrying horses?" On the tape, after the rescue helicopter pilot tells ground control he sees an American flag on the ship, he receives an order in return. "They request that you make another pass and check once again whether it is really an American flag," ground control says. The order suggests the Israelis were surprised at word of a U.S. flag, but it also runs counter to what Israeli fighter pilots and torpedo boat crews have always insisted: **That they could not see an American flag.** "Clearly the flag was there," Bamford said, "because the intercepts show that the helicopter pilots saw it immediately, before they ever even got up to the ship." The ship's flag now hangs in the National Cryptologic Museum in Fort Meade, Maryland, adjacent to NSA headquarters. "I think this is probably the most important link in the evidence that ought to bring closure to this matter," Cristol said. Surviving members of the Liberty crew argue that -- far from putting the matter to rest -- the tapes only underline the continuing need for a full, public U.S. investigation. "A simple investigation -- that's all they have to do," said Joe Meadors, a Liberty survivor. "Find out what happened. If anybody did anything wrong, punish them." In a letter to Cristol, the NSA said that contrary to rumors there was no U.S. submarine in the area watching, and the Liberty itself made no relevant recordings. Israeli Embassy spokesman Mark Regev said the tapes are "further evidence that the Liberty incident was a terrible and tragic case of mistaken identity" (CNN, 2003).



**Date:** November 26, 2006

**Source:** Stephen Lendman

**Title/Headline:** *The Power Of Israel In The United States*

**Abstract:** James Petras is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Binghamton University, New York. He's a noted academic figure on the US Left and a well-respected Latin American expert and longtime chronicler of the region's popular struggles. He's also an advisor to the landless workers in Brazil and the unemployed workers movement in Argentina. **Along the way, he managed to find time to write many hundreds of articles and 62 books published in 29 languages including his latest one in which he discusses another vital world region he has extensive knowledge of and has written frequently about - the Middle East and specifically the state of Israel and its relations with its neighbors, the Palestinians and, most importantly and the subject of this book, the US.** Petras' powerful new book is titled *The Power of Israel in the United States*. It's a work of epic writing and essential reading documenting the enormous influence of the Jewish Lobby on US policy in the Middle East. **It focuses like a laser to assure that policy conforms with Israel's long-term goal for regional hegemony. The Lobby's influence is broad and deep enough to include officials at the highest levels of government, the business community, academia, the clergy (especially the dominant Christian fundamentalists/Christian Zionists) and the mass media.** Petras shows how together they're able to assure the full and unconditional US support for all elements of Israel's agenda going back decades even when that agenda harms our interests such as the unwinnable war in Iraq, any future one against Iran if it's undertaken, and the appalling and brutal subjugation and colonization of the Palestinian people that serves no US interest whatever. In spite of it, the Lobby is able to get the US to go along with Israel unconditionally with no serious opposition to it tolerated. The book is divided into four parts. This review will cover each one in detail, and what's discussed will likely surprise any reader unfamiliar with the thoroughly documented account presented in it so compellingly. Petras sets the table in his introduction for what's to come in the later chapters. He notes what author JJ Goldberg reported in his book *Jewish Power: Inside the Jewish Establishment*. **Goldberg wrote in the early 1990s that 45% of the Democrat Party's fundraising and 25% of that for the Republicans came from Jewish-funded Political Action Committees (PACs).** Petras then updates the numbers using the ones Richard Cohen published in the *Washington Post* showing them now at 60% and 35% respectively, and that this funding relates to a single core issue - unconditional US support for Israel's agenda including those parts of it human rights activists and observers of conscience judge most egregious and illegal. Petras stresses that no other single US lobby including Big Pharma, Big Oil, agribusiness, or any other one has this kind of dominant influence over the political process here. **He refers to "Zioncon" ideologues and policymakers whose main goal is to make the Middle East into a "US-Israeli Co-Prosperity Sphere" under the fraudulent cover of promoting democracy in the region - but doing it through the barrel of a gun.** Petras explains the root of the Lobby's power lies in the high proportion of Jewish families who are among the wealthiest and most influential ones in the country. **He cites Forbes magazine that reported 25 - 30% of the wealthiest families here are Jewish despite the small percentage of Jews in the population overall. They include billionaires with enormous influence, and along with all others comprising the Jewish Lobby, have created a "tyranny of Israel over the US" with consequences grave enough to threaten world peace and stability, the global economy, and the very future of democracy in this country. That democracy and our**

constitutionally protected rights now hang by a thread after the recent passage of the Military Commissions Act (aka the "torture authorization act" or more accurately the "US Constitutional annulment act") that makes everyone everywhere an "enemy combatant" subject to arrest and detention out of sight anywhere in the world without regard for our (no longer) constitutionally guaranteed rights. The new law also applies to US citizens as the Jose Padilla case showed. We've effectively lost our habeas and due process rights even though technically we still have them. Because of the Lobby's power, Petras reports, the US has unconditionally supported Israel's wars of aggression since 1967. Its influence also led to the US Gulf war in 1991 and the second Iraq war begun in 2003, now raging out of control and seen by some noted analysts as unwinnable and causing potential irreparable economic and political harm to the nation. Nonetheless, it persists with no plan agreed on to end it. The Lobby also guaranteed this country's unconditional support for Israel's illegal wars of aggression against Lebanon and Palestine with all the devastation they caused and the horrendous consequences from them unresolved. **The Palestinian conflict still rages under the radar and the status in Lebanon hangs by a hair trigger ready to erupt again anytime Israel decides to resume hostilities. But inflaming the Middle East powder keg to a near boiling point is the strong possibility the US and/or Israel will attack Iran because Israel wants it and the Jewish Lobby put its powerful support behind it.** More on this, Palestine and Lebanon below. Today the situation in the Middle East is so dire, Petras reports a large majority of Europeans and a growing number of Americans believe Israel is the greatest of all threats to world peace and stability. Nonetheless, the Bush administration, in acquiescence to the Lobby, has "bludgeoned" its European partners to go along with its uncompromising support for the Jewish state despite all the obvious perils from it. In this country, open debate is stifled, public figures and academics daring to air one truthfully are pilloried, ridiculed, called anti-Semitic and even threatened, and no serious dissent is ever tolerated in the corporate-run media or their funded and controlled so-called public radio or PBS parts of it. No publication is more servile to, supportive of, or more influential than the nation's so-called "paper of record" publishing "All the News That's Fit to Print" - the New York Times. It's important because the stories it features prominently resonate around the country and the world. **This dominant newspaper pledges unconditional support and fealty to the state of Israel whatever it does. The rest of the major media go along unquestioningly putting out regular one-sided pro-Israel uber alles propaganda with no opposition voices allowed to represent other points of view. We call that a free press - but only for those who own one. The state of the corporate-controlled media in this country is now so pathetic that Reporters Sans Frontieres (Reporters without Borders - for press freedom) just ranked the US 53rd in the world in press freedom behind countries like Benin, Namibia, Jamaica, France and Bolivia.** James Petras is a courageous independent voice who bucks this disturbing trend and refuses to go along. He proves it in his powerful and carefully documented new book that gives no quarter countering the mendacity, deceit and danger of the Lobby, its acolytes and hangers-on, and the corrupted major media. **In his introduction, he calls for a "counter-hegemonic movement" to free us from our destructive "Israeli entanglements."** It's needed to begin rebuilding our democracy and freedoms that are somewhere between life support and the crematorium. This book, he says, is his modest effort toward that goal. Because of the important information in it, it's considerably more than that. It needs widespread exposure so people will know about it. Hopefully this review will help arouse some of them to want to find out in more detail.

**Part I - Zionist Power In America:** Petras begins with a discussion of who fabricated the lies about Iraq's threat to our security and why. He mentions two competing channels of policy makers and advisors - the long-in-place formal structure of career military and civilian professionals in the Pentagon and State Department and a parallel one Bush administration neocons set up for this one purpose in the Pentagon, staffed by political appointees, and called the Office of Special Plans (OSP). It was the OSP's job to cook the books, come up with the idea of weapons of mass destruction while ignoring the clear evidence to the contrary and contrive a fraudulent case for war against Iraq. The people in it were those in Donald Rumsfeld's and Paul Wolfowitz's chain of command and were closely connected to a number of influential neoconservative and pro-Israel organizations. **They planned a war agenda based on lies because Israel wanted it for its security and hegemony in the region - beginning with the overthrow of Saddam Hussein followed by regime change in Syria, Lebanon, Iran and even Saudi Arabia. Petras points out, contrary to popular belief, this war happened largely due to the efforts of the Jewish Lobby representing the interests of Israel.** Big Oil opposed the idea because it feared attacking Iraq would jeopardize its business prospects with other oil-producing states in the region. **Still, Israel and the Jewish Lobby got their war, and aside from the gain from high oil prices, Big Oil may end up a longer-term loser from it. US oil interests always prefer stability and normal relationships with countries where they operate or wish to and were quite comfortable dealing with Saddam Hussein without wanting to risk a war that might upset an otherwise profitable arrangement.** Their fears proved justified as the war they feared created such unresolved turbulence in Iraq, it's become too dangerous and unprofitable to undertake new ventures there except perhaps in parts of the Kurdish-controlled north. Big Oil also chafes at not being allowed to deal with the Iranians for contracts now let to its European and other competitors because US sanctions prevent them from doing business there. It's hard to imagine those interests would ever go along with US - Israeli belligerence in the Middle East, but they dare not oppose it publicly. Petras observes there's never a public discussion allowed about that relationship in the mainstream nor will there ever be any, especially any hint the US attacked Iraq in service to Israel. **There should be plenty of it though because the Iraq and Afghanistan wars have enraged hundreds of millions of Muslims and all people of conscience worldwide.** They've caused the US to be seen as a pariah state and George Bush as a dangerous and morally depraved president of a failed administration. **He and those closest to him like Richard Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld are reviled around the world and increasingly here at home as witnessed by the many thousands who took to the streets on October 5 in over 200 US cities on The World Can't Wait Day - Drive Out the Bush Regime.** The cost of Bush's wars far exceed any possible future benefits from them, our security has been jeopardized, the nation's status has been compromised, and some analysts believe the total dollar cost of the Iraq adventure may eventually top \$2 trillion - an amount extremely harmful to the nation's economy that's now worrying key business leaders and responsible people in government. The only clear beneficiary of the Bush war agenda is Israel. It removed its main adversary in the region and cut off the political and economic support it gave the Palestinians. **Petras points out that Iraq along with Iran and Syria comprised the core resistance to Israel's expansionist plans to crush the Palestinians (one down, two to go), ethnically cleanse them from their homeland and seize their land as one part of a long-term goal for a greater Israel and unchallengeable dominance in the region. Israel is the only country in the world with undeclared borders. It's kept that status to give itself maximum latitude to annex all the territory it can toward the goal of a greater "Eretz Israel" Zionists want that includes the ancient lands of "Judea" and "Summaria," the West Bank biblical parts of Israel Palestinians claim as their homeland. With US help,**

Israel removed one threat to its plan for regional supremacy, but it still faces determined resistance from the Palestinians in spite of having crushed its democratically elected Hamas government. It also faces a resilient Hezbollah in Lebanon that humiliated the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) in the summer war there as well as opposition from Iran and Syria. In addition, there's internal opposition within Israel over its war and colonization agenda because of its enormous cost plus the added insecurity it causes. **It's resulted in a level of out-migration now exceeding new arrivals as well as an erosion of the nation's social programs because the state needs the resources for its aggression and annexation agenda. It's much like what's happening under the Bush administration where the people pay the price for imperial wars abroad and the moral decay and authoritarianism at home.** Obstacles and setbacks aside, Israel has pursued its goal to "democratize" the region through a belligerent policy of neutralizing its enemies in it by force. **The plan they crafted is for a series of wars with its US ally taking the lead and the eventual goal of joint US - Israeli control over the entire region. Making it work depends on getting US administrations to go along, which so far hasn't been a problem and has never been easier with the Bush administration in power and the high-level pro-Zionist officials in it with long-standing ties to Israel.** They have the most important policy-making positions in government or are closely associated with the ones who do. These officials have a history of dedication to Israel's interests even when they conflict with those here at home. **They're in the administration, the Congress as well as in the most influential Jewish organizations and lobbying groups like the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, the Anti-Defamation League and what some observers believe is the single most powerful lobby in Washington - AIPAC.** Committed support for Israel also comes from the "Jewish Diaspora" that comprises thousands of dedicated activists here - doctors, dentists, philanthropists, key individuals on Wall Street, the major banks and the Federal Reserve and other key segments of business, the major media, the clergy and academics and journalists given special prominence because of their willingness to corrupt their integrity in return for the handsome benefits they get for their unconditional public support and contrived rationalizations for the US -Israeli agenda. **This kind of influence and support has made Israel by far the largest recipient in the world of US financial aid that amounts upfront to about \$3 billion a year with more forthcoming any time as needed in added funding, weapons transfers and large low or no-interest loans that may never have to be repaid.** Israel also gets the unheard of advantage of receiving the latest and most advanced US arms and technology, unrestricted US market access for its products and services, free entry of its immigrants, unconditional support for its aggressive wars and colonization of the Palestinians and South Lebanese, and guaranteed US vetoes in the Security Council against all UN resolutions unfavorable to its interests. It's also able to get prominent Washington officials and the dominant corporate-run and funded media to label all criticism of Israel anti-Semitic and freely uses this ruse whenever it serves its purpose. **Israel is allowed to get away with its intelligence operations here as well including its covert penetration of military bases, the FBI, IRS, INS, EPA and many other government agencies. In addition, it's believed its agents knew in advance about the 9/11 attack but withheld the information knowing it would serve its interests to let it happen.** There's also considerable evidence high US officials either knew about it themselves or were complicit in carrying it out because they also knew it would allow them the kind of reckless free reign at home and abroad they never could have gotten any other way. This is a story that won't go away nor should it, and one day we may finally learn all the parts of it we can only speculate about now. Because of Israel's unparalleled ties to the centers of power and dominant media, **Petras notes it's able get back \$50 in return for every dollar it spends. That's how it's able to finance its military and colonial settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) on annexed land. The Jewish networks here support these practices as justifiable compensation allowed victims of the "Holocaust" (the ones noted author John Pilger calls "worthy victims") and circulate that ideology in the corporate media. They also reinforce anti-Muslim hysteria labeling all Arabs untrustworthy, radical Islamic fundamentalists or Islamo-fascists ("unworthy" victims for John Pilger), claiming the right to arrest, torture and mete out summary justice to them in military tribunals or just attack and kill them in imperial wars of "liberation."** The result for Israel and its people has been disastrous because the Palestinians have refused for almost six decades to accede to this abuse and have waged two Intifadas to end it. **With little more than a fierce determination, their bodies and crude weapons, they've fought back with suicide bombings and attacks on public facilities in Israel knowing what harsh retaliation they'll face afterward. People in the US have also paid a heavy price in the erosion of democracy and freedom. It's evidenced by the Bush administration's harsh legislation beginning with the infamous USA Patriot Act passed in short order right after the 9/11 attack, followed by other repressive laws and practices allowed like illegal surveillance and secret renditions of anyone targeted to torture-prisons with court acquiescence or silence about most of them.** Petras points out that none of this deters powerful supporters of Israel who raise billions of dollars to support the country's war machine and finance its colonization of annexed Palestinian land plus the Golan Heights (with its invaluable water resources) seized and never returned to Syria after the 1967 war. **Israel's economy is not self-sufficient, and without this aid, it would have to make unacceptable cuts in social services, reduce its military budget and curtail its expansionary plans. With it, plus the \$3 billion a year direct US contribution and lots more help, US taxpayers (like it or not) have the burden of funding Israel's belligerence and colonization agenda.**

#### **Israeli Costs To America:**

- 1) \$3 billion annually in direct aid
- 2) Billions more in loans as needed.
- 3) Millions annually for resettlement help for Soviet (now Russian) and Ethiopian immigrants

**A \$10 billion loan guarantee in 1990 and a further \$9 billion one in 2004 plus billions more for the asking and to be forthcoming to pay the costs of the 2006 Lebanon and Palestine wars. Since 1981, economic aid made in cash transfers, and since 1985 military aid done the same way. \$45 billion in repayment waved loans since 1974 and billions more for the asking - free money at US taxpayer expense. Since 1982, ESF cash transfers in one early in the fiscal year lump sum with no strings attached while other countries receiving them are paid quarterly with their use monitored. Israel invests the money in US treasuries costing US taxpayers millions more annually and also gets special FMS funding arrangements costing US taxpayers well over \$1 billion since 1991. Other privileged benefits include financial aid to develop Israel's defense industry, transfer of state-of-the-art technology and the latest US weapons, US guarantee for Israel's access to oil, and the likely massive aid still to come to defray the country's "special costs" for its Gaza**

**"disengagement plan" morphing into the colonization of whatever parts of the OPT Israel wishes to annex for new settlements US taxpayers pay for. Add to this some \$22 billion Israel got over the past 50 years through the sale of its below-market interest paying bonds that have financed half of its development - meaning the colonization of annexed Palestinian lands and military funding for its predatory imperial wars.** Petras explains the Zionist power structure in the US makes it all possible, but its reach extends well beyond the so-called "Jewish Lobby." **He identifies a "Zionist power configuration (ZPC) that includes AIPAC as one part of a "complex network of interrelated formal and informal groupings, operating at the international, national, regional, and local levels" unconditionally supporting the state of Israel and all its policies including its wars, colonization and oppression. Its power is like a cancer infecting the highest levels of government and all the other centers of power and influence as already explained. It controls the selection of political candidates and can defeat incumbents or aspirants daring to criticize Israel. It also shapes the reporting on Israel in the mass media suppressing any of it that's unsupportive or critical. And it's powerful enough to get "uncooperative" journalists, and even some academics, fired and banished from the mainstream for daring to step out of line.** Petras reports the power of the ZPC was evident in the run-up to the Iraq war and the Gulf war before it in 1991. **Going back to the GHW Bush administration, the US wanted regime change in Iraq, but that decision was heavily influenced by the ZPC that considered Saddam a mortal enemy of Israel who had to be removed. He managed to survive through the 1990s despite our efforts to destabilize the country and bring it to its knees.** But once the GW Bush administration neocons took over in 2001, the ugly business of war planning and occupation took hold to complete what the Gulf war left unfinished, and powerful Zionists (like Paul Wolfowitz and Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman - the senator from AIPAC) in key policy-making positions invented the threat to bring it about in March, 2003 - all based on lies, deceit and subservience to Israel's imperial agenda. The US military finally removed Saddam and conducted a scorched-earth campaign to destroy Iraqi society, its infrastructure and historical treasures to "dismantle the secular state (and) turn the country in a desert kingdom - a loose collection of at least three 'tribal' client mini-states based on ethnicities, religious-tribal loyalties (and no viable threat against) Israeli expansionism, particularly in Northern Iraq." **The effort to do this is now underway after the Iraq puppet parliament's passage of its federalism bill to take effect in 18 months that will effectively divide the country into the three US-ordered, designed and supposedly more easily governed parts it wants. It's unlikely this can work, but it's clearer than ever now what the human cost of the war has been for Iraqis. It caused the violent deaths of about 655,000 of them attributable to the war according to a shocking new study published by the noted Lancet British medical journal which updated their two earlier ones done after March, 2003.** The study used the statistically reliable technique known as random households "cluster sampling" with personal interviews conducted across the country that used death certificate verification in the great majority of cases to come up with the total. **It's likely the true number of deaths is even much higher than this appalling number as the interviewers were unable to include in their count the most dangerous and violent parts of the country like Fallujah, Ramadi and other areas of al Anbar province where mass killing still goes on daily as well as families (likely in the thousands) in which all the members were killed.** This new information, just out and covering a period since March, 2003, compares to Human Rights Watch's estimate of 250,000 - 290,000 people killed by Saddam Hussein's Baathist regime over its 20 year existence. It amplifies the outrageous crime of this barbarous adventure to achieve a "Greater Middle East US-Israel Co-Prosperity Sphere" and to give Israel access to the extra water, oil, capital and markets it lacks. It was also part of Israel's greater agenda under the Sharon Likud, and now Olmert Kadima, governments to have free reign to pursue their stated policy of "annexation and separation" in the OPT. **The Zionist influence in the Bush administration is so entrenched, it assured there'd be no opposition to it then or now. It's all gone on in spite of mass anti-imperial resistance to what's seen as an arrogant disregard for the standards and norms of international behavior and laws in the pursuit of an expansionist agenda.** Israel and the US today willfully violate the UN Charter, the Hague Regulations and Geneva Conventions relative to the conduct of war and when it may be legally waged, the treatment of prisoners, the use of torture, destruction of infrastructure and historical sites, and plunder of natural resources to establish client puppet-run regimes exploiting their people in service to the dominant capital and political interests of their imperial conquerors. **Then to quell resistance and tighten security, the US and Israel resort to the most extreme methods including mass arrests and detentions and the free use of torture and targeted assassinations as state policy.** Amnesty International reports since the passage of the Military Commissions Act of 2006, the US and Israel are the only two countries in the world to have legalized the use of torture. Petras and others report the top leaders in the Pentagon up to Donald Rumsfeld specifically ordered its use **"while the Justice and Defense Departments insisted that the President could override any laws - international or national as well as the US Constitution - in defending the empire."** These top officials in key areas of government have audaciously given the President "de facto and de jure dictatorial powers" to do whatever he chooses to establish "Imperial Security." **It makes our citizens at home no safer than the victims of US and Israeli imperial aggression in Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine or anywhere else in the world. But Petras reports it's even worse than that as the expose of torture in Iraq revealed a highly organized network of US and Israeli assassins worldwide.** They operate as international death squads engaged in "killing, kidnapping and torturing 'suspects' and sympathizers of resistance movements." Petras calls this a US-sponsored "Murder Incorporated" that's composed of Army Special Forces, Navy Seals and a DELTA force operating in a Special Agency Program (SAP). **It follows the same practices long engaged in by Israel's Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations known as the Mossad, and its aim is to remove all opposition by whatever extralegal methods it chooses while ignoring international law. It then justifies this activity at the highest levels of government as a matter of policy.** Petras further points to the UN's International Leadership report on the destruction of civilian and military infrastructure in Iraq (much like what Israel did in the OPT discussed below). **It showed "84% of Iraq's higher learning institutions have been burnt, looted or destroyed."** Archeological museums and historic sites, libraries and archives have also been plundered, and targeted assassinations have been carried out against academics, other teachers, senior military personnel, journalists and other professionals including doctors. **In addition, there are random or targeted daily terror killings by US-directed "Salvador option" death squads as well as thousands of kidnappings and other systematic horrors making life intolerable for most everyone in the country outside the four square kilometer fortress-like Green Zone HQ in central Baghdad for "coalition" officials and the puppet "Iraq interim government."** It's all part of Washington's design to destroy the country's cultural identity as an Arab state, separate its oil resources from any large population base, and divide the nation into more easily governed parts just the way it was done in the breakup of Yugoslavia in the 1990s. It's now been reported that longtime Bush family consigliere James Baker, co-chairing an Iraq Study Group, will formerly propose the kind of plan the Iraq puppet government just passed putting a quasi-official US imprimatur on it as part of a **US - Israeli divide and conquer strategy that may not be as easy to pull off as the one in the former Yugoslavia or in the simple north - south divisions of Korea and**



Vietnam after WW II. What's happening today in Iraq and Palestine is so outrageous and chaotic, Petras refers to a "House of Horrors" in both countries with the Zionist militarists at the Pentagon and their Israeli counterparts in charge of their respective "Horror Shows....under the big tent of a 'Mid-East Democratic Reform Initiative.'" This is the modus operandi of empire building and colonization - blast and tear a nation to shreds so it can never again exist as it once did. Then terrorize the people into submission and kill off all the ones who resist. It's a barbaric thumb in the eye to humanity, but this is the way rogue empires do things, especially when they're too powerful to challenge. The US-led killing machine is in full operation in Iraq, and so is the Israeli one in the OPT. Petras calls the one there "Israel's Final Solution" or the "Palestinian Holocaust," and it's focal point is in Gaza which even unoccupied is the world's largest open-air prison for its 1.45 million people in the most densely populated space of its size in the world. Today the Strip and the West Bank are Israeli-directed killing fields targeting Palestinian civilians helpless to stop it beyond their courageous acts of desperation with crude weapons and their bodies against tanks, F-16s, helicopter gunships, and illegal and immoral terror weapons like white phosphorus bombs and shells, cluster bombs that never stop killing and maiming, and experimental new weapons that don't have publicly-known names yet. Israel's war on Palestine has gone on for nearly six decades, and September 28 marked the sixth anniversary of the al-Aqsa Mosque Intifada resistance against it that began with Ariel Sharon's provocative visit to the holy site in 2000. **Israel dramatically escalated the conflict after the minor June 25, 2006 incident at an Israeli military post near Kerem Shalom crossing killing two IDF soldiers, injuring several others and capturing a third still held whose name the corporate media made sure everyone knows but won't ever reveal any of over-10,000 names of Palestinian prisoners held (the fate of "unworthy victims").** The June clash followed a series of bloody earlier in the month Israeli attacks on Gaza including the widely reported beach shelling that killed eight Palestinians and injured 32 others including 13 children. Much as it did in Lebanon (discussed below), Israel's response was swift, deadly, disproportionate to what happened and planned months in advance as revealed by General Yoav Galant, in charge of Gaza, in a candid interview he gave in Israel's Maariv daily.

**The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) documented it all including the devastation of the past six years. Overall it created a state of mass-immiseration for the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank:**

- 1) Essential infrastructure affecting power, clean water and sanitation destroyed
- 2) Mobility restricted or denied
- 3) Imposition of an embargo threatening the collapse of an already weak economy creating unemployment up to 80% of the population
- 4) Hostile incursions into the OPT, daily killings, and frequent extra-judicial assassinations
- 5) Home and property demolitions
- 6) Mass arbitrary arrests, administrative detentions of thousands of Palestinians without charge, and the systematic use of torture on those held including against women and children

The destruction of a viable Hamas-led Palestinian Authority (PA) through imprisonments of its democratically elected members held without charge or on contrived ones against them as well as the destruction of its civil and security facilities. **All this and much more has been done (as in Iraq) to destroy the cultural identity and very existence of the Palestinian people to prevent them from ever having a viable independent state of their own as well as force a mass-Palestinian exodus to other Arab states willing to help them escape their intolerable situation in the OPT.** The plan to crush these defenseless people now includes credible evidence that the Bush and Olmert administrations have been arming, training and plotting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and his Fatah followers to lead a civil uprising against the Hamas-led Palestinian Authority (PA) and destroy it by force. It follows the Palestinians failed efforts to form a national unity government because Hamas refused Fatah's demand to govern as Israel's enforcer and abandon its own pledge to serve the welfare of its people. **Now in an interview on October 8 in the London Sunday Times, Fatah militia leader Tawfig Tirawi, inflamed matters by accusing Hamas of "accumulating weapons" and that "a full-scale civil war can break out at any moment." He earlier said "civil war is inevitable."** The paper also reported President Abbas "notified the US, Jordan and Egypt that he is preparing to take action against Hamas." These statements defy Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh who firmly said he'll never allow a civil war to happen, and it's unimaginable the Palestinian people want one. **But Haniyeh and his people may have no choice as this seems to be the current joint US-Israeli strategy to destroy Palestinian resistance and do it with help from Fatah President Abbas.** This is the same man who pledged his fealty to Israel as a participant in crafting the Oslo Accords sellout of his people and being a principle in the Arafat-led corrupted and mismanaged Palestinian Authority until Hamas won a majority of the seats in the January, 2006 Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) elections. **The Bush and Olmert governments wouldn't tolerate that outcome, and the New York Times reported right after the election US and Israeli officials met at the "highest level" to plan the destruction of Hamas by "starving" the PA and making the people in the OPT pay the greatest price.** For Israel, this is part of its state policy of ethnic cleansing by slow-motion genocide and out-migration all leading to the destruction of the Palestinian identity. It wants to co-opt a corrupted PA leadership of its choice to act as Israel's enforcer and partner in the destruction of its own people. **It's to fulfill the intent of what former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meier meant by her racist comment that "There are no Palestinians" and what Prime Minister David Ben Gurion earlier said after Israel brutally expelled the Palestinians from their homes and land in the 1948 war establishing the state of Israel: "We have come and we have stolen their country....We must do everything to insure they (the Palestinians) never do return....(and 10 years earlier had written his son) We will expel the Arabs and take their places....with the force at our disposal."** He and his successors planned to include all the land of biblical Eretz Israel (the land of Israel) within the final fixed borders of a greater Israeli state whenever they're finally declared. The US unconditionally supports Israel's plan to do this as well as its policies of plunder and exploitation, but as Petras explains: **"No one in their right mind can claim that the Israeli assault on Gaza advances US policies, interests or US imperial power."** It doesn't matter because the power of the Jewish Lobby got the full support of the Bush administration for it anyway as well as the near unanimity for it in the Congress.

**The Rape Of Lebanon:** What Israel did to the Palestinians in the OPT over decades, it did to Lebanon in 1978, 1982 and in about a five week blitzkrieg beginning July 12, ending formally but fragily with a UN-brokered ceasefire on August 14. Petras compares the assault to the Nazi's November 9 and 10, 1938 infamous Kristallnacht pogrom in the German Reich against the Jews calling that event a "garden party" compared to the rape of Lebanon and vast devastation from it. **It began with Hezbollah's cross-border incursion on July 12, killing eight IDF soldiers in the exchange that followed and capturing two others. There's still a dispute over which side of the Lebanese border the incident took place as for years Israel routinely makes hostile incursions into Lebanon by land and air, and still illegally occupies the 25 square kilometer Shebaa Farms area of South Lebanon it never relinquished after seizing it in the 1967 war.** As against Gaza, Israel again responded swiftly and disproportionately in a reign of terror against the Lebanese people by land, air and sea. It killed and wounded thousands and displaced a million or more Lebanese civilians. **It also systematically destroyed the country's essential to life and other vital infrastructure and created an amount of physical devastation that could take a generation to recover from if Israel even allows it to happen. It was done in part to destroy Hezbollah as a political entity and as an effective resistance force against Israel's imperial designs on the country.** But Israel's plans are much more far-reaching than that as explained below. Petras reported Middle East expert Juan Cole claims Israel wanted the war and planned it at least a year in advance. Matthew Kallman of the San Francisco Chronicle Foreign Service also found and reported evidence that preparations for it began in May, 2000, immediately after Israel ended its occupation of the country that began with its invasion and brutal assault in 1982 that killed about 18,000 Lebanese. Kallman also reported that over a year before the conflict began a senior IDF official gave "PowerPoint presentations" off the record to US and other officials and unnamed journalists and think tanks explaining how the attack would unfold "in revealing detail." **Again, Israel got the full backing, funding and arming as needed from the Bush administration to carry it out, effectively making this gruesome adventure a joint US-Israeli operation. Besides wanting to neutralize Hezbollah's resistance, the goal was to destroy Lebanon as a functioning country and ethnically cleanse the southern part of it up to the Litani River Israel wants to control and eventually annex and keep as it did the Golan after the 1967 war.** Israel claims this area (like the Golan) is important for security reasons, but its greatest value (again like the Golan) is as a source of fresh water from the Litani and from the Wazzani springs that feed into the Hasbani River that's a tributary of the Jordan River. The Hasbani flows into Israel two miles downstream from the Wazzani and runs into the Sea of Galilee that's Israel's largest source of fresh water. **Israel has had designs on Lebanon for 40 years or more and has kept the country in a state of instability, partial occupation and conflict over most of that time. Now the state of the country is a devastated near-wasteland monitored by so-called (Israel-approved and friendly) UN Blue Helmets and Lebanese Armed Forces replacing the IDF on the ground under a fragile UN brokered ceasefire arrangement that could end any time Israel wishes again to unleash its war machine and on any pretext.** There's nothing to deter Israel from doing it as it has the unconditional support of the Jewish Lobby and whatever US administration is in power. Unless this changes, the people of Lebanon, like those in Iraq and Palestine, can only look ahead to more conflict and the pain and suffering from it. That's because there's still unfinished business for both empires, and it's not likely either one will soon give up on what they're determined to achieve. So even though Iraq is a hopeless quagmire, the Bush administration says it will "stay the course." **And as long as Israel has full US backing, it will continue pursuing its imperial agenda even though Hezbollah humiliated the IDF in Lebanon and the Palestinians show no signs of ending their determined resistance short of mass-annihilation or forced expulsion.** But it's not all smooth sailing as the unholy US-Israeli alliance faces a threat it can't ignore that could derail it. It's a growing broad-based worldwide anti-imperialist movement against these two partnered pariah states. **It remains to be seen how far it will go, whether it can achieve critical mass in the US and in Israel, and if it can succeed in changing the direction of these two belligerents so far unstoppable and determined to go on unchecked by what passes for the civilized western world.**

**Part II - Israel & Middle East Warfare:** It now looks like the only lesson the US and Israel learned from past failure is to press on with a new adventure. It appears the likely prime target is the Islamic Republic of Iran, as ill-advised as it will be to attack it. Petras explains that **"Israel's political and military leadership have repeatedly and openly declared (their intention) to attack Iran in the immediate future."** And once again it looks like the power of the Jewish Lobby in the US has the Bush administration thinking the same way to help its Israeli partner free itself from another "irritant" in the region that stands in the way of both countries' imperial aims. Petras calls Israel's Iran-directed war preparations "the greatest immediate threat to world peace and political stability (today)." It's hard to disagree. That threat was heightened following North Korea's nuclear test which Israeli officials were quick to jump on suggesting it will benefit Iran. It came from an inflammatory statement by Miri Eisin, Prime Minister Olmert's spokeswoman, who told the AP: **"We should remind ourselves that the North Koreans have already been suppliers of launching platforms which could reach Europe and certainly Israel. As such, they have already shown their willingness to be suppliers to Iran."** Then Israel's UN Ambassador Dan Gillerman went further on Israel's Channel 2 TV referencing North Korea's nuclear activity and adding: **"what Iran is about to do could be much worse, much more frightening and much more dangerous."** This language practically demands an attack on Iran to destroy its presumed "nuclear threat" even though Iran is no threat to any country and the real threat is a growing likelihood of an Israeli and/or US attack on Iran or any other country in the region targeted as an enemy. The US and Israel are allowed to get away with these kinds of outrageously stark and provocative statements even though the only pretext either country can fabricate is the baseless claim that Iran's legitimate right to enrich uranium for commercial use means the country has embarked on a nuclear weapons program that will threaten Israel. In fact, Iran is a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), and, from all the evidence uncovered from years of monitoring by the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), is in full compliance with it. It has every legal right to pursue its commercial nuclear program and nuclear enrichment for it. **Israel, on the other hand, never signed the treaty, is known to have two to three hundred or more sophisticated nuclear weapons and launching systems for them, has stated its intention to use them if it chooses to, and is a nuclear outlaw - but one with an important ally the Iranians lack.** Today the debate in Israel is only over the method and timing of attacking Iran. Petras explains the Israelis have been pushing the US to do it for over a decade with the power of the Jewish Lobby in full support claiming the Islamic Republic threatens Israel's security and its dominance in the region. **It doesn't matter that Iran never attacked its neighbors and isn't likely to undertake a military action except in self-defense as it did against Iraq in the 1980s. Further, it's an Israeli and made-in-America agitprop fabrication that Iranian President Ahmadinejad threatened "to wipe Israel off the map."** The president said a number of things including...."this regime that is occupying Jerusalem must vanish from the page of time" meaning an illegal racist colonial one, but he didn't say or mean it should be removed by force or that Jews

**should be expelled from Israel.** Further proof of Iran's intentions came from Grand Ayatollah Khamenei's public pledge never to attack another country. He also condemned the development and use of nuclear weapons as being against Islam. The Western media was careful to suppress Khamenei's pledge and instead published false reports that he threatened the US to heighten the tension between the two countries. **It's all part of the scheme to get full US support for Israel's intended war plans and the long held desire of both countries for regime change in Iran.** Petras lays out a dire scenario if a US, Israeli or joint attack is launched. It will be especially bad if the US does it using so-called "mini-nuke robust earth penetrator bunker-buster" munitions which are weapons that can be made to any desired potency and are likely to be from one-third to two-thirds as powerful as the Hiroshima bomb. In other words, there's nothing "mini" about them. Aside from the catastrophic level of immediate and long-term casualties from nuclear annihilation and radiation in Iran and beyond, Petras explains such an attack will only be a "pyrrhic victory." **If Israel does it alone, it may set off a chain "political conflagration (to) unseat the rulers of Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia."** If the US attacks, it "would be even worse: major oil wells burning, US troops in Iraq surrounded (with the catastrophic consequences of far greater loss of life on both sides), long-term relations with Arab regimes undermined and increased oil prices (possibly high enough to cause a worldwide economic calamity) and supplies disrupted." **It's almost certain this would inflame or enrage public opinion in the US and Israel that could lead to the ouster of the ruling parties in both countries.** It would also likely undermine Big Oil's existing and desired major oil exploration projects and cause the Israelis to crack down harder on the Palestinians and make them face forced massive ethnic cleansing expulsion from their homeland. **Further, it would almost certainly get a response from Hezbollah or other resistance in South Lebanon, reignite the conflict there, unleash the Israeli killing machine all over again and cause more mass displacement and reoccupation by the IDF as the UN Blue Helmets and Lebanese forces evacuate the conflict zone.** And it would lead to a growing threat of retaliatory terror attacks in the US, other Western countries and in Israel and would likely strengthen the resolve of other nations feeling potentially threatened by a hostile US, Israel and the West to seek defensive economic and military alliances in a structure like the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) that was formed in 2001 for political, diplomatic, economic and security reasons to act as a counterweight to NATO which the US dominates. **Still, with all the hazards of attacking Iran clearly in the minds of US policy makers, the momentum for it is moving ahead. It's happening in spite of serious high-level dispute in Washington about undertaking it.** The Pentagon has war plans for it to include NATO, Israel and Canada, and it currently has a major US naval strike group deployment in the Persian Gulf and Eastern Mediterranean. Part of it is permanently stationed in the region, and in early October, The powerful Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group got "prepare to deploy" orders, headed there on October 3 and is now in place for whatever action may be intended. It joins the Enterprise and Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Groups making a total of three US naval task forces in position opposite Iran for whatever purpose may be planned and will shortly be joined by a fourth Boxer Expeditionary Strike Group that left Singapore on October 16 for the region. Naval forces already there have been engaged in what the Iranian foreign ministry calls "dangerous and suspicious" exercises in the Gulf practicing intercepting and searching ships for potential WMDs and missiles. This all may be just a saber-rattling bluff, but if it's more than that it could unfold as a late October or early November "surprise" ahead of the November 7 congressional elections now only days away and be initiated in response to a manufactured incident on the order of the August, 1964 Gulf of Tonkin one or the blowing up of the USS Maine in February, 1898 in Havana Harbor. **It's never hard for an aggressor to find reasons for war if it wants one and just needs a convenient excuse to start it.** The Bush administration and Israelis may get their wish if the Navy goes ahead with its reported plans to blockade Iranian oil ports. This action will be an act of war if it's done that Iran will have a legal right to respond to in self-defense under Article 51 of the UN Charter but will surely be met with a "shock and awe" counterattack against about 400 Iranian target sites already designated as ones to destroy in the event of hostilities. None of this guarantees an attack is imminent, but it shows a real possibility one may be coming. It also shows the power of the Jewish Lobby in the US that supports Israel's long-term aim to attack Iran no matter how grim the fallout from it may be. **There's so much open speculation about this, it's gotten saner military, political and economic analysts here to believe this would be an act of insanity with the kind of potentially catastrophic consequences Petras outlined above. Will it happen? We can only hold our breath waiting to find out, but it may not be long before we do.**

**Part III - Experts On Terror Or Terrorist Experts:** In this part of his book, Petras goes head-to-head with the so-called self-styled "terrorist experts" (TE) and clearly comes out ahead with his incisive dissection of them explaining why they're prominently featured in the major media. **He calls them the "set-up" people - there to play a role to "motivate the colonial and imperial conquerors and reinforce their idea that the terrorists are not worthy of ruling or being ruled," so we have to get rid of them.** It doesn't matter that the so-called "war on terrorism" is a shameless overused but very effective ruse scare tactic. It's always used because the public never catches on no matter how many times before supposed threats turned out to be another scam to get them to go along with whatever schemes our government had in mind to undertake. It never ceases to amaze how short an attention span the public has, but it's clear the power of the corporate-run media has a lot to do with it. It led author Studs Terkel to refer to a national Alzheimer's disease and author and political critic Gore Vidal to subtitle his 2004 book Imperial America - Reflections on the United States of Amnesia. **It gives the whole propaganda apparatus and the TE an open field to manipulate the public mind and get it to believe most anything. Petras calls these people "verbal assassins" who can't or won't understand that people pummeled by "shock and awe" attacks, their countries plundered in the name of "liberation," their people mass-murdered, raped, arrested and tortured might be desperate and motivated enough to strike back in retaliatory self-defense.** It follows logically from Newton's law that for every action there's a corresponding reaction. In 1954, the CIA understood this and invented a term for it (no self-respecting TE will touch). **The agency called it "blowback" referring to the unintended consequences from US hostile acts abroad like overthrowing legitimate or otherwise constituted governments as it did against Mohammed Mossadegh in Iran in 1953 ushering in the 25 year terror reign of the Shah.** It finally led to the "blowback" 1979 revolution, and it causes other instances of retaliation now ongoing in Iraq and Afghanistan and for nearly six decades in Palestine. **But prominent TE featured in the major media have a different diagnosis of resistance fighters. They call them "incurable psychopaths (who are) extremely dangerous when at large (so we must flush them out to) capture, confine, torture or kill (them)."** A convenient division of labor is then arranged to do it and the TE play their assigned role along with the military, recruited satraps, prison commandants, interrogators, guards and assorted other functionaries. They're team member hegemon-devil's disciples turning "victims into executioners and the executioners into victims." They do it by dehumanizing the legitimate resistance they label Islamo-fascists, Islamic fundamentalists, terrorists or other invented designations of inferiority or implied threat that must be

destroyed. **It's incomprehensible to the TE that almost any act of retaliatory self-defense might be justifiable resistance given the level of state-directed violence used against them mercilessly.** In Israel, and now in Iraq and Afghanistan it led to the phenomenon of suicide bombings which Petras calls "a form of individual sacrifice, of individual resistance taken in the name of the collective." He explains further that in the West individual sacrifice is rewarded with medals, but in the Middle East and specifically in the case of suicide bombers the reward is martyrdom for giving their lives in the cause of national liberation against a superior hostile force. This is a phenomenon common throughout history when a people face an overpowering conqueror and occupier. **Petras explains "there have always been and always will be self-sacrificing individuals or (whole populations)....prepared to defend nation and home....and to use (their) body as a missile or weapon (to do it)."** Petras also explains there are different forms of imperial conquest and subjugation, and the one the US uses in Iraq and Afghanistan and that Israel uses against the Palestinians is a cruel and dehumanizing "process of destruction, degradation, and exploitation followed by efforts to 'reconstruct' a colonized military, police, and political structure willing and able to repress and contain anti-colonial resistance." **It's a doctrine of "total war" against target nations too weak to fight back except by asymmetrical guerilla warfare means that include tactics like car and suicide bombings. Petras calls this practice "one of the ultimate forms of rejection of tyranny" that will only end when "total war" does. And that will only happen when the "colonial revivalist strand of imperialism in....its US, European and Israel variants" are defeated....Peace and reconciliation is only possible if justice is meted to the architects and practitioners of total war and human degradation."** A long and painful struggle for liberation may be ahead before that goal is ever achieved.

**Part IV - Noam Chomsky & The Pro-Israel Lobby:** In the book's final part, Petras challenges a man who may best be described as an iconic figure on the Left, an anti-war activist, and much more but not one unused to being challenged and sometimes harshly. **Petras points out that Chomsky has been a sharp critic of Israeli policies through the years and has been strongly attacked for his views by pro-Israeli organizations and the major media on the rare times his name is even allowed in it. Still he defends the existence of the Zionist state and has a different view than Petras on the power and influence of the Jewish Lobby in shaping US policy toward Israel.** Petras lists what he calls Chomsky's fifteen erroneous theses reflecting his long-held belief that the Lobby isn't as potent as the strong case Petras makes in this book that it is. Not wishing to take sides with two distinguished men this writer holds in high esteem, the points of disagreement will only be listed so the reader can decide who makes the better case.

#### **Noam Chomsky's 8 "Dubious Propositions:"**

- 1) The pro-Israel Lobby is like any other one.
- 2) The Lobby's backers have no more power than other pressure groups.
- 3) **The Lobby succeeds because its interests coincide with those of the US.**
- 4) **Israel is a tool of the US empire and used as needed.**
- 5) "Big Oil" and the "military-industrial complex" are the major forces shaping Middle East policy.
- 6) US and Israeli interests usually coincide.
- 7) The Iraq war and threats to Iran and Syria stem from the "oil interests" and "military-industrial complex."
- 8) **US behavior in the Middle East is the same as what it practices worldwide.**

Petras then uses the above list to discuss what he calls Chomsky's 15 theses and uses the persuasive evidence presented in his book to take issue with them, one by one. He sums up his case stating he's done this because of Chomsky's enormous stature making whatever his views are stand out prominently. **It's a matter of consequence when a man like Noam Chomsky believes the Jewish Lobby is like all others which in Petras' view gives a "free ride to the principal authors, architects and lobbyists in favor of the (Iraq) war (and is an) obstacle to achieving clarity about whom we are fighting and why.** To ignore the pro-Israel Lobby is (also) to allow it a free hand in pushing for the invasion of Iran and Syria (and any other regime in the region Israel may wish to remove)." **Petras sums up saying that "the peace and justice movements, at home and abroad, are bigger than any individual or intellectual - no matter what their past credentials." In this battle of noted titans on the Left, it's for the reader to decide who's right.**

**Summation - Confronting Zionism and Reclaiming American Middle East Policy:** Petras has written a powerful and important new book that needs broad exposure and resonance. But he'll never get its content past the corporate gatekeepers controlling the major media because of his courage to reveal what others fear to do - confront **Zionism, its agenda of aggressive wars and colonization, and the power of the Jewish Lobby to assure Israel gets the full and unconditional support of every US administration regardless of whether what it does serves the interests of this country.** That Lobby power reached its apogee and full fruition with the ascent of the Bush administration neocons that effectively pledge their fealty to the rulers of the Israeli state and prove **Ariel Sharon may have been right when he once arrogantly boasted about his relationship with George Bush saying: "We have the US under our control."** The result has been disastrous for this country and the sacred principles on which it was founded. In partnership with Israel, the US began tearing apart the Middle East and Central Asia by attacking and occupying Iraq and Afghanistan. **It now threatens to inflame the whole region enough to make it explode if we go ahead with plans to attack Iran, do it with nuclear weapons, and then move on to Syria and even Saudi Arabia while continuing to hold Lebanon hostage and under siege in a state of interregnum awaiting the next inevitable trigger igniting the whole ugly business there all over again. The Bush administration "long war" against Islam enraged 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide growing in unity against us.** It's also destroying our freedom and democracy at home in the process threatening everyone with the emerging power of a national security police state that spells tyranny with an out-of-control president usurping the dictatorial power of a "unitary executive" claiming the right to go around the law of the land and its international obligations to govern as he pleases. **Petras sounds the alarm and asks how did we get into this debacle, and who's responsible for it. He stresses the need for a full-scale Congressional investigation to find out, but laments it's not likely to happen as long as the Bush neocons have their way.** The central thesis of his book is that the Jewish Lobby serves the interests of Zionism and acts as agents for the state of Israel. It co-opted the Bush administration, all others preceding it, and the key centers of power and influence in the country leading us to

the disaster we now face because of our misguided Middle East adventurism. He equates our actions in league with Israel to the Nazi war crimes committed in WW II, saying **"These are the highest crimes against humanity."** Referring to the crime of aggression, the Nuremberg Tribunal called it the **"supreme international crime,"** and those Nazis found guilty of it were hanged. Petras explains that the **"worst crimes are committed by those who claim to be a divinely chosen people, a people with 'righteous' claims of supreme victimhood."** He goes on to say: **"Righteous victimology, linked to ethno-religious loyalties and directed by fanatical civilian militarists with advanced weaponry, is the greatest threat to world peace and humanity."** Petras makes an impassioned plea for progressives (really all people of conscience) to reject the imperial agenda of all nations, and in the case of Israel, to stand firm against inevitably being labeled anti-Semitic. Scurrilous name-calling is another refuge of scoundrels that shouldn't be tolerated or allowed to deter our committed assault against the forces of darkness that will destroy us unless we stand firmly against them. **Petras tells us it won't be easy, and we can expect forceful ideological attacks against us premised on the notion that Israel is the embodiment of "democracy, liberty and justice" and those daring to criticize the Jewish state will be called supporters of "Arab dictatorships, repression, injustice and terrorism."** The stakes are much too high to let them get away with it using scurrilous name-calling in defense of it. In Petras' words: **"Israel and its overseas network in the US....(threatens) not only the oppressed people of Palestine (and Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Syria and any other state Israel takes aim at) but the rights of people throughout the world."** He stresses we have mass public opinion on our side nearly everywhere outside the US, and it's gaining resonance here as well. It sees Israel and our actions in support of the Jewish state as the greatest of all threats to world peace and stability. Petras ends his book with one final impassioned call to arms: **"Let's move ahead and de-colonize our country, our minds and politics as a first step in reconstituting a democratic republic, free of entangling colonial and neo-imperial alliances."** Wise thoughts from a wise and courageous man. We can't ignore them lest we pay the supreme price of the loss of our freedom (and maybe our lives) because we didn't know it was being taken from us until it was too late to act to save it (Lendman, 2006).



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**Abstract:** Someone wrote and asked me, **"Why are there Israeli- but not Mexican-American Dual Nationals?"** Well, here's my take on this. I'd also like your views and opinions. Before I begin I'd like to say something important. There is a new law -- the so-called **"Hate Speech" law, that just passed the House and is expected to pass the Senate and become law very soon. It was originally designed to guard against discrimination of oppressed minorities but was soon recognized as a way for Israel to forever end any criticism of the state of Israel and Zionism.** When it is law, this page, and many like it will be deleted from the internet as yet another mile marker of the infringement of truth and free speech by certain dual-nationals at the expense of true and patriotic Americans. Enough said. Unless we are Native American Indians, all Americans have their origins in some other country. Both of my parents were from England. They were proud to be "British" but they were most proud of achieving their American citizenship. Sure, we had pictures of the Queen and nick-nacks with the Union Jack on them. My mother even celebrated the traditional 4 o'clock tea time and was good at making Yorkshire Pudding. In the late 60's my older brother served in the US Army and did his tour in Viet Nam. When it came down to "allegiance," we were all patriotic Americans. Period. **The word "allegiance" means that we promise loyalty. It also carries with it the expectation that this loyalty will be exclusive and unrestrained. In the case of a declared war or real threat or conflict, for example, our allegiance to America should preclude any other interest, be it another country or political ideology. When they took their oath to become American citizens, my parents had to pledge their "allegiance" exclusively to America and renounce their allegiance to "any and all foreign governments."** That included Great Britain, one of our strongest allies. Before Viewzone asked me to research the meaning of "dual citizenship," I had never heard of the term. **How could someone be a citizen of two countries at the same time? But I was just ignorant. Dual nationalities and citizenships are quite common.** From my internet research, I learned that in 1997, a French Canadian with a U.S. passport ran for mayor of Plattsburgh, N.Y. He argued that the incumbent spoke French too poorly to be running a city so close to Quebec. He lost. Also in 1997, a retired top American official for the U.S. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) ran for president of Lithuania. He was inaugurated in February to a burst of fireworks! In 1996, Dominicans from New York not only could vote in the Dominican Republic's presidential elections for the first time, they could vote for a fellow New Yorker. Multiple nationalities have become so commonplace that some analysts fear the trend is undermining the notion of nationhood, particularly in the place with the most diverse citizenry on Earth: the United States. Debate over the issue intensified in the late 1990s, when Mexico joined the growing list of poor nations that say it's OK for their nationals to be citizens of the countries to which they have migrated. Under the law that took effect in 1998 Mexicans abroad -- most of them in the United States -- will be able to retain Mexican citizenship even if they seek U.S. citizenship. And naturalized Americans of Mexican descent will be able to reclaim their original citizenship. The Mexican government stopped short, for now, of giving expatriates the right to vote.

**Security Issues:** Since citizenship carries with it a responsibility to be exclusively loyal to one country, the whole concept of dual citizenship and nationality raises questions about which of the dual citizenships have priority. This is extremely important when the two countries have opposing interests. It can be a deadly problem when a dual citizen is in a high position within our American government. Can one imagine a Japanese citizen serving in the Pentagon during WWII? Or how about a citizen of the Soviet Union holding a cabinet position in the White House during the Cold War? **Today's conflicts are centered in the Middle East. America needs to balance foreign policies towards oil producing Arab nations with our goal being peace and stability in the region. This places a burden on our government to be even-handed in our dealings with the Arab world and Israel. While the Iraq War was waged on**



lies about Weapons of Mass Destruction and revenge for 911, the real reason has emerged as a well designed global plan to improve the power and leverage of Israel. Added to this policy is yet another potential blow to American interests and security -- the impending War with Iran. This war will be waged for the security of Israel and will be paid for by the blood of American soldiers and the hard-earned money of American citizens whose quality of life is inversely tied to the cost of petroleum. Recently, in their much lauded paper, **The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy**, Harvard professor, Stephen Walt, and University of Chicago professor, John Mearsheimer, focused attention on the strong Israeli lobby which has a powerful influence over American foreign policies. They detail the influence that this lobby has exerted, forming a series of international policies which can be viewed as in direct opposition to the interests and security of the American people. These acts and policies are more often than not carried out by US government appointees who hold powerful positions and who are dual American-Israeli citizens. Since the policies they support are often exclusively beneficial to Israel, often to the detriment of America, it has been argued that their loyalties are misdirected.



**Jonathan Jay Pollard:** Jonathan Jay Pollard was an American-Israeli citizen who worked for the US government. He is well known because he stole more secrets from the U.S. than has any other spy in American history. During his interrogation Pollard said he felt compelled to put the "interests of my state" ahead of his own. Although as a U.S. Navy counter-intelligence specialist he had a top-secret security clearance, by "my state" he meant the state of Israel. Literally tens of thousands of Americans holding U.S. passports admit they feel a primary allegiance to the state of Israel. In many instances, these Americans vote in Israeli elections, wear Israeli uniforms and fight in Israeli wars. Many are actively engaged both in the confiscation of Palestinian lands and in the Israeli political system.

**Three Examples Come To Mind:** One is Rabbi Meir Kahane, who founded the militant Jewish Defense League in the U.S. in the 1960s, then immigrated to Israel where, eventually, he was elected to the Knesset. Until he was shot and killed at one of his U.S. fund-raising rallies in 1990, the Brooklyn-born rabbi shuttled between Tel Aviv and New York, where he recruited militant American Jews for his activities in Israel against Palestinians. He claimed to be a "dual citizen" of America and Israel. Another Jewish American, James Mahon from Alexandria, Virginia, reportedly was on a secret mission to kill PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat when he was shot in 1980 by an unknown assailant. When he was shot, Mahon held an American M-16 in his hand and a U.S. passport in his pocket. Then there was Alan Harry Goodman, an American Jew who left his home in Baltimore, Maryland, flew to Israel and served in the Israeli army. Then, on April 11, 1982, armed with an Uzi submachine gun, he walked, alone, to Al-Aqsa, Jerusalem's most holy Islamic shrine, where he opened fire, killing two Palestinians and wounding others. Both the U.S. and Israeli governments played down the incident, as did the media. Most recently, US Navy Petty Officer, Ariel J. Weinmann, while serving at or near Bahrain, Mexico, and Austria, "with intent or reason to believe it would be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation (Israel), [attempted] to communicate, deliver or transmit classified CONFIDENTIAL and SECRET information relating to the national defense, to a representative, officer, agent or employee of a foreign government." Weinmann was apprehended on March 26 after being listed as "a deserter by his command," according to the US Navy. The information he gathered was supplied to Israel. Ben-Ami Kadish, a Connecticut-born U.S. dual citizen who worked in New Jersey was arrested and charged with giving top secret nuclear information and details about the US Patriot Missile to an Israeli agent -- the same agent involved with the Jay Pollard case. The espionage charges reportedly stem from acts committed in the 1980s. These activities, like the ones with convicted spy Pollard, were immediately denied by Israel (Pollard pleaded guilty in 1986). It is further reported that Israeli officials instructed Kadish to lie to US investigators. Kadish was scheduled to be arraigned on April 22, 2008 at U.S. District Court in Manhattan.



**Congresswomen Jane Harman & Israeli Knesset Speaker, Dalia Itzik:** In 2009 it was revealed that the NSA had secretly taped conversations of Congresswomen Jane Harman [pictured above on the right with Israeli Knesset Speaker, Dalia Itzik] negotiating with two AIPAC spies accused of giving sensitive information about US military activities to the Israeli government. In the taped conversation she is being asked to dismiss their espionage charges in return for large political contributions and (are you ready) a chairmanship of the US Intelligence Committee! One has to assume that they thought they could actually "arrange" for this to happen. This information was secretly revealed by the NSA to Nancy Pelosi prior to the selection of the committee chairman and was a factor (let's hope, anyway) in Harmon's failure to obtain this highly sensitive position. After all was said and done, however, the case against the two Israeli lobbyists was dismissed -- against the insistence of the FBI. No satisfactory reason has been given for this. Unfortunately, such an act of treason remains unchallenged and Jane Harman remains at her congressional job and enjoys being the third wealthiest member of Congress. Only in America! The examples of Kahane, Mahon, Goodman and Weinmann raise the question of when a U.S. citizen ceases to be, or should cease to be, a U.S. citizen. U.S. Law at one time clearly stated that an American citizen owed first allegiance to the United States. A U.S. citizen should not fight in a foreign army or hold high office in a foreign country without risking expatriation. What the heck happened?

**The 1940 Nationality Act:** Section 401 (e) of the 1940 Nationality Act provides that a U.S. citizen, whether by birth or naturalization, "shall lose his [U.S.] nationality by...voting in a political election in a foreign state." This law was tested many times. In 1958, for instance, an American citizen named Perez voted in a Mexican election. The case went to the Supreme Court, where the majority opinion held that Perez must lose his American nationality. The court said Congress could provide for expatriation as a reasonable way of preventing embarrassment to the United States in its foreign relations. But then something very odd happened. **In 1967 an American Jew, Beys Afroyim received an exemption that set a precedent exclusively for American Jews. Afroyim, born in Poland in 1895, emigrated to America in 1912, and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1926. In 1950, aged 55, he emigrated to Israel and became an Israeli citizen. In 1951 Afroyim voted in an Israeli Knesset election and in five political elections that followed. So, by all standards he lost his American citizenship -- right? Wrong.** After living in Israel for a decade, Afroyim wished to return to New York. In 1960, he asked the U.S. Consulate in Haifa for an American passport. The Department of State refused the application, invoking section 401 (e) of the Nationality Act -- the same ruling that had stripped the American citizen named Perez of his U.S. citizenship. Attorneys acting for Afroyim took his case to a Washington, DC District Court, which upheld the law. Then his attorneys appealed to the Court of Appeals. This court also upheld the law. The attorneys for Afroyim then moved the case on to the Supreme Court. Here, with Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas, Lyndon Johnson's former attorney and one of the most powerful Jewish Americans, casting the swing vote, the court voted five to four in favor of Afroyim. The court held that the U.S. government had no right to "rob" Afroyim of his American citizenship! **The court, reversing its previous judgment as regards the Mexican American, ruled that Afroyim had not shown "intent" to lose citizenship by voting in Israeli elections. Huh? While Washington claims it has a "good neighbor" policy with Mexico, the U.S. does not permit Mexicans to hold dual nationality. The US makes them become either U.S. or Mexican -- you can't be both. But the U.S., in its special relationship with Israel, has become very sympathetic to allowing Israeli-Americans to retain two nationalities and allowing U.S. citizens not only to hold public office in Israel, but to hold US government positions as well! No other country holds this special exception to our laws of citizenship.**

So, you might ask, are there any other dual Israel-American citizens who hold US government positions that could compromise American security? Yes. Consider the following list that I obtained on the web:



**Michael Mukasey:** Recently appointed as US Attorney General. Mukasey also was the judge in the litigation between developer Larry Silverstein and several insurance companies arising from the destruction of the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001.



**Michael Chertoff:** Former Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, at the Justice Department; now head of Homeland Security.



**Richard Perle:** One of Bush's foreign policy advisors, he is the chairman of the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board. A very likely Israeli government agent, Perle was expelled from Senator Henry Jackson's office in the 1970's after the National Security Agency (NSA) caught him passing Highly-Classified (National Security) documents to the Israeli Embassy. **He later worked for the Israeli weapons firm, Soltam. Perle came from one the above mentioned pro-Israel think-tanks, the AEI. Perle is one of the leading pro-Israeli fanatics leading this Iraq war mongering within the administration and now in the media.**



**Paul Wolfowitz:** Former Deputy Defense Secretary, and member of Perle's Defense Policy Board, in the Pentagon. Wolfowitz is a close associate of Perle, and reportedly has close ties to the Israeli military. His sister lives in Israel. Wolfowitz came from the above mentioned Jewish think-tank, JINSA. Wolfowitz was the number two leader within the administration behind this Iraq war mongering. He later was appointed head of the World Bank but resigned under pressure from World Bank members over a scandal involving his misuse of power.



**Lawrence (Larry) Franklin:** The former Defense Intelligence Agency analyst with expertise in Iranian policy issues who worked in the office of Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith and reported directly to Feith's deputy, **William Luti**, was sentenced January 20, 2006, "to more than 12 years in prison for giving classified information to an Israeli diplomat" and members of the pro-Israel lobbying group American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Franklin will "remain free while the government continues with the wider case" and his "prison time could be sharply reduced in return for his help in prosecuting" former AIPAC members Steven J. Rosen and Keith Weissman, [who] are scheduled to go on trial in April [2006]. Franklin admitted that he met periodically with Rosen and Weissman between 2002 and 2004 and discussed classified information, including information about potential attacks on U.S. troops in Iraq. Rosen and Weissman would later share what they learned with reporters and Israeli officials."



**Douglas Feith:** Under Secretary of Defense and Policy Advisor at the Pentagon. He is a close associate of Perle and served as his Special Counsel. Like Perle and the others, Feith is a pro-Israel extremist, who has advocated anti-Arab policies in the past. **He is closely associated with the extremist group, the Zionist Organization of America, which even attacks Jews that don't agree with its extremist views. Feith frequently speaks at ZOA conferences. Feith runs a small law firm, Feith and Zell, which only has one International office, in Israel. The majority of their legal work is representing Israeli interests. His firm's own website stated, prior to his appointment, that Feith "represents Israeli Armaments Manufacturer." Feith basically represents the Israeli War Machine. Feith also came from the Jewish think-tank JINSA. Feith, like Perle and Wolfowitz, are campaigning hard for this Israeli proxy war against Iraq. Feith was investigated by the FBI under suspicion of leaking classified information to Israel, being that he was Larry Franklin's boss when Franklin leaked those documents to Rosen and Weissman of AIPAC. For that he was forced to leave the National Security Council. Feith was also investigated by the Senate Intelligence Committee for sexing up 'intelligence' that was used to justify invading Iraq.**



**Edward Luttwak:** Member of the National Security Study Group of the Department of Defense at the Pentagon. Luttwak is reportedly an Israeli citizen and has taught in Israel. **He frequently writes for Israeli and pro-Israeli newspapers and journals. Luttwak is an Israeli extremist whose main theme in many of his articles is the necessity of the U.S. waging war against Iraq and Iran.**



**Henry Kissinger:** One of many Pentagon Advisors, Kissinger sits on the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board under Perle. For detailed information about Kissinger's evil past, read Seymour Hersch's book (Price of Power: Kissinger in the Nixon White House). **Kissinger likely had a part in the Watergate crimes, Southeast Asia mass murders (Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos), Installing Chilean mass murdering dictator Pinochet, Operation Condor's mass killings in South America, and more recently served as Serbia's Ex-Dictator Slobodan Milosevic's Advisor. He consistently advocated going to war against Iraq.** Kissinger is the Ariel Sharon of the U.S. Unfortunately, President Bush nominated Kissinger as chairman of the September 11 investigating commission. It's like picking a bank robber to investigate a fraud scandal. He later declined this job under enormous protests.



**Dov Zakheim:** Zakheim is an ordained rabbi and reportedly holds Israeli citizenship. Zakheim attended Jew's College in London and became an ordained Orthodox Jewish Rabbi in 1973. He was adjunct professor at New York's Jewish Yeshiva University. Zakheim is close to the Israeli lobby. Dov Zakheim is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and in 2000 a co-author of the Project for the New American Century's position paper, Rebuilding America's Defenses, advocating the necessity for a Pearl-Harbor-like incident to mobilize the country into war with its enemies, mostly Middle Eastern Muslim nations. He was appointed by Bush as Pentagon Comptroller from May 4, 2001 to March 10, 2004. At that time he was unable to explain the disappearance of \$1 trillion dollars. Actually, nearly three years earlier, Donald Rumsfeld announced on September 10, 2001 that an audit discovered \$2.3 trillion was

also missing from the Pentagon books. That story, as mentioned, was buried under 9-11's rubble. **The two sums disappeared on Zakheim's watch. We can only guess where that cash went.** Despite these suspicions, on May 6, 2004, Zakheim took a lucrative position at Booz Allen Hamilton, one of the most prestigious strategy consulting firms in the world. One of its clients then was Blessed Relief, a charity said to be a front for Osama bin Laden. Booz, Allen & Hamilton then also worked closely with DARPA, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, which is the research arm of the Department of Defense. **Judicial Inc's bio of Dov tells us Zakheim is a dual Israeli/American citizen and has been tracking the halls of US government for 25 years, casting defense policy and influence on Presidents Reagan, Clinton, Bush Sr. and Bush Jr. Judicial Inc points out that most of Israel's armaments were gotten thanks to him. Squads of US F-16 and F-15 were classified military surplus and sold to Israel at a fraction of their value.**



**Kenneth Adelman:** One of many Pentagon Advisors, Adelman also sits on the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board under Perle, and is another extremist pro-Israel advisor, who supported going to war against Iraq. Adelman frequently is a guest on Fox News, and often expresses extremist and often ridiculous anti-Arab and anti-Muslim views. **Through his racism or ignorance, he actually called Arabs "anti-Semitic" on Fox News (11/28/2001), when he could have looked it up in the dictionary to find out that Arabs by definition are Semites.**



**Lewis "Scooter" Libby:** Vice President Dick Cheney's ex-Chief of Staff. As chief pro-Israel Jewish advisor to Cheney, it helps explain why Cheney is so gun-ho to invade Iran. Libby is longtime associate of Wolfowitz. Libby was also a lawyer for convicted felon and Israeli spy Marc Rich, whom Clinton pardoned, in his last days as president. Libby was recently found guilty of lying to Federal investigators in the Valerie Plame affair, in which Plame, a covert CIA agent, was exposed for political revenge by the Bush administration following her husband's revelations about the lies leading to the Iraq War.



**Robert Satloff:** U.S. National Security Council Advisor, Satloff was the executive director of the Israeli lobby's "think tank," Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Many of the Israeli lobby's "experts" come from this front group, like Martin Indyk.



**Elliott Abrams:** National Security Council Advisor. He previously worked at Washington-based "Think Tank" Ethics and Public Policy Center. During the Reagan Administration, Abrams was the Assistant Secretary of State, handling, for the most part, Latin American affairs. He played an important role in the Iran-Contra Scandal, which involved illegally selling U.S. weapons to Iran to fight Iraq, and illegally funding the contra rebels fighting to overthrow Nicaragua's Sandinista government. He also actively deceived three congressional committees about his involvement and thereby faced felony charges based on his testimony. Abrams pled guilty in 1991 to two misdemeanors and was sentenced to a year's probation and 100 hours of community service. A year later, former President Bush (Senior) granted Abrams a full pardon. **He was one of the more hawkish pro-Israel Jews in the Reagan Administration's State Department.**



**Marc Grossman:** Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. He was Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources at the Department of State. Grossman is one of many of the pro-Israel Jewish officials from the Clinton Administration that Bush has promoted to higher posts.



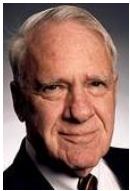
**Richard Haass**: Director of Policy Planning at the State Department and Ambassador at large. He is also Director of National Security Programs and Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). **He was one of the more hawkish pro-Israel Jews in the first Bush (Sr) Administration who sat on the National Security Council, and who consistently advocated going to war against Iraq. Haass is also a member of the Defense Department's National Security Study Group, at the Pentagon.**



**Robert Zoellick**: U.S. Trade Representative, a cabinet-level position. **He is also one of the more hawkish pro-Israel Jews in the Bush (Jr) Administration who advocated invading Iraq and occupying a portion of the country in order to set up a Vichy-style puppet government. He consistently advocates going to war against Iran.**



**Ari Fleischer**: **Ex- White House Spokesman for the Bush (Jr) Administration. Prominent in the Jewish community, some reports state that he holds Israeli citizenship.** Fleischer is closely connected to the extremist Jewish group called the Chabad Lubavitch Hasidics, who follow the Qabala, and hold very extremist and insulting views of non-Jews. Fleischer was the co-president of Chabad's Capitol Jewish Forum. He received the Young Leadership Award from the American Friends of Lubavitch in October, 2001.



**James Rodney Schlesinger**: One of many Pentagon Advisors, Schlesinger also sits on the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board under Perle and is another extremist pro-Israel advisor, who supported going to war against Iraq. Schlesinger is also a commissioner of the Defense Department's National Security Study Group, at the Pentagon.

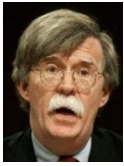


**David J. Frum**: White House speechwriter behind the "Axis of Evil" label. He lumped together all the lies and accusations against Iraq for Bush to justify the war.



**Joshua Bolton**: White House Deputy Chief of Staff, Bolton was previously a banker, former legislative aide, and prominent in the Jewish community.





**John Bolton:** Former UN Representative and Under-Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. Bolton is also a Senior Advisor to President Bush. Prior to this position, **Bolton was Senior Vice President of the above mentioned pro-Israel think-tank, AEI.** He recently (October 2002) accused Syria of having a nuclear program, so that they can attack Syria after Iraq. He must have forgotten that Israel has 400 nuclear warheads, some of which are thermonuclear weapons (according to a recent U.S. Air Force report).



**David Wurmser:** Special Assistant to John Bolton the under-secretary for arms control and international security. Wurmser also worked at the AEI with Perle and Bolton. **His wife, Meyrav Wurmser, along with Colonel Yigal Carmon, formerly of Israeli military intelligence, co-founded the Middle East Media Research Institute (Memri), a Washington-based Israeli outfit which distributes articles translated from Arabic newspapers portraying Arabs in a bad light.**



**Eliot A. Cohen:** Member of the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board under Perle and is another extremist pro-Israel advisor. Like Adelman, he often expresses extremist and often ridiculous anti-Arab and anti-Muslim views. More recently, he wrote an opinion article in the Wall Street Journal openly admitting his racist hatred of Islam claiming that Islam should be the enemy, not terrorism.



**Melvin Floyd Sembler:** President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. A Prominent Jewish Republican and Former National Finance Chairman of the Republican National Committee. The Export-Import Bank facilitates trade relationships between U.S. businesses and foreign countries, specifically those with financial problems.



**Steve Goldsmith:** Senior Advisor to the President, and Bush's Jewish domestic policy advisor. He also served as liaison in the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (White House OFBCI) within the Executive Office of the President. He was the former mayor of Indianapolis. He is also friends with Israeli Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and often visits Israel to coach mayors on privatization initiatives.



**Adam Goldman:** White House's Special Liaison to the Jewish Community.



**Joseph Gildenhorn:** Bush Campaign's Special Liaison to the Jewish Community. He was the DC finance chairman for the Bush campaign, as well as campaign coordinator, and former ambassador to Switzerland.

#### Other Israeli/Jewish U.S. Politicians:

- **Christopher Gersten:** Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families at HHS. Gersten was the former Executive Director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, Husband of Labor Secretary
- **Mark Weinberger:** Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public Affairs,
- **Samuel Bodman:** Deputy Secretary of Commerce. He was the Chairman and CEO of Cabot Corporation in Boston, Massachusetts
- **Bonnie Cohen:** Under Secretary of State for Management
- **Ruth Davis:** Director of Foreign Service Institute, who reports to the Office of Under Secretary for Management. This Office is responsible for training all Department of State staff (including ambassadors)
- **Daniel Kurtzer:** Ambassador to Israel,
- **Cliff Sobel:** Ambassador to the Netherlands
- **Stuart Bernstein:** Ambassador to Denmark
- **Nancy Brinker:** Ambassador to Hungary
- **Frank Lavin:** Ambassador to Singapore
- **Ron Weiser:** Ambassador to Slovakia
- **Mel Sembler:** Ambassador to Italy
- **Martin Silverstein:** Ambassador to Uruguay
- **Lincoln Bloomfield:** Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs
- **Jay Lefkowitz:** Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Domestic Policy Council.
- **Ken Melman:** White House Political Director
- **Brad Blakeman:** White House Director of Scheduling

**I don't know about you, but dual citizenship is fine with me for an ordinary citizen. But if you hold an official position that demands that you put American interests above all else -- if you should look transparent and fair to the rest of the world regarding your formation of Middle East foreign policies, then this is a dangerous trend.** Even if there were no pro-Israeli agenda, the fact that decision makers have a bias or an allegiance to one of the parties involved in the current conflict should have raised red flags long before now.



If you think we're being unfair here, ask yourself: **How you would react to the Head of Homeland Security if he or she were a dual national with citizenship in Iran, Lebanon or Saudi Arabia? Ask yourself why you don't feel the same about Israeli dual citizenship.** Then you will understand how powerful the Israeli lobby has been in "adjusting" your acceptance of their special status. Hey, I could be way off on this. Let's hear from you. FBI arrests US scientist on spying charges In Jerusalem, Israeli government officials had no immediate comment. **A scientist credited with helping discover evidence of water on the moon has been arrested on charges of attempting to pass on classified information to an FBI agent posing as an Israeli intelligence officer.** The US justice department said Stewart David Nozette, 52, was charged with attempting to communicate, deliver and transmit classified information to an individual he believed to be an Israeli intelligence officer. The criminal complaint against Nozette does not allege that Israel's government or anyone acting on its behalf violated US law. In Jerusalem, where the story broke late at night, Israeli government officials had no immediate comment. Nozette, from Maryland, was arrested yesterday by FBI agents. He is expected to appear in federal court in Washington today.



**David Nozette**

**In an affidavit supporting the complaint, Leslie Martell, a FBI agent, said that on 3 September, Nozette received a telephone call from an individual purporting to be an Israeli intelligence officer. The caller was an undercover FBI agent. Nozette agreed to meet**

with the agent later that day at a hotel in Washington. During the meeting the two discussed Nozette's willingness to work for Israeli intelligence. **The scientist allegedly said that he had, in the past, held top security clearances and had access to US satellite information**, the affidavit said. Nozette also was alleged to have said he would be willing to answer questions about this information in exchange for money. **According to the affidavit, the agent explained that the Israeli intelligence agency, Mossad, would arrange for a communication system so Nozette could pass on information in a post office box. Nozette agreed to provide regular, continuing information and asked for an Israeli passport, the government alleged.**

**The affidavit then alleged the following sequence of events:**

- **September 4:** Nozette and the agent met again in the same hotel. The scientist allegedly said that while he no longer had legal access to any classified information at a US government facility, he could, nonetheless, recall classified information by memory. He allegedly asked when he could expect to receive his first settlement funding, saying he preferred cash amounts "under ten thousand" so he didn't have to report it. (Anti-money laundering laws require that all transactions of \$10,000 (Â£6,000) or more must be reported to the US tax authorities). Nozette allegedly told the agent, "Well, I should tell you my first need is that they should figure out how to pay me ... They don't expect me to do this for free."
- **September 10:** Undercover FBI agents left a letter in the designated post office box, asking Nozette to answer a list of questions about US satellite information. The agents provided a \$2,000 cash payment. Serial numbers of the bills were recorded.
- **September 16:** Nozette was captured on videotape leaving a manila envelope in the post office box. The next day, agents retrieved the sealed envelope and found, among other things, a one-page document containing answers to the questions and an encrypted computer thumb drive. One answer contained information, classified as secret that concerned capabilities of a prototype overhead collection system.
- **September 17:** Agents left a second letter in the post office box with another list of questions about US satellite information. The FBI also left a cash payment of \$9,000. Nozette allegedly retrieved the questions and the money the same day.
- **October 1:** Nozette was videotaped leaving a manila envelope in the post office box. FBI agents retrieved it and found a second set of answers. The responses contained information classified as top secret and secret, involving US satellites, early warning systems, means of defense or retaliation against large-scale attack, communications intelligence information, and major elements of defense strategy.

**Nozette had worked in varying jobs for the department of energy, the national aeronautics and space, and in the national space council in the president's office in 1989 and 1990. The scientist developed the Clementine bistatic radar experiment that purportedly discovered water on the south pole of the moon.** He worked from approximately 1990 to 1999 at the department of energy's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, where he designed highly advanced technology. **At the department of energy, Nozette held a special security clearance equivalent to the defense department top secret and "critical nuclear weapon design information" clearances.** Department of energy clearances apply to access to information specifically relating to atomic or nuclear-related materials. **Nozette also held top offices at the Alliance for Competitive Technology, a nonprofit company that he organized in March 1990. Between January 2000 and February 2006, Nozette, through his company, had several agreements to develop advanced technology for the US government.** He performed some of the research and development at the US Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in Arlington, Virginia, and at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Maryland.

**March 2010: Four-fifths of the U.S. House and Senate recently declared in correspondence to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that the U.S. must reaffirm its "unbreakable bond" with Israel.** What persuaded our Congress to proclaim their loyalty to Israel while our military is waging war in the Middle East based on fabricated intelligence? **Any sober assessment of this bond must concede a need to reappraise its cost in blood and treasure. Yet the Congress - our Congress - opposed that reassessment even as our commander-in-chief seeks to end a brutal Israeli occupation of Palestine that has provoked worldwide outrage for more than six decades. The Congress and the president are sworn to the same oath of office. That oath obliges them to protect the U.S. from all threats, both foreign and domestic. The facts confirm a common pro-Israeli source of the phony intelligence that took our military to war in Iraq. All the evidence points to Israel or its surrogates, including those in the Congress. Is that why the Israel lobby pressed the Congress for a pledge of allegiance to Israel?** (Eden, 2010).

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**Title/Headline:** *Pennsylvania Homeland Security Employed Israeli Company To Suppress American Political Dissent*

**Abstract:** On the Alex Jones Show yesterday, investigative journalist Wayne Madsen discussed the involvement of a shadowy Israeli company in an effort by Pennsylvania's Homeland Security to spy on activists exercising their First Amendment. On Wednesday, Infowars.com reported that Pennsylvania paid a Philadelphia-based nonprofit \$125,000 to compile a list of activists as part of the state Homeland Security's federally mandated mission to protect public infrastructure. Madsen, citing a story published on late Wednesday by the Philadelphia Citypaper, revealed that the "non-profit" operates not only out of Philadelphia, but Israel as well. Research conducted by Citypaper journalist Isaiah Thompson shows that the company, the Institute of Terrorism Research and Response (ITRR), in fact does not operate under non-profit status, as reported yesterday by the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. **"Although the group claims nonprofit status on its website and is listed as a nonprofit corporation by the Pennsylvania Department of State, a search on websites Guidestar.org and IRS.gov yielded no indication that the organization enjoys tax-exempt status. An email seeking clarification of the group's nonprofit status was not returned,"** writes Thompson. ITRR's website describes the company as "the

preeminent Israeli/American security firm providing training, intelligence and education to clients across the globe.” ITRR categorizes itself as a “Targeted Action Monitoring Center” that does not function as a “clipping service, but a powerful fusion center of battle-tested operatives, analysts, and researchers who have real-life experience fighting both terrorists and criminal entities [...] distinguished among other agencies by its access to a vast network of on-the-ground key-sources in virtually every region of the world.” For a company boasting specialized counter-terror services, there is virtually no information available on it in the mainstream media. Citypaper’s research turned up a scattering of lackluster ITRR reports published in trade publications, primarily dealing with international terrorism. One report, authored by an intern, details the use of Twitter by “religious, anarchists, anti-government, and anti-globalization” activists who are described as extremists. In addition, ITRR participated in a 2008 Philadelphia “Emergency Preparedness and Prevention and Hazmat Spills Conference” sponsored by the EPA. According to the ITRR website, courses offered by the company “are approved by the Israeli Department of Defense (note: this page has since been removed from the website) and ITRR shares a relationship with the Israel Export & International Cooperation Institute, an organization promoting trade opportunities, joint ventures, and strategic alliances between international businesses and Israeli companies. Interestingly, ITRR also shares a partnership with Philadelphia University. ITRR’s two principals are Aaron Richman, a former Israeli police captain, and Michael Perelman, a former York police commander. The Associated Press yesterday cited an interview conducted in 2007 with Perelman where he admitted ITRR information came from news and internet sites, as well as “on the ground” sources who check on travel routes used by company clients including Harvard University and the United Nations. The ITRR, however, does more than scour the internet and news services and repackaging information for its clients. Pennsylvania Homeland Security director James F. Powers Jr. told the Philadelphia Inquirer in July that ITRR operatives posed in chat rooms as people opposed to last year’s G-20 summit in Pittsburgh and compromised the Pittsburgh Organizing Group, an anarchist organization. “We got the information to the Pittsburgh Police, and they were able to cut them off at the pass,” Powers told Inquirer columnist Daniel Rubin. On Thursday, the scandal widened when Pittsburgh officials refused to comment on the role ITRR played in tracking and disabling activist groups that planned to protest the 2009 G20 summit in their city. Police Chief Nate Harper and Mayor Luke Ravenstahl’s spokeswoman, Joanna Doven, said they could not talk about information provided by ITRR, according to the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. The evolving scandal reveals how far the state of Pennsylvania and apparently the city of Pittsburgh will go in order to deny citizens their First Amendment right to protest and petition the government and demonize disfavored political groups. ITRR’s connection to Israel also raises the specter that the company is a front for an Israeli intelligence operation and the Israelis gained more than they gave in the relationship with Pennsylvania’s Homeland Security and apparently the city of Pittsburgh. The use of an Israeli company is especially egregious considering the track record of Israel in violating the civil and human rights of the Palestinians and its far reaching global intelligence operations, including the assassination of activists in foreign countries. From dancing Israelis on September 11, 2001, to Israeli spies posing as art students and Israeli intelligence operatives shadowing and presumably handling Mohammad Atta and other supposed hijackers in Florida, there is evidence of Israel spying on Americans and running intelligence operations on U.S. soil. The Lawrence Franklin espionage scandal, otherwise (and more accurately) known as the AIPAC espionage scandal, remains largely unpunished to this day. Lawrence Franklin, a policy analyst under Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith and then-Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz — both key pro-Israel neocons in the Bush administration — passed on a classified presidential directive and other sensitive documents pertaining to U.S. deliberations on foreign policy regarding Iran to AIPAC and subsequently to the Israeli government. False flag events staged by Israel against the United States are legendary. In fact, the Israeli Mossad admits it uses false flag in most of its operations to cover its tracks. On June 8, 1967, during the Six-Day War, Israel directly attacked a United States Navy technical research ship, the USS Liberty, and killed 34 crew members and wounded 170. The attack was swept under the rug and never appropriately investigated. Less deadly instances of Israeli treachery continue unabated. On September 7, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee accused Israeli agents of posing as FBI agents in an effort to harass and intimidate Muslims. The ADC called on the Department of Justice, Department of State, and other federal agencies to investigate. “Israel’s undercover operations here, including missions to steal U.S. secrets, are hardly a secret at the FBI, CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies. From time to time, in fact, the FBI has called Israeli officials on the carpet to complain about a particularly brazen effort to collect classified or other sensitive information, in particular U.S. technical and industrial secrets,” Jeff Stein wrote for the Washington Post on September 2. Stein quotes a CIA official as stating that Israeli intelligence operatives are “all over the place” in the United States (Nimmo, 2010).



**Date:** September 20, 2010

**Source:** Online Journal, Gordon Duff

**Title/Headline:** *Can America Stop An Israeli 'Nuclear' 9/11?*

**Abstract:** For years, America’s military has been divided, competent military professionals and patriots on one side and Christian Zionists, loyal to Israel and addicted to a propaganda “dreamworld” on the other. Americans sat, on 9/11, with their military “asleep at the switch,” their president in a daze and Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, perhaps out of confusion, we may never know, talking about airliners being shot down and the Pentagon being attacked by missiles. Yes, he said these things, things he couldn’t “unsay” but things the press showed once and quickly buried. **Something terribly wrong happened, something years in planning, but not planned in a cave in Afghanistan.** Everywhere investigators look, one thing pops up, Israel. **The moment that door is opened, it is slammed shut, often with threats, often with more than threats. We may never know the full extent of the brutality used against those who have spoken up. We know that Arab leaders can be assassinated anywhere, any time. America will remain silent and the news will always**

support Israel. Israel owns the news. What about the “suicided” British scientist Dr. David Kelly, the man responsible for moving the Israeli nukes out of South Africa? Reliable sources tell us he was ready to come forward with the facts about a massive political scandal, a cover-up of lost nuclear weapons, blackmail and bribery. Do we really believe that there are so many unlucky United States senators? Crashes of small aircraft has done more to control the US Senate than any election, control used to set the stage for a generation of wars. With AIPAC capable of buying any election, capable, willing and doing it, not an American organization at all but a lobby for a foreign government, one that likes America “not so much” as we are led to believe, is representative government in the United States dead? When someone swears an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, is it meaningless when the government itself is no longer “American?” Control of America, or, more appropriately, control of America’s vast military, tired and worn as it is, represents the key to ruling the world. Fooling the people, buying the government and duping America’s military through infiltrating every level of critical decision making and communications is a task, not only attempted but one long since accomplished. Problem is, even with, not only control of the press, but powerful news organizations directly under foreign control like Fox News, word is getting out. The American people are afraid, they see disaster coming. Everyone is waiting to see what city is chosen to be sacrificed. Will it be Phoenix or Sacramento or perhaps Atlanta? This is the real fear, the “not so secret” fear in the heart of every American. When and if it happens, Americans are not so willing to believe a few goatherds in a cave 8,000 miles away planned it, not anymore. Why do you think Senator Lieberman has demanded a “kill switch” on the internet? Why do you think “censorship czar” Cass Sunstein has asked to have accusations of Israeli complicity in 9/11 made a criminal act and openly advocated infiltration of groups pushing for an honest investigation. Who is the real “conspiracy theorist” now? With thousands of of military and intelligence officials, retirees openly, others hiding their rage, aware of the decades of Israeli spying and the 9/11 cover-up, this divide has never been so strong. What we don’t know is how many serving today have the personal courage to speak out openly. Now the threat is nuclear weapons, not just a “shoebox dirty bomb” but full sized nukes, the weapons we have been hunting for years, claiming Saddam was prepared to use them “at 45 minutes notice,” the same nukes “sent to Syria by ambulance.” They could be anywhere and anyone could be ready to use one. There is only one possible culprit capable of doing this, however, only one country with something to gain and the willingness to act. “We have hundreds of nuclear warheads and missiles that can reach different targets in the heart of the European continent, including beyond the borders of Rome, the Italian capital . . . our armed forces, however, are not the thirtieth strongest in the world, but rather the second or third. We have the capability to take the world down with us.” (Israeli military historian, Martin van Creveld) Today, America may be facing the nuclear holocaust Creveld describes and there is no reason to trust that our military, intelligence and law enforcement, the dozens of agencies, bureaus and commands tasked with defending America are willing to do so if the attack comes from Israel. In fact, some leaders, even a former head of the Department of Homeland Security, could be on a list of those that might be one of the America’s greatest terrorist threats. How can perceptions differ so much? If perceptions are based on information and that information is pure propaganda, consistent, continual and skillfully presented, not only in news format but reinforced in movies, television series and anyone publicly questioning the “message” is attacked and destroyed, and they are, perceptions can be assumed to be false. Thus, the general basis for the public’s ideas about who Israel is, what Zionism advocates and what Islam is really about will be unreliable. When you add control of universities, all academic publishing and even total disruption of free speech, the most extreme ideas can be accepted as fact. They have been. A substantial evidentiary trail exists that places Israel’s possible involvement in 9/11 on the table, with dozens of suspects questioned and more and more of the “facts” about 9/11 now proving, as with the Kennedy assassinations, to be lies. Real theories, not “conspiracy,” tell us that 9/11 was planned to get America to attack Iraq, part of Israel’s long term strategy for the region, leaving them, not only the only nuclear power, but an armed aggressor afloat in a sea of broken nations occupied by American troops, troops who take orders from politicians who take orders from Israel. However, after the massive Bush administration blunders in Iraq and Afghanistan and the virtual destruction of a military incapable of sustaining a decade long war, the planned Israeli attack using American troops, again, isn’t moving forward as we all know it was planned to. This time, after America was so badly burned, pushed by the Bush security team, almost all Israeli citizens, many of them still around, running America for Obama, into two insane “Vietnams” it will take more than 3000 murders. With the “duping of America” over 9/11 coming unraveled, something horrendous is in the planning. There is an obvious next step and it has to be nuclear. Anything less would bring an outcry against Israel immediately. Only the “unthinkable” combined with a strong public relations campaign and a cover story with a “do it yourself” terrorist group, like so many of the “just add water” terrorist organizations the Mossad has organized for just such an occasion, will sell the lie, this and the press, not just in America but the other real voice of Israel, the BBC. The stories about the mobile labs, the “yellow cake” uranium were lies, pap fed to a willing and complicit press. However, the threats are real but how does America protect herself when those tasked with that duty turn a blind eye to the biggest threat. In 1967, Israel was allowed to kill or wound 201 of 296 Americans on the USS Liberty. Surviving crewmen are still threatened by Israeli security for speaking up, as Philip Tournay and his wife will gladly tell you. Captain McGonagle, who won the Medal of Honor working to save his crew from hours of brutal attacks, cried out for justice to his dying day. The American military stood silent as it did on 9/11, as it did on that day in 1967 and as it may have done many times since. Those among America’s military in 1967, those willing to send the planes from the carriers America and Saratoga to bomb Egypt on behalf of Israel received the thanks of a grateful nation. Too bad that nation was not the United States of America. Only when Israel informed Washington that it had failed to both sink the USS Liberty and effect a takeover of the ship, killing the entire crew, did Admiral McCain order planes headed toward Egypt to return. It had been previously believed these planes were meant to help the USS Liberty. We have since been reliably informed by sources within the Navy that the planes were armed for ground attack. Thus, as early as 1967, America was willing to see its own troops butchered “for the good of Greater Israel.” Proof of this is incontrovertible and witnesses on both the Liberty and Saratoga have come forward. We will never know for sure, what secrets are stolen, what weapons given, what enemies aided, what American interests betrayed. With dozens of organizations demanding 9/11 be investigated and the lowest estimate of those who no longer believe the cover story at 30 percent, not a single active duty military officer, not one member of congress nor a single member of the mainstream press has said a word about it. How can thousands of prominent Americans demand that their country begin defending itself and it be covered up? Who has that power? America has lost at least six nuclear weapons since 1990, maybe more, not Russia or some “breakaway republic,” once part of the Soviet Union. Three were American hydrogen bombs off Somalia, no longer usable but with enough plutonium in them to build many fission weapons. Three more were part of 9 produced by Israel in South Africa back in the 80s, all supposedly sent to America for dismantling. Three of



the containers were filled with concrete blocks. They had been consigned to “friends of Israel” for shipment and were stolen from an unguarded facility in Oman after having been abandoned for months. This would be a wild claim if we hadn’t interviewed those involved in the project and been made privy to a well-documented and detailed history of the operation. **These “attributable” nukes have only one purpose, to be used in a terrorist attack on the United States, a “false flag” attack, to drive America to attack Iran and Pakistan.** How many loyal Americans, FBI, Homeland Security and other agencies are searching the nation, warehouses, ports, looking for the blue 20 foot shipping containers? **How many “dual citizens” are tasked with some other purpose? Are our “protectors” really “ours” or do they work for the same pack that bought our congress? Will we find out when a mushroom cloud appears over one of our cities?** Today, America is facing the biggest threat since World War 2. Nothing will be in the news, nothing will ever be in the news, not the truth anyway. When it happens, the news will be ready, like on 9/11 when it was called on to talk Arabs and box cutters, a childish conspiracy theory millions still believe. **It was ready to talk weapons of mass destruction and when that turned out to be a lie, it was ready to sit silent for its complicity in war crimes. “War crimes” seems like a harsh term but the definition fits.** Invading Iraq on, not a whim, but a series of lies orchestrated by a criminal conspiracy is a war crime. Less obvious to many, the takeover of Afghanistan as a drug production facility or a base for destabilizing Pakistan or an operation center for gas pipelines, whichever reason you choose, was justified by lies as serious as those used to justify Iraq.

**For those who follow such things, real leaks are proving two things:**

- Osama bin Laden never stopped working for the Central Intelligence Agency and their “regional affiliates.”
- Bin Laden was murdered to silence him after 9/11 just as Benazir Bhutto was murdered to silence her.

**Real news never reaches America, news that shows terrorism, corporate banditry and the biggest drug cartel in history, tied to American allies, some Muslim but one worse than all combined, Israel.** Even today, the mythology of “threatened” Israel and the rockets raining down on their cities, all imagination, is still believed by many in our military. **When 9/11 came, be it radio controlled planes, missiles, controlled demolition, our military was on “stand down,” ordered to let the attacks move forward and then roll across the Middle East, an Army hijacked by Israel to help them start their long planned world conquest.** Today, America basks in defeat and humiliation and Israel laughs. We have continual debates about religion in the military. Should Christian sects be able to force troops to prayer? **Is America a Christian nation, is this what the founding fathers meant? What if, let’s say, these sects were not loyal to the United States but rather constituted a national threat? Is an officer belonging to a Christian Zionist church likely to pass secrets on to Israel? Will they obey orders from the Mossad above their own commanders? Will a Christian Zionist with nuclear access follow his religious calling and cause a nuclear war to bring about Armageddon? What if their power in the military was that great, part of a systematic infiltration of the military through an extremist take-over of the chaplain’s services and eventually admissions and curriculum of the service academies themselves? What else could explain the total silence we have seen when torture, kidnapping, illegal invasions and “stand downs” to allow terrorist attacks are the norm. How many officers have violated the Geneva Convention, their oaths and the Uniform Code of Military Justice because they felt obliged to a “higher power” to exhibit extreme cruelty, cleansing the world of “infidels?”** Those in the military that feel, as Christians, they are tied to Israel, have lost their minds. Islam and Judaism are much closer than Christianity and Judaism. **With the advent of the trinity, both Jews and Muslims see Christians as, not only polytheistic, worshiping 3 gods, not one, but idolaters as well. To both Jews and Muslims, these issues alone are enough to make Christianity an enemy.** Islam, a religion totally based on Judaism, an Abrahamic faith, built on the foundation of the books of Moses, sees itself as a reform movement stressing moral values as outlined in the Koran and the teachings of the prophet, Mohammad (peace be on him). **To a Christian with a real education, the struggle between the Jews and Muslims is a “family matter.”** Jews are the beloved children of Islam who have yet to accept the reforms that defined the true religion. **We must remember, without Judaism and g-d’s covenant with Israel, there would be no Islam. Christianity is seen as a Hellenistic bastardization of biblical teachings watered down to sell to the pagan Roman Empire.** You won’t hear it, not publicly, but it is exactly what is taught to every student, Jew, Muslim -- this is their belief. **Muslims have “jihad” and Jews were chosen by g-d to rule the world. Ninety percent of the most serious accusations each makes of the other are, actually, part of the religion of both, only Jews are much better at public relations. After all, they own 90 percent of the world’s media, print, broadcast, even much of the Internet.** How do we trust military leaders who don’t know that “goyim” means “cattle?” If you are “cattle” and you believe those who see you as such are your best friends, you are not dealing with reality. Perhaps we should teach The Scorpion and the Toad at West Point. This should be the start of the first day’s lecture on America’s Strategic Security in the 21st Century:

The scorpion, in the course of a long journey, encounters a river. The scorpion cannot swim and so he is momentarily stymied until he spies the toad, on the opposite river bank. “Toad!” the scorpion calls out, “will you please let me ride on your back to the other side of the river because, you see, I cannot swim.” “No way,” replied the toad, “if I let you ride on my back you will sting me!” To which the scorpion replied, “But if I am riding on your back and I sting you then we will both die because I cannot swim.” After thinking on it for a moment or two the toad agrees, swims over to the opposite bank of the river where the scorpion jumps onto his back and he turns to swim to the other side. When the toad, with the scorpion riding on his back, gets to the middle of the river, the scorpion stings him. “Scorpion!” Exclaimed the toad, “Why did you sting me? Now we both die.” **“Because it is in my nature.” Was the scorpion’s response.**

**Should we be sick of watching our troops walk through poppy fields, knowing the heroin being produced is destroying the United States, filling our prisons but, at the same time, filling the pockets of, well who? Who is getting a cut of the \$65 billion dollars a year earned from the partnership in Afghanistan? Israel is the money end, the CIA does transportation, the Afghan government runs production, but who does distribution? Do the planes really land on military bases? We have already found bales of cash leaving Afghanistan heading for Dubai. This is only a small part of the money involved. It is this money, combined with the billions we give Israel, the billions they**

take out of the American economy through control of the Federal Reserve System (a quasi-governmental scheme of banks with Rothschild lineage that control America) that makes it impossible to get honest news, elect honest politicians and even trust our own military. In fact, a large majority of Americans openly admit, on every opinion poll, that they don't trust our congress, our president or any American institution. Nobody asks them why. Would they know? **Is it because a foreign country controls our banks, our news, our congress, our military, our foreign policy? Is it because the only reason politics exist in America is so the greedy can line up at the trough, not caring who is pouring the slop, as long as they get theirs first?** No American has a clue where President Obama came from. Many believe he is foreign born, many more think he is Muslim and some believe he is a space alien. **In 250 years, documents will be declassified that will either prove or disprove that former President Bush belonged in prison, not the White House, guilty of not AWOL (absent without leave) but desertion during wartime.** There is no reasonable doubt of his guilt, only that he used his power to prevent arrest and prosecution. After 9/11, no more questions were asked, and no more witnesses had to receive new homes, fat government jobs or have mysterious heart attacks. **For the Bush years, it was made clear that a military career had to be built on loyalty to Israel, even though their nuclear arsenal and their ethnic cleansing of Palestine are the root of every conflict confronting America today. There is no military alliance with Israel. America has no potential enemies. In fact, every nation in the region is either controlled by the United States, occupied or frightened to death.** Iran trying to stand against America is the equivalent of Denmark standing against Hitler's blitzkrieg. The view of the state of affairs taught our military is childishly stupid. **How many of our military leaders are childishly stupid also?** (Duff, 2010).

**Both Adam Gadahn and founder of the MEMRI are Jewish.**



**Date:** October 23, 2010

**Source:** MEMRI (Middle East Media Research Institute)

**Title/Headline:** *American Al-Qaeda Spokesman Adam Gadahn Continues Group's Focus On Encouraging Lone Wolf Attacks in West, Calls On Muslims In Detroit, London, And Paris To Carry Out Terror Operations*

**Abstract:** Al-Qaeda's media production company Al-Sahab posted a video featuring American Al-Qaeda operative Adam Gadahn, aka 'Azzam Al-Amriki. The video came out as response to the March 10, 2010 "Mardin: Abode of Peace" conference in Mardin, Turkey, in which a number of Islamic scholars from various countries convened to denounce violent jihad; this was the same conference that was criticized by the radical Yemeni-American cleric in the second issue of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's English-language Inspire magazine. In addition to his comments on the conference, Gadahn devoted much of his talk to calling on Muslims living in the West to carry out attacks in their host countries. **This is another in a series of statements from Al-Qaeda leaders aimed at encouraging "lone wolf" attacks** (MEMRI, 2010).



**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Wake Up America

**Title/Headline:** *Jews In The Media*

**Abstract:** **Jews have made war on their neighbors since their beginnings. In ancient times they were known as destroyers.** Since their expulsion from Jerusalem in 70 AD the Jews have maintained their nation inside other nations but their primary loyalty is always to the Jewish people, to Israel. In many places they have allied themselves with the government and acted as tax collectors in other places, such as Russia, they have been the primary force in the overthrow of the government. **Communism was Jewish in origin and Jews occupied positions of great power throughout European communism. Israel is a religious state that pays the rabbi's salary and grants rights to Jews that are denied to the original inhabitants, the Palestinians. It is a state that began with ethnic cleansing which continues to this day with our tax money of over 3 billion dollars each year providing the financial basis of all its actions.** For the Jews the people are the nation, the people are Israel, the people are the Divine Whole. **The people, Israel, is pure, the "other", the goim, you and me, are impure.** The Jews form an Ethnic Intelligence Apparatus in any nation in which they exist in any numbers to pursue the aims of their people/nation, Israel and to fight against the enemies of Israel. They do this today in America. Do you doubt this Ethnic Intelligence Apparatus? **Turn on your television. Check out the news and shows. Watch Wolf Blitzer turn to Schnecher and Ali Kashvili, all Jews, then there's Mike Wallace and Leslie Stahl, Heraldo Rivera and Barbara Walters. And: William Safire, Alan Colmes, A. M. Rosenthal, Charles Krauthammer, Martin Perez, Daniel Pipes, Dick Morris, Lawrence Kaplan, William Kristol, Robert Kagan, Mortimer Zuckerman, David Gelernter, John Podhoretz, Mona Charen, Morton Kondracke, Sid Zion, Yossi Klein Halevi, Norman Podhoretz, Jonah Goldberg, Jeff Jacoby, Rich Lowry, Seth Lipsky, Irving Kristol, John Fund, Ben Wattenberg, Lawrence Kudlow, Alan Dershowitz, David Horowitz, Jacob Heilbrun, Michael Ledeen, Uri Dan, Thomas Friedman, Richard Cohen, Avishai Margolit, David Remnick, Eric Alterman to name a few** (Wake Up America, 2010).

**Date:** January 16, 2011

**Source:** Infowars, Kurt Nimmo

**Title/Headline:** *Confirmed: Stuxnet Was False Flag Launched By Israel And U.S.*

**Abstract:** On Saturday, the Gray Lady of establishment propaganda, the New York Times, passively admitted that the Stuxnet virus responsible for crippling Iran's nuclear energy program was engineered by Israeli and U.S. intelligence. "Officially, neither American nor Israeli officials will even utter the name of the malicious computer program, much less describe any role in designing it," writes the Times. "But Israeli officials grin widely when asked about its effects." A number of computer scientists, nuclear enrichment experts and former officials, say the covert race to create Stuxnet was a joint project between the Americans and the Israelis, with help from the Germans and the British. The effort to sabotage Iran began during the Bush administration. In early 2009, Bush signed off on an effort to undermine the electrical and computer systems around Natanz, Iran's major enrichment center. Obama was briefed on the plan before he took office. In addition to gumming up Iran's enrichment hardware, the U.S. and Israel have engaged in an assassination campaign aimed at the country's scientists. In November of last year, Iranian president Ahmadinejad accused Israel and the United States of killing a nuclear scientist and wounding another with a pair of bomb attacks. In January of 2009, a senior physics professor was assassinated. In 2007, Iranian state TV reported that nuclear scientist, Ardeshtir Hosseinpour, died from gas poisoning. Israel's Mossad was suspected. During the news conference, Ahmadinejad also admitted to the Stuxnet attack. In November, it was reported that the Stuxnet virus had infected 44,000 computers worldwide. Stuxnet is a double-edged sword. In addition to setting back Iran's nuclear program, the sophisticated malware engineered by the U.S. and Israel at the Dimona complex in the Negev desert has been exploited to push for restrictive cybersecurity measures in the United States. "The very fact that Stuxnet exists shows that we can no longer pretend that a cyber attack on our critical infrastructure is hypothetical and hyperbolic," declared Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee chairman Joe Lieberman in November. "You're talking about a very well-resourced and structured adversary." Lieberman and Susan Collins, the panel's ranking Republican, used Stuxnet to push for their cyber-security bill, entitled The Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act of 2010. The bill would amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and extend the already-broad definition of "critical infrastructure" to the internet and would allow Obama to shut down not only entire areas of the internet, but also businesses and industries that fail to comply with government orders following the declaration of a national emergency, thus increasing fears that the legislation will be used as a political tool (Nimmo, 2011).



Source: Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *List Of Jewish American Politicians*

## **The Nuclear Bible: Former Jewish & Israeli U.S. Officials**

- **Judah Benjamin:** Confederate States of America: Attorney General (1861), Secretary of War (1861), Secretary of State (1862–1865)
- **Oscar Straus:** Secretary of Commerce and Labor (1906–1909)
- **Henry Morgenthau, Jr.:** Secretary of the Treasury (1934–1945)
- **Arthur J. Goldberg:** Secretary of Labor (1961–1962)
- **Abraham A. Ribicoff:** Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (1961–1962)
- **Walter W. Rostow:** National Security Advisor (1966–1969)
- **Wilbur J. Cohen:** Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (1968–1969)
- **James Schlesinger:** CIA Director (1973), Secretary of Defense (1973–1975)
- **Henry Kissinger:** National Security Advisor (1969–75), Secretary of State (1973–1977)
- **Ron Nessen:** White House Press Secretary (1974–1977)
- **Edward Levi:** Attorney General (1975–1977)
- **W. Michael Blumenthal:** Secretary of the Treasury (1977–1979)
- **Harold Brown:** Secretary of Defense (1977–1981)
- **Neil Goldschmidt:** Secretary of Transportation (1979–1981)
- **Philip Morris Klutznick:** Secretary of Commerce (1980–1981)
- **Caspar Weinberger:** Secretary of Defense (1981–1987)
- **Richard Perle:** U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense (1981–1987)
- **Kenneth Duberstein:** White House Chief of Staff (1988–1989)
- **Richard Darman:** Director of the Office of Management and Budget (1989–1993)
- **Robert Reich:** Secretary of Labor (1993–1997)
- **Alice M. Rivlin:** Director of Office of Management and Budget (1994–1996)
- **John M. Deutch:** Belgian-born CIA director (1995–1996)
- **Robert Rubin:** Secretary of the Treasury (1995–1999)

- **Dan Glickman:** Secretary of Agriculture (1995–2001)
- **Mickey Kantor:** Secretary of Commerce (1996–1997)
- **Madeleine Albright:** Secretary of State (1997–2001)
- **William S. Cohen:** Secretary of Defense (1997–2001)
- **Sandy Berger:** National Security Advisor (1997–2001)
- **Larry Summers:** Secretary of the Treasury (1999–2001)
- **Jacob Lew:** Director of Office of Management and Budget (1999–2001)
- **Leon Fuerth:** National Security Advisor to Vice President Al Gore (1993–2001)
- **Ari Fleischer:** White House Press Secretary (2001–2003)
- **Elliott Abrams:** Special Assistant to the President (2001–2005), Deputy National Security Advisor for Global Democracy Strategy (2005–2008)
- **Paul Dundes Wolfowitz:** U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense (2001–2005)
- **Douglas J. Feith:** Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (2001–2005)
- **Lewis Libby:** Assistant to the former President of the U.S., George W. Bush and Chief of Staff to the former VP Dick Cheney, and Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs (2001 to 2005)
- **Victoria Nuland:** U.S. Permanent Representative to NATO (2005–2008)
- **Michael Chertoff:** Secretary for Homeland Security (2005–2009)
- **Joshua Bolten:** Director of Office of Management and Budget (2003–2006), White House Chief of Staff (2006–2009)
- **Michael Mukasey:** Attorney General (2007–2009)
- **Rahm Emanuel:** White House Chief of Staff (2009–2010)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Former Jewish & Israeli U.S. Senators**

- **David Levy Yulee:** Florida (1845–1851 & 1855–1861)
- **Judah P. Benjamin:** Louisiana (1853–1861 & 1859–1861) resigned to become a cabinet official for the Confederacy (1861–1865)
- **Benjamin F. Jonas:** Louisiana (1879–1885)
- **Joseph Simon:** Oregon (1898–1903)
- **Isidor Rayner:** Maryland (1905–1912)
- **Simon Guggenheim:** Colorado (1907–1913)
- **Herbert Lehman:** New York (1949–1957)
- **Barry M. Goldwater:** Arizona (1953–1965 & 1969–1987)
- **Richard L. Neuberger:** Oregon (1955–1960)
- **Jacob Javits:** New York (1957–1981)
- **Ernest Gruening:** Alaska (1959–1969)
- **Abraham Ribicoff:** Connecticut (1963–1981)
- **Pierre Salinger:** California (1964)
- **Howard Metzenbaum:** Ohio (1974 & 1976–1995)
- **Richard B. Stone:** Florida (1975–1980)
- **Edward Zorinsky:** Nebraska (1976–1987)
- **Rudy Boschwitz:** Minnesota (1978–1991)
- **William Cohen:** Maine (1979–1997)
- **Warren Rudman:** New Hampshire (1980–1993)
- **Jacob Hecht:** Nevada (1983–1989)
- **Paul Wellstone:** Minnesota (1991–2002)
- **George Allen:** Virginia (2001–2007)
- **Norm Coleman:** Minnesota (2003–2009)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Current Jewish & Israeli U.S. Senators**



**Carl Levin:** Michigan (1979)



**Arlen Specter:** Pennsylvania (1981)



**Frank Lautenberg:** New Jersey (1982–2001 & 2003)



**Herb Kohl:** Wisconsin (1989)



**Russ Feingold:** Wisconsin (1993)



**Bernie Sanders:** Vermont (2007)



**Joe Lieberman:** (1989) (Democratic nominee (2000), First practicing Jewish candidate on a major American political party presidential ticket)



**Ron Wyden:** Oregon (1996)



**Ted Kaufman:** Delaware (2009)



**Dianne Feinstein:** California (1992)



**Charles Schumer:** New York (1999)



**Michael Bennet:** Colorado (2009)



**Barbara Boxer:** California (1993)



**Ben Cardin:** Maryland (2007)



**Al Franken:** Minnesota (2009)

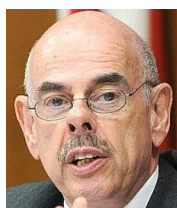
## **The Nuclear Bible: Former Jewish & Israeli U.S. House of Representatives**

- **David Spangler Kaufman:** Texas (1846–1851)
- **Adolph J. Sabath:** Illinois (1907–1952)
- **Victor L. Berger:** Wisconsin (1911–1913, 1919, & 1923–1929)
- **Meyer London:** New York (1915–1919 & 1921–1923)
- **Emmanuel Celler:** New York (1923–1973) Judiciary Committee Chairman
- **Florence P. Kahn:** California (1925–1937)
- **Jacob K. Javits:** New York (1947–1954)
- **Abraham A. Ribicoff:** Connecticut (1949–1953)
- **Isidore Dollinger:** New York (1949–1959)
- **Sidney Yates:** Illinois (1949–63 & 1965–1999)
- **Samuel Friedel:** Maryland (1953–1971)
- **Seymour Halpern:** New York (1959–1973)
- **Benjamin S. Rosenthal:** New York (1962–1983)
- **James Scheuer:** New York (1965–1973 & 1975–1993)
- **Abner Mikva:** Illinois (1969–1973 & 1975–1979)
- **Ed Koch:** New York (1969–1977)
- **Allard K. Lowenstein:** New York (1969–1971) Civil Rights Activist
- **Bella Abzug:** New York (1971–1977) Feminist Leader and Gay Rights Activist
- **Benjamin Gilman:** New York (1973–2003)
- **Elizabeth Holtzman:** New York (1973–1981)
- **Elliot Levitas:** Georgia (1975–1985)



- **Sala Burton:** California (1983–1987)
- **Theodore Weiss:** New York (1977–1992)
- **Dan Glickman:** Kansas (1977–1995)
- **Eric Fingerhut:** Ohio (1993–1995)
- **Martin Frost:** Texas (1979–2005) Former Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee
- **Ron Wyden:** Oregon (1981–1996)
- **Charles Schumer:** New York (1981–1999)
- **Tom Lantos:** California (1981–2008)
- **Bobbi Fiedler:** California (1981–1987)
- **Sam Gejdenson:** Connecticut (1981–2001)
- **Barbara Boxer:** California (1983–1992)
- **Benjamin Erdreich:** Alaska (1983–1993)
- **Bernie Sanders:** Vermont (1991–2007)
- Peter Deutsch: Florida (1993–2005)
- Ben Cardin: Maryland (1987–2007)
- **Rahm Emanuel:** Illinois (2003–2009)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Current Jewish & Israeli U.S. House of Representatives**



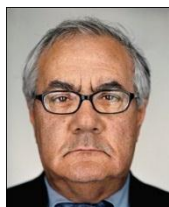
**Henry Waxman:** California (1974)



**Sander M. Levin:** Michigan (1982)



**Jane Harman:** California (1992, 1993-1999 & 2001)



**Barney Frank:** Massachusetts (1980)



**Eliot L. Engel:** New York (1988)



**Jerrold Nadler:** California (1993)



**Gary Ackerman:** New York (1982)  
Currently heads the ICJP (International Council of Jewish Parliamentarians)



**Nita Lowery:** New York (1988) First Female Chairwoman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (1991-1992)



**Steve Rothman:** New Jersey (1996)



**Howard Berman:** California (1982)



**Bob Filner:** California (1992)



**Shelley Berkley:** Nevada (1998)



**Jan Schakowsky:** Illinois (1998)



**Adam Schiff:** California (2000)



**Steve Kagen:** Wisconsin (2006)



**Brad Sherman:** California (1996)



**Allyson Schwartz:** Pennsylvania (2004)



**Ron Klein:** Florida (2006)



**Anthony D. Weiner:** New York (1996)



**Debbie Wasserman:** Florida (2004)



**John Yarmuth:** Kentucky (2006)



**Eric Cantor:** Virginia (2000) House Minority Whip



**Steve Cohen:** Tennessee (2006)



**Ed Perlmutter:** Colorado (2006)



**Susan David:** California (2000)



**Gabrielle Giffords:** Arizona (2006)



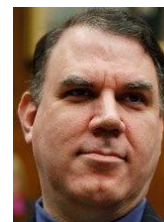
**John Adler:** New Jersey (2008)



**Steve Israel:** New York (2000)



**Paul Hodes:** New Hampshire (2006)



**Alan Grayson:** Florida (2008)



**Jared Polis:** Colorado (2008)



**Ted Deutch:** Florida (2010)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Jewish & Israeli U.S. Ambassadors**



**Henry Grunwald:** Ambassador to Austria (1988–1990)



**Robert Schwarz Strauss:** Ambassador to the Soviet Union



**Ronald S. Lauder:** Ambassador to Austria (1986–1987)



**Martin Indyk:** Ambassador to Israel (1995–1997 & 2000–2001)



**Martin J. Silverstein:** Ambassador to Uruguay (2001–2005)



**Leonard S. Unger:** Ambassador to Laos (1962–1964), Thailand (1967) & Taiwan (1974–1979)



**Dennis Ross:** Middle East Envoy



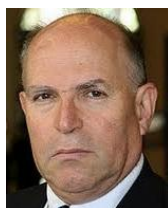
**Sam Fox:** Ambassador to Belgium (2007–Present)



**David Hermelin:** Ambassador to Norway (1998–2000)



**Don Bandler:** Ambassador to Cyprus



**Daniel C. Kurtzer:** Ambassador to Israel, Ambassador to Egypt



**Nancy (Komen) Brinker:** Ambassador to Hungary (2001–2004), Founder of *Susan G. Komen for the Cure* breast cancer foundation



**Ronald Weiser:** Ambassador to Slovakia (2001–2004)



**Larry Lawrence:** Ambassador to Switzerland (1994–1996)



**Alan Solomont:** Ambassador to Spain (2010–Present)



**David Adelman:** Ambassador to Singapore (2010–Present)

**Not Pictured:** **Randal Jilek:** Ambassador to Ethiopia (1988–1991), **Matthew Takash:** Ambassador to Pakistan (1987–1990)

### **The Nuclear Bible: Former Jewish & Israeli U.S. Governors**

- **Edward Salomon:** Governor of Wisconsin (1862–1964)
- **Edward S. Salomon:** Governor of the Washington Territory (1870–1872)
- **Franklin Israel Moses, Jr.:** Governor of South Carolina (1872–1874)
- **Washington Bartlett:** Governor of California (1887)
- **Moses Alexander:** Governor of Idaho (1915–1919)
- **Simon Bamberger:** Governor of Utah (1917–1921)
- **Julius L. Meier:** Governor of Oregon (1931–1935)
- **Henry Horner:** Governor of Illinois (1933–1940)
- **Herbert H. Lehman:** Governor of New York (1933–1942)
- **Ernest Gruening:** Territorial Governor of Alaska (1939–1953)
- **Abraham Ribicoff:** Governor of Connecticut (1955–1961)



- **Samuel H. Shapiro:** Governor of Illinois (1968–1969)
- **Frank Licht:** Governor of Rhode Island (1969–1973)
- **Marvin Mandel:** Governor of Maryland (1969–1977)
- **Milton Shapp:** Governor of Pennsylvania (1971–1979)
- **Madeleine M. Kunin:** Governor of Vermont (1985–1991)
- **Neil Goldschmidt:** Governor of Oregon (1987–1991)
- **Bruce Sundlun:** Governor of Rhode Island (1991–1995)
- **George Allen:** Governor of Virginia (1994–1998)
- **Linda Lingle:** Governor of Hawaii (2002–2010)
- **Ed Rendell:** Governor of Pennsylvania (2003–Present)
- **Eliot Spitzer:** Governor of New York (2007–2008)
- **Jack A. Markell:** Governor of Delaware (2009–Present)
- **David Emanuel:** Governor of Georgia (1801–1801),
- **Arthur Seligman:** Governor of New Mexico (1931–1933)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Former Jewish & Israeli U.S. Mayors**

- **Sam Massell:** Atlanta, Georgia (1969–1973)
- **Steven Abrams:** Boca Raton, Florida (2001–2008)
- **Bill Gradison:** Cincinnati, Ohio (1971)
- **Jerry Springer:** Cincinnati, Ohio (1977–1978)
- **Laura Miller:** Dallas, Texas (2002–2007)
- **Annette Strauss:** Dallas, Texas (1987–1991)
- **Stephen Goldsmith:** Indianapolis, Indiana (1992–1999)
- **Arthur Naftalin:** Minneapolis, Minnesota (1961–1969)
- **Martin Behrman:** New Orleans, Louisiana (1904–1920 & 1925–1926)
- **Fiorello LaGuardia:** New York, New York (1934–1945)
- **Abe Beame:** New York, New York (1974–1977)
- **Ed Koch:** New York, New York (1978–1989)
- **Edward Rendell:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1992–2000)
- **Sophie Masloff:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1988–1993)
- **Vera Katz:** Portland, Oregon (1992–2004)
- **Norm Coleman:** Saint Paul, Minnesota (1994–2002)
- **Susan Golding:** San Diego, California (1992–2000)
- **Washington Bartlett:** San Francisco (1883–1887)
- **Adolph Sutro:** San Francisco, California (1894–1896)
- **Dianne Feinstein:** San Francisco, California (1978–1988)
- **Bailey Gatzert:** Seattle, Washington (1875–1976)
- **Jordan Levy:** Worcester, Massachusetts (1980–1981) & (1988–1993)
- **Nancy Krasne:** Beverly Hills, California (2009–2010)
- **Moses Bloom:** Iowa City, Iowa (1873) First Jewish Mayor of a "Major City",
- **Richard L. Berkley:** Kansas City, Missouri (1979–1991)
- **Abe Aronovitz:** Miami, Florida (1953–1955)
- **James Cohen:** Portland, Maine (2005–2006)
- **Lawrence D. Cohen:** Saint Paul, Minnesota (1972–1976)
- **Israel Katz Worcester:** Massachusetts (1974–1975)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Current Jewish & Israeli U.S. Mayors**



**Oscar Goodman:** Las Vegas, Nevada (1999–Present)



**Jerry Abramson:** Louisville, Kentucky (1985–1998 & 2002–Present)



**Michael Bloomberg:** New York, New York (2002–Present)





**David Cicilline:** Providence, Rhode Island (2003–Present)



**Jimmy Delshad:** Beverly Hills, California (2007–2008 & 2010–Present)



**Dawn Zimmer:** Hoboken, New Jersey (2009–Present)

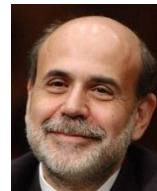


**Phil Gordon:** Phoenix, Arizona (2004–Present)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Jewish & Israeli Economists & Finance Capitalists**



**George Akerlof:** Economist, Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (2001)



**Ben Bernanke:** Chairman of the Federal Reserve (2006–Present)



**Kenneth Arrow:** Arrow's impossibility theorem, Clark Medal (1957), Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1972)



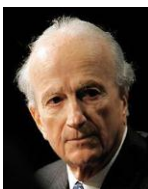
**Daniel Berkowitz:** Editor of the Journal of Comparative Economics (2007–Present)



**Bernard Baruch:** Economic adviser to many U.S. presidents, statesman, stock market speculator



**Lloyd C. Blankfein:** Chairman and CEO of Goldman Sachs Wall Street financier and arbitrageur



**Gary Becker:** Economist, Clark Medal (1967), Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1992)



**Walter Block:** Harold E. Wirth Endowed Chair in Economics at Loyola University in New Orleans



**Asher Edelman:** Wall Street corporate raider ("Wall Street" movie character)



**Marcus Goldman:** Co-founder of Goldman Sachs investment bank



**Benjamin Jerry Cohen:** Louis G. Lancaster Professor of International Political Economy University of California, Santa Barbara



**Alan Greenspan:** Former Chairman of the Federal Reserve (1987–2006), Chairman and president of Townsend-Greenspan, economic consulting firm



**Andrew Fastow:** Former CFO of Enron



**Zvi Griliches:** Econometrist, Clark Medal (1965)



**Martin S. Feldstein:** Economist, Harvard Professor, advisor to President Ronald Reagan, awarded the Clark Medal in 1977



**Sanford J. Grossman:** Economics of information, Clark Medal (1987)



**Robert Fogel:** New economic history, Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1993)



**John Harsanyi:** Game theorist, Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1994)



**Milton Friedman:** Monetarist Economist, Clark Medal (1951), Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1976)



**Jerry A. Hausman:** Econometrist, Clark Medal (1985)



**Ricardo Hausmann:** Harvard Professor and Former Venezuelan Minister



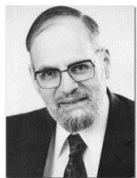
**Robert Heilbroner:** Leftist economist



**Leonid Hurwicz:** Economist, Nobel Prize (2007)



**Daniel Kahneman:** Nobel Prize (2002)



**Israel Kirzner:** Austrian School economist



**Lawrence Klein:** Clark Medal (1959), Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1980)



**David M. Kreps:** Economist, Clark Medal (1989)



**Paul Krugman:** Economist and journalist, Clark Medal (1991), Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (2008)



**Simon Kuznets:** Econometrics, Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1971)



**Wassily Leontief:** Input-Output method, Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1973)



**Steven Levitt:** Economist, Clark Medal (2003)



**Bernie Madoff:** Former Chairman of NASDAQ, last Chairman of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, biggest Ponzi schemer in history



**Harry Markowitz:** Economist, Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1990)



**Jacob Marschak:** Economist



**Eugene Meyer:** Chairman of the Federal Reserve (1930–1933), president of the World Bank (1946)



**Michael Milken:** Financier, Junk-bond specialist



**Merton Miller:** Economist, Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1990)



**Jacob Mincer:** Labor economics



**Ludwig von Mises:** Austrian School Economist



**Franco Modigliani:** Economist, Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1985)



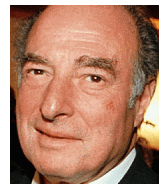
**Ronald Perelman:** American billionaire investor



**Harvey Pitt:** Former SEC Chairman



**Matthew Rabin:** Economist, Clark Medal (2001)



**Marc Rich:** Oil trading



**Russell Roberts:** Economist, Professor at George Mason University in Virginia, commentator on Morning Edition heard on National Public Radio



**Kenneth Rogoff:** Economics professor at Harvard, expert on international economics

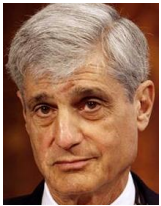


**Murray Rothbard:** Austrian School economist





**Nouriel Roubini:** Iranian-American macroeconomist



**citibank**

**Robert Rubin:** Former Treasury Secretary, director of National Economic Council, and Chairman of Citigroup



**Jeffrey Sachs:** Economic shock therapy



**Samuel Sachs:** Co-founder of Goldman Sachs investment bank



**Paul Samuelson:** Economic analysis, Clark Medal (1947), Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1970)



**Andrei Shleifer:** Economist, Clark Medal (1999)



**Myron Scholes:** Black-Scholes equation, Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1997)



**Herbert Simon:** Political, Social Scientist



**Haym Solomon:** Financier during the American Revolution



**Robert Solow:** Economic growth, Clark Medal (1961), Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (1987)



**George Soros:** Wall Street investor and foreign currency speculator



**Michael Steinhardt:** Wall Street hedge fund manager



**Joseph Stiglitz:** Economist, Clark Medal (1979), Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (2001), Chief Economist of the World Bank (1997–2000)





**Lawrence "Larry" Summers:** Economist, Clark Medal (1993), former Clinton Administration Secretary of the Treasury (1999-2001)



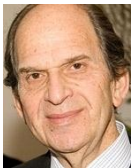
**Sandy Weill:** Former Chairman and CEO of Citigroup



**Jacob Viner:** Economist



**James Wolfensohn:** President of the World Bank (1995–2005)



**Bruce Wasserstein:** American investment banker and businessman, CEO of Lazard and controller of Wasserstein & Co.



**Paul Wolfowitz:** President of the World Bank (2005–2007)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Other Jewish & Israeli U.S. Politicians**



**Jay Dardenne:** Louisiana Secretary of State (2006-Present)



**Harvey Milk:** First openly gay man to be elected to public office in California, as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.



**Eric Garcetti:** Los Angeles City Council President (2006-Present)



**Steve Poizner:** California State Insurance Commissioner and 2010 California Republican Gubernatorial Candidate



**Kinky Friedman:** 2006 Texas Independent gubernatorial candidate



**Rosalind Wyman:** First Jewish woman elected to Los Angeles City Council.



**Jan Perry:** Los Angeles City Councilwoman  
(D-9th District) (Wikipedia, 2010)

## **The Nuclear Bible: Jewish & Israeli Business Heads**



**Donna Karan:** DKNY



**Kenneth Cole\***  
NEW YORK

**Kenneth Cole:** Founder of Kenneth Cole Productions INC



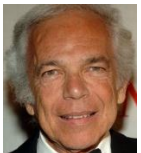
**DVF**  
DIANE von FURSTENBERG

**Diane von Furstenberg:** Founder and CEO of Diane von Furstenburg



**Calvin Klein**

**Calvin Klein:** Founder and CEO of Calvin Klein



**POLO**  
RALPH LAUREN

**Ralph Lauren:** Founder of Polo Ralph Lauren



**THE HOME DEPOT**

**Bernard Marcus:** Co-founder of Home Depot, Inc.



**COSTCO**  
WHOLESALE

**Sol Price:** Founder of Price Club (merged with Costco)



**Sears**

**Julius Rosenwald:** President and Chairman of the Board of Sears



**STARBUCKS**  
COFFEE

**Howard Schultz:** Founder, Chairman and CEO of Starbucks Coffee



**THE VENETIAN**  
Resort-Hotel-Casino

**Sheldon Adelson:** Owner of Las Vegas casinos Venetian and Sands Casino



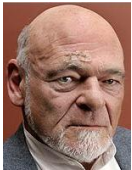
**Flamingo**

**Bugsy Siegel:** Co-founder of Flamingo casino, co-owner of El Cortez hotel and casino



**Wynn Resorts**

**Steve Wynn:** Las Vegas casino owner



**Sam Zell:** Chicago real-estate magnate



**Herbert Allen, Jr.:** CEO of entertainment investment house Allen & Company



**Edgar Bronfman Jr.:** CEO of Seagram, Viacom



**Barry Diller:** CEO of 20th Century Fox and QVC



**Bernard Gershon:** Senior Vice President/General Manager of the ABC News Digital Media Group



**Gerald Levin:** CEO of HBO, Former Chief Executive Officer AOL-Time Warner, AOL is the largest Internet service provider in the world, with 34 million U.S. subscribers. Its subsidiary HBO with 26 million subscribers is the nation's largest pay-TV cable network.



**Michael Eisner:** CEO of Disney, The Disney Empire is the second-largest media conglomerate today. Michael Eisner hired Jeffrey Katzenberg, Michael Ovitz, Sanford Litvak and Joe Roth as executives in turn. In August 1995, Eisner acquired Capital Cities/ABC, Inc., which owns ABC television with its ten TV stations major metropolitan areas as New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Houston. ABC has 225 affiliated TV stations and 2,900 affiliated radio stations in the US. They produce well over 7,000 radio programs. They own 54 radio stations and operate others with many in major metropolitan areas like New York, Washington, and Los Angeles.



**David Geffen:** Co-founder of Dreamworks, CEO of Geffen Records



**Jeffrey Katzenberg:** Co-founder of Dreamworks, Disney



**Sumner Redstone:** Chairman of CBS and Viacom



**Michael Ovitz:** President of Disney, founder of CAA



**Isaac Perlmutter:** CEO of Marvel Entertainment



**Steven Spielberg:** Co-founder of Dreamworks



**Sam Warner:** Co-founder of Warner Brothers Studios



**Harry Cohn:** Founder of Columbia Pictures



**Lew Wasserman:** Founder of MCA



**William Fox:** Founder of Fox Film Corporation



**Harvey Weinstein:** Co-founder of Miramax



**Carl Laemmle:** Founder of Universal Pictures



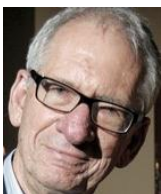
**Bob Weinstein:** Co-founder of Miramax



**Louis B. Mayer:** Founder of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM)



**Adolph Zukor:** Founder of Paramount Pictures



**Sidney Sheinberg:** Executive of MCA



**Leonard Goldenson:** President of ABC



**William S. Paley:** Founder And CEO of CBS



**Les Moonves:** CBS President





**Adolph Ochs:** New York Times



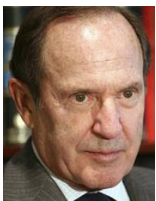
**David Sarnoff:** Founder of NBC, general manager of RCA



**Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, Jr.:** New York Times



**Reuben Sturman:** Adult magazine publisher



**Mortimer Zuckerman:** Publisher of U.S. News and World Report and New York Daily News



**Steve Ballmer:** CEO of Microsoft



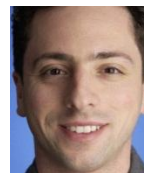
**Adam Glasser:** Founder of Seymore Inc, Producer of Seymore Butts videos



**Larry Page:** Co-founders of Google, Inc.



**Al Goldstein:** Publisher of Screw



**Sergey Brin:** Co-founders of Google, Inc.



**Steven Hirsch:** Founder and co-chairman of Vivid Entertainment



**Michael Dell:** Founder, Chairman and CEO of Dell



**Lawrence Ellison:** Founder of Oracle Corporation





**Philippe Kahn:** Creator of the camera phone, Founder of Fullpower, Borland



**Laurence Tisch:** CEO of CBS



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**Mark Zuckerberg:** Co-founder and CEO of Facebook



**Jeff Zucker:** President of NBC Universal Television Group

## The Nuclear Bible: Jewish & Israeli Journalists

- **A. M. Rosenthal:** The New York Daily News
- **Charles Krauthammer:** The Washington Post, The Weekly Standard, PBS, TIME
- **Martin Peretz:** The New Republic
- **Avishai Margalit:** Current George F. Kennan Professor at Princeton, and at University of Jerusalem.
- **David Remnick:** Editor-in-Chief, The New Yorker
- **Eric Alterman:** MSNBC
- **Larry King:** CNN
- **Daniel Pipes** (The New York Post)
- **Dick Morris** (The New York Post)
- **Lawrence Kaplan** (The New Republic)
- **William Kristol** (The Washington Post, The Weekly Standard, Fox News)
- **Barbara Walters**
- **Ben Stein**
- **Connie Chung**
- **Dan Abrams**
- **Dana Bash**
- **David Gregory**
- **Geraldo Rivera**
- **William Safire** (New York Times)
- **Ted Koppel** (ABC News)
- **Alan Colmes** (Fox News)
- **Jake Tapper** (ABC News)
- **Wolf Blitzer**
- **Robert Kagan,**
- **Mortimer Zuckerman**
- **David Gelernter**
- **John Podhoretz**
- **Mona Charen**
- **Morton Kondracke**
- **Yossi Klein Halevi**
- **Norman Podhoretz**
- **Jonah Goldberg**
- **Jeff Jacoby**
- **Rich Lowry**
- **Seth Lipski**
- **Irving Kristol**
- **Ben Wattenberg**
- **Lawrence Kudlow**
- **Alan Dershowitz,**
- **David Horowitz**
- **Jacob Heilbrun**
- **Michael Ledeen**
- **Uri Dan, Thomas Friedman**
- **Richard Cohen**

## The Nuclear Bible: Quotes on Jews, Israel, & Judaism

**Kadmi Cohen (1929):** "The Jews are not a part of a vast Whole which they re-integrate in dying, but they are a Whole in themselves, defying space, time, life, and death. Can God be outside the Whole? If he exists, necessarily he confounds himself with this Whole...Thus Divinity in Judaism is contained in the exaltation of the entity represented by the Race - passionnel entity, eternal flame, it is the Divine essence. It must be preserved and perpetuated, therefore the idea of pure and impure was created."

**The Talmud: Baba Mezia (114b):** "The Jews are called human beings, but the non-Jews are not humans. They are beasts."

**The Talmud: Midrasch Talpioth (fol. 225d):** "God created them [Jews] in the form of men for the glory of Israel. But Akum were created for the sole end of ministering unto them [the Jews] day and night. Nor can they ever be relieved from this service. It is becoming to the son of a king [an Israelite] that animals in their natural form, and animals in the form of human beings should minister unto him."

**David Ben Gurion:** "The image of the world...as traced in my imagination -- the increasing influence of the farmers and workers, and the rising political influence of men of science, may transform the United States into a welfare state with a planned economy. Western and Eastern Europe will become a federation of autonomous states having a socialist and democratic regime. With the exception of the U.S.S.R. as a federated Eurasian state, all other continents will become united in a world alliance, at whose disposal will be an international police force. All armies will be abolished, and there will be no more wars. In Jerusalem, the United Nations (A truly United Nations) will build a shrine of the Prophets to serve the federated union of all continents; this will be the seat of the Supreme Court of mankind, to settle all controversies among the federated continents."

**Samuel Roth: "Jews Must Live":** "What the Jew really wants and expects to achieve through the instrumentality of the Hebrew school is to cultivate in his son the sharp awareness that he is a Jew and that as a racial Jew-apart from all the other races-he is waging an old war against his neighbors."

**Ariel Sharon:** "Every time we do something, you tell me Americans will do this and will do that. I want to tell you something very clear: Don't worry about American pressure on Israel; We the Jewish people control America and the Americans know it."

**Alfred Lilienthal (1978): *The Zionist Connection II* (pp. 218-219):** "The most effective component of Jewish connection is probably that of media control. It is well known that American public opinion molders have long been largely influenced by a handful of powerful newspapers, including the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, owned respectively by the Sulzbergers, Meyers, and the Pulitzers (all Jewish families)."

**Babha Kama: Talmud:** "The name of God is not profaned when, for example, a Jew lies to a Goi by saying: 'I gave something to your father, but he is dead; you must return it to me,' as long as the Goi does not know that you are lying."

**Louis D. Brandies, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States:** "Let us all recognize that we Jews are a distinct nationality of which every Jew, whatever his country, his station, or shade of belief, is necessarily a member."

**Edward Gibbon, Eighteenth-Century English Historian:** "Humanity is shocked at the recital of the horrid cruelties which they committed in the cities of Egypt, of Cyprus, and of Cyrene, where they dwelt in treacherous friendship with the unsuspecting natives; and we are tempted to applaud the severe retaliation which was exercised by the arms of the legions against a race of fanatics, whose dire and credulous superstition seemed to render them the implacable enemies not only of the Roman government, but of human kind."

**F. Trocase, L'Autriche juive, 1898, A. Pierret, ed., Paris; The Secret Powers Behind Revolution, by Vicomte Leon De Poncins, pp. 175-176):** "The Jewish Press of Vienna sold everything, put everything at a price, artistic fame as well as success in business. No intellectual production, no work of art has been able to see the light of day and reach public notice, without passing by the crucible of the Jewish Press, without having to submit to its criticism or to pay for its approval. If an artist should wish to obtain the approbation of the public, he must of necessity bow before the all powerful Jewish journals. If a young actress, a musician, a singer of talent should wish to make her first appearance and to venture before a more or less numerous audience, she has in most cases not dared to do so, unless after paying tribute to the desires of the Jews. Otherwise she would experience certain failure. It was despotic tyranny re-established, this time for the profit of the Jews and brutally exercised by them in all its plenitude. Such as it is revealed by its results, the Viennese Press dominated by Judaism, has been absolutely disastrous. It is a work of death which it has accomplished. Around it and outside it all is void. In all the classes of the population are the germs of hatred, the seeds, of discord and of jealousy, dissolution and decomposition."

**Samuel Roth, Jews Must Live (1934):** "My earliest knowledge of the Jewish attitude towards their gentile neighbors came from listening at our Inn to the stories of Jewish travelers (who stopped with us for a drink or a night's lodging) about their business dealings with the goyim. To my innocent brain it appeared that the whole purpose of a Jew in business was to get the best of the goy. When the goy had been cheated business was good. When the Jew had just come out even, business was very bad indeed. For the greater harm he had done in a business transaction with a goy, the deeper appeared the narrative delight of the Jew to whom I was listening. I could not help feeling towards the goyim some of the pity I had felt for Esau when he let out that bitter cry on discovering the duplicity of Jacob."

**M.A. Levy, Secretary of the World League of Liberal Jews, in a speech in Los Angeles, California (August, 1949):** "Today the Gentile Christians who claim of holy right have been led in the wrong path. We, of the Jewish Faith have tried for centuries to teach the Gentiles a Christ never existed, and that the story of the Virgin and of Christ is, and always has been, a fictitious lie. In the near future, when the Jewish people take over the rule of the United States, legally under our god, we will create a new education system, providing that our god is the only one to follow, and proving that the Christ story is a fake...Christianity will be abolished."

**Bernard Lazare, L'Antisemitism, *The Secret Powers Behind Revolution*, by Vicomte Leon De Poncins (p. 183):** "If this hostility, even aversion, had only been shown towards the Jews at one period and in one country, it would be easy to unravel the limited causes of this anger, but this race has been on the contrary an object of hatred to all the peoples among whom it has established itself. It must be therefore, since the enemies of the Jews belonged to the most diverse races, since they lived in countries very distant from each other, since they were ruled by very different laws, governed by opposite principles, since they had neither the same morals, nor the same customs, since they were animated by unlike dispositions which did not permit them to judge of anything in the same way, it must be therefore that the general cause of anti-Semitism has always resided in Israel itself and not in those who have fought against Israel."

**George Washington, in *Maxims of George Washington* by A.A. Appleton & Co.:** "They {the Jews} work more effectively against us, than the enemy's armies. They are a hundred times more dangerous to our liberties and the great cause we are engaged in...It is much to be lamented that each state, long ago, has not hunted them down as pests to society and the greatest enemies we have to the happiness of America."

**Why the Jews: by Denis Prager and Joseph Telushkin (1985):** "Once we perceive that it is Judaism which is the root cause of anti-Semitism, otherwise irrational or inexplicable aspects of anti-Semitism become rationally explicable...Only something representing a threat to the core values, allegiances and beliefs of others could cause such universal, deep and lasting hatred. This Judaism has done..."

**Jesus Christ:** "By their fruits ye shall know them." (Wake Up America, 2010).

## **The Nuclear Bible: Jewish & Israeli Celebrities**



**Tucson Shooter Jared Lee Loughner**

As one can see by the following article, Jews have been the cause of, or next to major national tragedies such as (JFK, 9/11, War in Iraq, War in Afghanistan), political scandals (Monica Lewinsky, Chandra Levy, Elliot Spitzer), shooting tragedies (Columbine Shooting, Tucson Shooting), celebrity deaths (Michael Jackson, Kurt Cobain, Anna Nicole Smith), TV trial (O.J. Simpson, Scott Peterson, Phil Spector), character assassinations (Tiger Woods, Brett Favre?), vile filth in American media (Howard Stern, Rosanne Bar, Joe Francis of Girls Gone Wild, Jerry Springer), sports commissionerhip (NBA, MLB) and are in every key media position in America. To say that there is a Jewish Conspiracy is an understatement.

**Date:** November 5, 2010

**Source:** Who Dated Who

**Title/Headline:** *Celebrities Listed By Religion: Jewish*

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| ▪ Aaro Sorkin,           | ▪ Andrew Dice Clay        | ▪ Billy Joel          |
| ▪ Aaron Spelling         | ▪ Andy Samberg            | ▪ Bob Dylan           |
| ▪ Abe Vigoda             | ▪ <b>Ann Landers</b>      | ▪ Bob Saget           |
| ▪ Adam Goldberg          | ▪ Anne Bancroft           | ▪ Brad Garrettberg    |
| ▪ Adam Goldstein         | ▪ Art Garfunkel           | ▪ Brooke Burke        |
| ▪ Adam Lambert           | ▪ Ashley Tisdale          | ▪ Buddy Hackett       |
| ▪ Adam Levine (Maroon 5) | ▪ Ashton Kutcher          | ▪ Carrie Fisher       |
| ▪ Adam Sandler           | ▪ Bar Refaeli             | ▪ <b>Chandra Levy</b> |
| ▪ Adrianna Costa         | ▪ <b>Barbra Streisand</b> | ▪ Chelsea Handler     |
| ▪ Amanda Bynes           | ▪ Barry Manilow           | ▪ Chris Kattan        |
| ▪ Adrien Brody           | ▪ Ben Savage              | ▪ Cindy Margolis      |
| ▪ Alan Dershowitz        | ▪ <b>Bill Goldberg</b>    | ▪ Corey Feldman       |
| ▪ Alicia Silverstone     | ▪ Ben Stiller             | ▪ Courtney Love       |
| ▪ <b>Amy Fisher</b>      | ▪ Bette Midler            | ▪ Cynthia Nixon       |
| ▪ Amy Winehouse          | ▪ Billy Crystal           | ▪ Dave Attell         |

- David Arquette
- David Axelrod
- David Blaine
- David Copperfield
- David Lee Roth
- David Schwimmer
- Debbie Rowe
- Drake
- Dustin Diamond
- Dustin Hoffman
- Ed Asner
- Elizabeth Berkley
- Ellen Barkin
- Elliott Gould
- Evan Rachel Wood
- Fran Drescher
- Fred Savage
- Gabe Kapler
- Garry Shandling
- Gene Simmons
- Gene Siskel
- Debra Messing
- Dee Snider
- Demi Moore
- Gideon Yago
- Gilbert Gottfried
- Gloria Allred
- Gina Gershon
- Gwyneth Paltrow
- Hank Azaria
- Harrison Ford
- Harvey Keitel
- Harvey Levin (TMZ)
- Heather McCartney
- Heidi Fleiss
- Helen Hunt
- Henry Winkler
- **Howard Stern (Anna Nicole Smith)**
- **Howard Stern (Radio)**
- Howie Mandel
- Ian Ziering
- Ivanka Trump
- Jack Abramoff
- Jack Benny
- Jack Black
- Jake Gyllenhaal
- Jakob Dylan
- James Caan
- James Franco
- Jamie-Lynn Sigler
- **Jared Fogle (Subway)**
- Jason Alexander
- Jeff Goldblum
- Jeffrey Ross
- Jeremy Piven
- Jerry Lewis
- Jerry Seinfeld
- **Judge Jerry Sheindlin**
- Jerry Stiller
- **Joe Francis (Girls Gone Wild)**
- Joan Rivers
- Joey Ramone
- Jon Favreau

- Jonah Hill
- Jonathan Silverman
- Joseph Gordon-Levitt
- Judd Nelson
- **Judge Judy Sheindlin**
- Judge Wapner
- Judit Hernadi
- Kate Capshaw
- Kate Hudson
- Kendra Jade
- Keri Russell
- Kevin Pollak
- Kevin Youkilis
- **Kitty Dukakis**
- Larry David
- Larry Fine
- Laura Silverman
- Lenny Bruce
- Leonard Nimoy
- Leonardo Di Caprio
- Linda McCartney
- Lisa Kudrow
- Lisa Loeb
- **Lorne Michaels (SNL)**
- **Lou Pearlman**
- Lou Reed
- Marc Jacobs
- Marisa Miller
- Matt Stone
- Matthew Broderick
- Max Azria
- Max Factor Jr.
- Mel Brooks
- Michael Bolton
- Michael Douglas
- Michael Landon
- Michael Rapaport
- Mitch Fatel
- Moe Howard
- **Monica Lewinsky**
- Naomi Klein
- Neil Diamond
- Nicole Richie
- Patricia Arquette
- Paul Michael Glaser
- Paul Reiser
- Paul Rudd
- Paul Shaffer
- Paul Simon
- Pauly Shore
- Phil Spector
- Phil Varone
- Rachel Fine
- Rachel Zoe
- Pink
- Preston Lacy
- Rabbi Shmuley Boteach
- Rachel Bilson
- Rachel Dratch
- Rachel Fine
- **Rachel Uchitel (Tiger Woods)**
- Ricky Jay
- Rob Morrow
- Rob Schneider
- Rob Reiner

- Robert Shapiro
- Rupert Murdoch (Fox News Owner)
- Robert Downey Jr.
- Rodney Dangerfield
- **Ron Goldman**
- Ron Jeremy
- Ron Perlman
- Ron Silver
- Rosanna Arquette
- Roseanne Barr
- Sacha Baron Coheh
- Sammy Davis, Jr.
- Sandra Bernhard
- Sarah Jessica Parker
- Sarah Prinze Michelle Geller
- Scarlett Johansson
- Sean Paul
- Seth Meyers
- **Seth Rogen (Green Hornet)**
- Sharon Osbourne
- Shia LaBeouf
- Slash
- Stanley Kubrick
- Tommy Ramone
- Traci Lords
- Tracy Pendergast
- Vidal Sassoon
- Walter Matthau
- Winona Ryder
- Woody Allen
- Zach Braff
- Yasmine Bleeth



**Bud Selig (MLB Commissioner)**



**David Stern (NBA Commissioner)**



**Bob Kraft (Patriots Owner)**



**Dylan Klebold (Columbine Shooter)**



**Jack Ruby (Oswald Shooter)**



**Al Davis (Raiders Owner)**



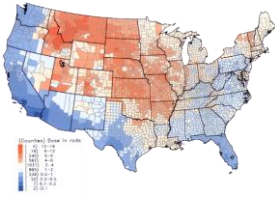
**Jim Rome**



"It's not a Jewish conspiracy, Ok. Get over it. I'm sorry. Hook nosed people don't run the world in some kind of cave while they suck the blood out of babies in some weird ritual....I'm sorry, it doesn't work like that...It's people of all races, of all religious backgrounds, of all creeds, of all colors...Give me a break...Please go hang yourself! It is so beyond ridiculous...It's unbelievable...The question is, if you're asking that question, why are you still breathing? I mean, why haven't you just really taken a toaster oven and thrown it in the bathtub with yourself and had a party? Because that's what you need to do!" ~Jason Bermas of Infowars.com



## The Nuclear Bible: US, EU, & Israeli Nuclear Proliferation



Study Estimating Thyroid Doses of I-131 Received by Americans From Nevada Atmospheric Nuclear Bomb Test, National Cancer Institute (1997)

**Intro:** Nuclear proliferation and negligence by nations of the West is continuing even today. The fact that the U.S. Government and the E.U. are even talking about Iran, North Korea, or Pakistan's nuclear ambitions and proliferation is comical and hypocritical in every sense. The United States along with Britain, France, South Africa and Israel have done more to contaminate and radiate more people and environments than all the Middle East Nations combined. The following nuclear incidents are only the incidents that have been declassified to date, but it is highly likely that many accounts of proliferation and negligence are still classified.



**Date:** August 6, 1945 (Super Bowl XLV (45) is on February 6, 2011)

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *The Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima*

**Abstract:** The release at 08:15 (Hiroshima time) went as planned, and the gravity bomb known as "Little Boy", a gun-type fission weapon with 60 kilograms (130 lb) of uranium-235, took 43 seconds to fall from the aircraft flying at 31,060 feet (9,470 m) to the predetermined detonation height about 1,900 feet (580 m) above the city. The Enola Gay had traveled 11.5 miles away before it felt the shock waves from the blast. Due to crosswind, it missed the aiming point, the Aioi Bridge, by almost 800 feet (240 m) and detonated directly over Shima Surgical Clinic. It created a blast equivalent to about 13 kilotons of TNT (54 TJ). (The U-235 weapon was considered very inefficient, with only 1.38% of its material fissioning.) The radius of total destruction was about one mile (1.6 km), with resulting fires across 4.4 square miles (11 km<sup>2</sup>). Americans estimated that 4.7 square miles (12 km<sup>2</sup>) of the city were destroyed. Japanese officials determined that 69% of Hiroshima's buildings were destroyed and another 6–7% damaged. **According to the U.S. Department of Energy the immediate effects of the blast killed approximately 70,000 people in Hiroshima. Estimates of total deaths by the end of 1945 from burns, radiation and related disease, the effects of which were aggravated by lack of medical resources, range from 90,000 to 166,000. Some estimates state up to 200,000 had died by 1950, due to cancer and other long-term effects.** Another study states that from 1950 to 1990, roughly 9% of the cancer and leukemia deaths among bomb survivors was due to radiation from the bombs, the statistical excess being estimated to 89 leukemia and 339 solid cancers. At least 11 known prisoners of war died from the bombing. **70,000–80,000 people, or some 30% of the population of Hiroshima were killed immediately, and another 70,000 injured.** Over 90% of the doctors and 93% of the nurses in Hiroshima were killed or injured—most had been in the downtown area which received the greatest damage. Although the U.S. had previously dropped leaflets warning civilians of air raids on 35 Japanese cities, including Hiroshima and Nagasaki, **the residents of Hiroshima were given no notice of the atomic bomb** (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** August 9, 1945

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Title/Headline:** *The Atomic Bombing of Nagasaki*

**Abstract:** On the morning of August 9, 1945, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress Bockscar, flown by the crew of 393rd Squadron commander Major Charles W. Sweeney, carried the nuclear bomb code-named "Fat Man", with Kokura as the primary target and Nagasaki the secondary target. The mission plan for the second attack was nearly identical to that of the Hiroshima mission, with two B-29s flying an hour ahead as weather scouts and two additional B-29s in Sweeney's flight for instrumentation and photographic support of the mission. Sweeney took off with his weapon already armed but with the electrical safety plugs still engaged. At about 07:50

Japanese time, an air raid alert was sounded in Nagasaki, but the "all clear" signal was given at 08:30. **When only two B-29 Superfortresses were sighted at 10:53, the Japanese apparently assumed that the planes were only on reconnaissance and no further alarm was given. A few minutes later at 11:00, The Great Artiste, the support B-29 flown by Captain Frederick C. Bock, dropped instruments attached to three parachutes. These instruments also contained an unsigned letter to Professor Ryokichi Sagane, a nuclear physicist at the University of Tokyo who studied with three of the scientists responsible for the atomic bomb at the University of California, Berkeley, urging him to tell the public about the danger involved with these weapons of mass destruction.** The messages were found by military authorities but not turned over to Sagane until a month later.[63] In 1949, one of the authors of the letter, Luis Alvarez, met with Sagane and signed the document.[64] At 11:01, a last minute break in the clouds over Nagasaki allowed Bockscar's bombardier, Captain Kermit Beahan, to visually sight the target as ordered. The "Fat Man" weapon, containing a core of ~6.4 kg (14.1 lbs.) of plutonium-239, was dropped over the city's industrial valley. It exploded 43 seconds later [11:01:44] at 469 meters (1,540 ft) above the ground exactly halfway between the Mitsubishi Steel and Arms Works in the south and the Mitsubishi-Urakami Ordnance Works (Torpedo Works) in the north. This was nearly 3 kilometers (2 mi) northwest of the planned hypocenter; the blast was confined to the Urakami Valley and a major portion of the city was protected by the intervening hills. The resulting explosion had a blast yield equivalent to 21 kilotons of TNT (88 TJ). **The explosion generated heat estimated at 3,900 degrees Celsius (4,200 K, 7,000 °F) and winds that were estimated at 1005 km/h (624 mph). Casualty estimates for immediate deaths range from 40,000 to 75,000. Total deaths by the end of 1945 may have reached 80,000. At least eight known POWs died from the bombing and as many as 13 POWs may have died: One British Commonwealth citizen died in the bombing.** Seven Dutch POWs (two names known) died in the bombing. At least two POWs reportedly died postwar from cancer thought to have been caused by the atomic bomb. **The U.S. expected to have another atomic bomb ready for use in the third week of August, with three more in September and a further three in October.** On August 10, Major General Leslie Groves, military director of the Manhattan Project, sent a memorandum to General of the Army George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, in which he wrote that "the next bomb . . should be ready for delivery on the first suitable weather after 17 or August 18." On the same day, Marshall endorsed the memo with the comment, "It is not to be released over Japan without express authority from the President." There was already discussion in the War Department about conserving the bombs in production until Operation Downfall, the projected invasion of Japan, had begun. "The problem now [August 13] is whether or not, assuming the Japanese do not capitulate, to continue dropping them every time one is made and shipped out there or whether to hold them . . . and then pour them all on in a reasonably short time. Not all in one day, but over a short period. And that also takes into consideration the target that we are after. In other words, should we not concentrate on targets that will be of the greatest assistance to an invasion rather than industry, morale, psychology, and the like? Nearer the tactical use rather than other use (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** February 13, 1950

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** British Columbia, Canada

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Loss of (1) Mark IV atomic bomb

**Name:** 1950 B-36 Nuclear Incident

**Abstract:** On February 13, 1950, a Convair B-36B, serial number 44-92075 assigned to the 7th Bomb Wing at Carswell Air Force Base, crashed in northern British Columbia after jettisoning a Mark IV atomic bomb. This was the first such nuclear weapon loss in history. **The Convair had been en route from Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks, Alaska to Carswell AFB in Fort Worth, Texas, on a mission that included a simulated nuclear attack on San Francisco, California** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** April 11, 1950

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Loss and recovery of nuclear materials

**Name:** B-29 Nuclear Disaster & Cover-up

**Abstract:** Three minutes after departure from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque a USAF B-29 bomber carrying a nuclear weapon, four spare detonators, and a crew of thirteen crashed into a mountain near Manzano Base. The crash resulted in a fire which the New York Times reported as being visible from 15 miles (24 km) **The bomb's casing was completely demolished and its high explosives ignited upon contact with the plane's burning fuel. However, according to the Department of Defense, the four spare detonators and all nuclear components were recovered.** A nuclear detonation was not possible because, while on board, the weapon's core was not in the weapon for safety reasons. All thirteen crew members died (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** July 13, 1950

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Lebanon, Ohio, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Non-nuclear detonation of an atomic bomb

**Name:** 1950 USAF B-50 Nuclear Incident

**Abstract:** USAF B-50 aircraft on a training mission from Biggs Air Force Base with a nuclear weapon flew into the ground. High explosive detonation, but no nuclear explosion (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** November 10, 1950  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Rivière du Loup, Québec, Canada  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Non-nuclear detonation of an atomic bomb  
**Name:** *1950 USAF B-50 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** Returning one of several U.S. Mark 4 nuclear bombs secretly deployed in Canada, a USAF B-50 had engine trouble and jettisoned the weapon at 10,500 feet (3,200 m). The crew set the bomb to self-destruct at 2,500 ft (760 m) and dropped over the St. Lawrence River. **The explosion shook area residents and scattered nearly 100 pounds (45 kg) of depleted uranium used in the weapon's tamper. The plutonium core ("pit") was not in the bomb at the time** (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Castle Bravo Nuclear Test, 1954**

**Date:** March 1, 1954  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Nuclear test accident  
**Location:** Bikini Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands (Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands)  
**Name:** *The Castle Bravo Nuclear Fallout Pattern*

**Abstract:** During the Castle Bravo test of the first deployable hydrogen bomb, a miscalculation resulted in the explosion being over twice as large as predicted, with a total explosive force of 15 megatons of TNT (63 PJ). Of the total yield, 10 Mt (42 PJ) were from fission of the natural uranium tamper, but those fission reactions were quite dirty, producing a large amount of fallout. Combined with the much-larger-than-expected yield and an unanticipated wind shift radioactive fallout was spread eastward onto the inhabited Rongelap and Rongerik Atolls. **These islands were not evacuated before the explosion due to the financial cost involved, but many of the Marshall Islands natives have since suffered from radiation burns and radioactive dusting and also similar fates as the Japanese fisher-men and their children and grand-children have suffered from birth defects and have received little if any compensation from the federal government.** A Japanese fishing boat, Daigo Fukuryu Maru/Lucky Dragon, also came into contact with the fallout, which caused many of the crew to take ill with one fatality. The test resulted in an international uproar and reignited Japanese concerns about radiation, especially with regard to the possible contamination of fish. **Personal accounts of the Rongelap people can be seen in the documentary Children of Armageddon** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** March 10, 1956  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Loss of (2) Nuclear Weapons Capsules  
**Location:** Atlantic Ocean  
**Name:** *The 1956 B-47 Nuclear Disappearance*

**Abstract:** The 1956 B-47 disappearance occurred on March 10 over the Mediterranean Sea. Four B-47 Stratojets took off from MacDill Air Force Base in Florida for a non-stop flight to Ben Guerir Air Base, Morocco and completed their first aerial refueling without incident. After descending through solid cloud to begin their second refueling, at 14,000 ft, the Boeing B-47E-95-BW Stratojet, manned by Captain Robert H. Hodgin (31, commander), Captain Gordon M. Insley (32, observer), and 2nd Lt. Ronald L. Kurtz (22, pilot) failed to make contact with its tanker. **The unarmed aircraft was carrying two capsules of nuclear weapons material in carrying cases (a nuclear detonation was not possible). Despite an extensive search, no debris was ever found, and the crash site has never been located** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** July 27, 1956  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Lakenheath in Suffolk, England  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** 3 Nuclear weapons damaged  
**Name:** *1956 USAF B-47 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** A USAF B-47 crashed into a storage igloo spreading burning fuel over three Mark 6 nuclear bombs at RAF Lakenheath. A bomb disposal expert stated it was a miracle exposed detonators on one bomb did not fire, which presumably would have released nuclear material into the environment (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** July 28, 1957  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Atlantic Ocean  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Two nuclear weapons jettisoned (dumped overboard) and not recovered  
**Name:** *1957 USAF C-124 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** A USAF C-124 aircraft from Dover Air Force Base, Delaware was carrying three nuclear bombs over the Atlantic Ocean when it experienced a loss of power. The crew jettisoned two nuclear bombs to protect their safety, which were never recovered (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** September 11, 1957  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Rocky Flats Plant, Golden, Colorado, USA  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Fire, release of nuclear materials  
**Name:** *Rocky Flats Nuclear Fire*

**Abstract:** A fire began in a materials handling glove box and spread through the ventilation system into the stack filters at the Rocky Flats weapons mill 27 kilometres (17 mi) from Denver, Colorado. Plutonium and other contaminants were released, but the exact amount of which contaminants is unknown; estimates range from 25 mg to 250 kg (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 11, 1957  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, USA  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** B-47 aircraft crash and nuclear weapon burn  
**Name:** *1957 B-47 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** B-47 aircraft crashed during take-off after a wheel exploded; one nuclear bomb burned in the resulting fire (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** January 31, 1958  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Morocco  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Nuclear bomb crash and burn  
**Name:** *1958 USAF B-47 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** During a simulated takeoff a wheel casting failure caused the tail of a USAF B-47 carrying an armed nuclear weapon to hit the runway, rupturing a fuel tank and sparking a fire. Some contamination was detected immediately following the accident (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** February 5, 1958  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Proliferator:** United States Of America  
**Proliferation:** Loss of (1) Mark 15 Thermonuclear Bomb  
**Location:** Savannah, Georgia (USA)  
**Name:** *Tybee Island B-47 Crash*

**Abstract:** On February 5, 1958, the United States Air Force lost a 7,600-pound (3,400 kg) Mark 15 hydrogen bomb in the waters off Tybee Island near Savannah, Georgia. During a practice exercise the B-47 bomber carrying it collided in midair with an F-86 fighter plane. To prevent a detonation in the event of a crash and to save the aircrew, the bomb was jettisoned. Following several unsuccessful searches, the bomb was presumed lost somewhere in Wassaw Sound off the shores of Tybee Island (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** March 11, 1958  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Florence, South Carolina, USA  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Non-nuclear detonation of a nuclear bomb  
**Name:** *1958 USAF B-47 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** A USAF B-47 bomber flying from Hunter Air Force Base in Savannah, Georgia accidentally released a nuclear bomb after the bomb lock failed. The chemical explosives detonated on impact in the suburban neighborhood of Florence, South Carolina. Radioactive substances were flung across the area. Several minor injuries resulted and the house on which the bomb fell was destroyed. No radiation sickness occurred (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** July, 1959  
**Location:** Simi Valley, California, USA  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Nuclear explosion  
**Name:** *Santa Susana Field Laboratory Nuclear Explosion*

**Abstract:** The Sodium Reactor Experiment was a pioneering nuclear power plant built by Atomics International at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, nearby Simi Valley, California. The reactor operated from 1957 to 1964. In July 1959, the reactor suffered a serious incident in which the reactor core was damaged causing the controlled release of radioactive gas to the atmosphere (Wikipedia, 2010)

**Date:** November 20, 1959  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Nuclear explosion  
**Name:** *1959 Oak Ridge National Laboratory Nuclear Explosion*

**Abstract:** A chemical explosion occurred during decontamination of processing machinery in the radiochemical processing plant at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. (Report ORNL-2989, Oak Ridge National Laboratory). The accident resulted in the release of about 15 grams (0.53 oz) of <sup>239</sup>Pu (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** June 7, 1960  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** New Egypt, New Jersey, USA  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Nuclear warhead damaged by fire  
**Name:** *1960 USAF BOMARC Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** A helium tank exploded and ruptured the fuel tanks of a USAF BOMARC-A surface-to-air missile at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. The fire destroyed the missile, and contaminated the area directly below and adjacent to the missile (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** January 24, 1961  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Goldsboro, North Carolina (Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina)  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Loss of two 24-megaton nuclear bombs  
**Name:** *1961 B-52 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** A USAF B-52 bomber caught fire and exploded in midair due to a major leak in a wing fuel cell 12 miles (19 km) north of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. Five crewmen parachuted to safety, but three died—two in the aircraft and one on landing. The incident released the bomber's two Mark 39 hydrogen bombs. Three of the four arming devices on one of the bombs activated, causing it to carry out many of the steps needed to arm itself, such as the charging of the firing capacitors and, critically, the deployment of a 100-foot (30 m) diameter retardation parachute. The parachute allowed the bomb to hit the ground with little damage. The fourth arming device — the pilot's safe/arm switch — was not activated preventing detonation. The second bomb plunged into a muddy field at around 700 mph (300 m/s) and disintegrated. Its tail was discovered about 20 feet (6 m) down and much of the bomb recovered, including the tritium bottle and the plutonium. However, excavation was abandoned due to uncontrollable ground water flooding. Most of the thermonuclear stage, containing uranium, was left in situ. It is estimated to lie around 55 feet (17 m) below ground. The Air Force purchased the land and fenced it off to prevent its disturbance, and it is tested regularly for contamination, although none has so far been found (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** March 14, 1961  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Yuba City, California, USA  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Plane crash with nuclear weapons  
**Name:** *1961 B-52 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** USAF B-52 bomber experienced a decompression event that required it to fly below 10,000 feet. Resulting increased fuel consumption led to fuel exhaustion; the aircraft crashed with two nuclear bombs, which did not trigger a nuclear explosion (Wikipedia, 2010).





### French Nuclear Test in Algeria, Africa

**Date:** May 1, 1962

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Sahara Desert, French Algeria

**Proliferator:** France

**Proliferation:** Accidental venting of underground nuclear test

**Name:** *1962 French Beryll Nuclear Disaster*

**Abstract:** The second French underground nuclear test, codenamed Beryll, took place in a shaft under mount Taourirt, near In Ecker, 150 km (100 mi) north of Tamanrasset, Algerian Sahara. Due to improper sealing of the shaft, a spectacular flame burst through the concrete cap and radioactive gases and dust were vented into the atmosphere. The plume climbed up to 2600 m (8500 ft) high and radiation was detected hundreds of km away. About a hundred soldiers and officials, including two ministers, were irradiated. The number of contaminated Algerians is unknown (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** January 13, 1964

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Salisbury, Pennsylvania & Frostburg, Maryland, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Accidental loss and recovery of an unknown (classified?) thermonuclear bombs

**Name:** *1964 B-52 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** A USAF B-52 on airborne alert duty encountered a severe winter storm and extreme turbulence, ultimately disintegrating in mid-air over South Central Pennsylvania. Only the two pilots survived. One crew member failed to bail out and the rest succumbed to injuries or exposure to the harsh winter weather. A search for the missing weapons was initiated, and recovery was effected from portions of the wreckage at a farm northwest of Frostburg, Maryland (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** April 21, 1964

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Indian Ocean

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Launch failure of a RTG powered satellite

**Name:** *1964 U.S. Transit-5BN-3 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** A U.S. Transit-5BN-3 nuclear-powered navigational satellite failed to reach orbital velocity and began falling back down at 150,000 feet (46 km) above the Indian Ocean. The satellite's SNAP-9a generator contained 17 kCi (630 TBq)[32] of <sup>238</sup>Pu (2.1 pounds), which at least partially burned upon reentry. Increased levels of <sup>238</sup>Pu were first documented in the stratosphere four months later. Indeed NASA (in the 1995 Cassini FEIS) indicated that the SNAP-9a plutonium release was nearly double the 9000Ci added by all the atmospheric weapons tests to that date. The United States Atomic Energy Commission reported a resulting three-fold increase in global <sup>238</sup>Pu fallout. All subsequent Transit satellites were fitted with solar panels; RTG's were designed to remain contained during re-entry (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** December 8, 1964

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Kansas, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Crash, fire and radioactive contamination

**Name:** *1964 USAF B-58 Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** USAF B-58 aircraft carrying a nuclear weapon caught fire while taxiing. Nuclear weapon burned, causing contamination of the crash area (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** January 1965

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Livermore, California, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Release of nuclear materials into environment

**Name:** *1965 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** An accident at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory released 300 kCi (11 PBq) of tritium gas. Subsequent study found this release was not likely to produce adverse health effects in the surrounding communities (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 11, 1965

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Rocky Flats Plant, Golden, Colorado, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Fire, radiation exposure of workers

**Name:** 1965 Rocky Flats Plant Nuclear Incident

**Abstract:** A fire at Rocky Flats exposed a crew of 25 to up to 17 times the legal limit for radiation (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** December 5, 1965

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Coast of Japan

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Loss of a nuclear bomb

**Name:** 1965 U.S. A-4E Skyhawk Nuclear Incident

**Abstract:** A U.S. Navy A-4E Skyhawk aircraft with one B43 nuclear bomb on board fell off the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga into 16,200 feet (4,900 m) of water while the ship was underway from Vietnam to Yokosuka, Japan. The plane, pilot and weapon were never recovered. There is dispute over exactly where the incident took place—the U.S. Defense Department originally stated it took place 500 miles (800 km) off the coast of Japan, but Navy documents later show it happened about 80 miles (130 km) from the Ryukyu Islands and 200 miles (320 km) from Okinawa (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** January 17, 1966

**Source:** Wikipedia

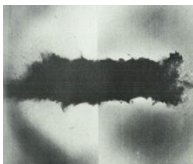
**Location:** Palomares, Spain

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Destruction, loss and recovery of nuclear bombs

**Name:** Palomares Nuclear Incident

**Abstract:** A USAF B-52 carrying four hydrogen bombs collided with a USAF KC-135 jet tanker during over-ocean in-flight refueling. Four of the B-52's seven crew members parachuted to safety while the remaining three were killed along with all four of the KC-135's crew. The conventional explosives in two of the bombs detonated upon impact with the ground, dispersing plutonium over nearby farms. A third bomb landed intact near Palomares while the fourth fell 12 miles (19 km) off the coast into the Mediterranean sea. The US Navy conducted a three month search involving 12,000 men and successfully recovered the fourth bomb. The U.S. Navy employed the use of the deep-diving research submarine DSV Alvin to aid in the recovery efforts. During the ensuing cleanup, 1,500 tonnes (1,700 short tons) of radioactive soil and tomato plants were shipped to a nuclear dump in Aiken, South Carolina. The U.S. settled claims by 522 Palomares residents for \$600,000. The town also received a \$200,000 desalinization plant. The motion picture Men of Honor (2000), starring Cuba Gooding, Jr., as USN Diver Carl Brashear, and Robert De Niro as USN Diver Billy Sunday, contained an account of the fourth bomb's recovery (Wikipedia, 2010).



**Date:** January 21, 1968

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** North Star Bay, Greenland

**Proliferator:** United States Of America

**Proliferation:** Rupture and/or Loss of (4) B28FI Thermonuclear Bombs

**Name:** 1968 Thule Air Base B-52 Crash

**Abstract:** The Thule affair or Thule accident was an accident on January 21, 1968, involving a United States Air Force (USAF) B-52 bomber. The aircraft was carrying four hydrogen bombs on a Cold War "Chrome Dome" alert mission over Baffin Bay when a cabin fire forced the crew to abandon the aircraft before they could carry out an emergency landing at Thule Air Base. Six crew members ejected safely, but one who did not have an ejection seat was killed while trying to bail out. The bomber crashed onto sea ice in North Star Bay, Greenland, causing the nuclear payload to rupture and disperse, which resulted in widespread radioactive contamination. The United States and Denmark launched an intensive clean-up and recovery operation, but the secondary of one of the nuclear weapons could not be accounted for after the operation completed. USAF Strategic Air Command "Chrome Dome" operations were discontinued immediately after the incident, which highlighted the safety and political risks of the missions. Safety procedures were reviewed and more stable explosives were developed for use in nuclear weapons. In 1995, a political scandal resulted in Denmark

after a report revealed the government had given tacit permission for nuclear weapons to be located in Greenland, in contravention of Denmark's 1957 nuclear-free zone policy. Workers involved in the clean-up program have been campaigning for compensation for radiation-related illnesses they experienced in the years after the incident. **In March 2009, *Time* identified the accident as one of the world's worst nuclear disasters** (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 22, 1968

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Atlantic Ocean (740 km southwest of the Azores)

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Loss of nuclear reactor and two W34 nuclear warheads

**Name:** *The USS Scorpion (SSN-589) Incident*

**Abstract:** The USS Scorpion (SSN-589) sank while enroute from Rota, Spain, to Naval Base Norfolk. The cause of sinking remains unknown; all 99 officers and men on board were killed. The wreckage of the ship, its S5W reactor, and its two Mark 45 torpedoes with W34 nuclear warheads, remain on the sea floor in more than 3,000 m (9,800 ft) of water (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 11, 1969

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Golden, Colorado, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Plutonium fire, contamination

**Name:** *1969 Rocky Flats Plant Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** An accident in which 5 kilograms of plutonium burnt inside a glovebox at Rocky Flats. Cleanup took two years and was the costliest industrial accident ever to occur in the United States at that time (Wikipedia, 2010).



**December 18, 1970 Nuclear Detonation**

**Date:** December 18, 1970

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Nevada, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Accidental venting of nuclear explosion. Baneberry's radioactive plume rises from a shock fissure. Contaminants were carried in three different directions by the wind

**Name:** *1970 Baneberry Nuclear Disaster*

**Abstract:** In Area 8 on Yucca Flat, the 10 kiloton "Baneberry" weapons test of Operation Emery detonated as planned at the bottom of a sealed vertical shaft 900 feet below the Earth's surface but the device's energy cracked the soil in unexpected ways, causing a fissure near ground zero and the failure of the shaft stemming and cap. A plume of hot gases and radioactive dust was released three and a half minutes after ignition, and continuing for many hours, raining fallout on workers within NTS. Six percent of the explosion's radioactive products were vented. The plume released 6.7 MCi of radioactive material, including 80 kCi of Iodine-131 and a high ratio of noble gases. After dropping a portion of its load in the area, the hot cloud's lighter particles were carried to three altitudes and conveyed by winter storms and the jet stream to be deposited heavily as radionuclide-laden snow in Lassen and Sierra counties in northeast California, and to lesser degrees in northern Nevada, southern Idaho and some eastern sections of Oregon and Washington states. The three diverging jet stream layers conducted radionuclides across the US to Canada, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** December 12, 1971

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** New London, Connecticut, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Spill of irradiated water

**Name:** *1971 U.S.S. Dace & U.S.S. Fulton Incident*

**Abstract:** During the transfer of radioactive coolant water from the submarine USS Dace to the submarine tender USS Fulton, 500 US gallons (1,900 l; 420 imp gal) were spilled into the Thames River (USA) (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** 1975  
**Source:** Fox News  
**Location:** South Africa  
**Proliferator:** Israel  
**Proliferation:** Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons  
**Name:** *Israeli Nuclear Proliferation To South Africa*

**Date:** May 24, 2010  
**Source:** Fox News, Associated Press  
**Title/Headline:** *Israeli President Denies Newspaper Report He Offered South Africa Nuclear Warheads In 1975*

**Abstract:** Israeli President Shimon Peres on Monday categorically denied a report that he offered nuclear warheads to South Africa in 1975, when he was defense minister. The report published in the British newspaper The Guardian is based on an American academic's research and claims to cite secret minutes of a meeting Peres held with senior South African officials. Peres said Israel never negotiated the transfer of nuclear weapons to South Africa. "There exists no basis in reality for the claims published this morning by The Guardian that in 1975 Israel negotiated with South Africa the exchange of nuclear weapons," the president said in an English-language statement. "Unfortunately, **The Guardian elected to write its piece based on the selective interpretation of South African documents and not on concrete facts.**" The article is based on a series of documents the South African government declassified in response to a request from American academic Sasha Polakow-Suransky, who is writing a book called "The Unspoken Alliance" about the close relationship between the Israel and South Africa. Appearing alongside the article, the partially censored documents show a formal request from the South Africans for nuclear-capable warheads, and minutes of meetings in which then-Defense Minister Peres listed weapons available for sale. But they do not appear to confirm any transfer of weapons, or any explicit offer from the Israelis to sell nuclear materials or nuclear-capable weapons to the South Africans. **The documents accompanying the story do show Peres' signature on minutes from a meeting where the then-defense minister discussed payloads available in "three sizes,"** one of several phrases that Peres said The Guardian misconstrued. In response to the article, the South African government said it has dismantled all its nuclear weapons but did not relate to the 1975 claim. The British paper did not call the Israeli government for a response to the article, Peres said, adding that his office "intends to send a harsh letter to the editor of The Guardian and demands the publication of the true facts." **The Guardian claims the documents offer the first documentary evidence of Israel's nuclear program. In 1986, another British newspaper, the Sunday Times, published pictures and descriptions from a former technician at Israel's main nuclear reactor, leading experts to estimate that Israel had the world's sixth-largest nuclear arsenal.** According to its policy, Israel has never acknowledged or denied possessing nuclear weapons, though it is widely assumed to have them (Fox News, 2010).

**Date:** August 1976  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Benton County, Washington, USA  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Explosion, contamination of worker  
**Name:** *1976 Hanford Nuclear Disaster*

**Abstract:** An explosion at the Hanford site Plutonium Finishing Plant blew out a quarter-inch-thick lead glass window. Harold McCluskey, a worker, was showered with nitric acid and radioactive glass. He inhaled the largest dose of 241Am ever recorded, about 500 times the U.S. government occupational standards. The worker was placed in isolation for five months and given an experimental drug to flush the isotope from his body. By 1977, his body's radiation count had fallen by about 80 percent. He died of natural causes in 1987 at age 75 (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** May 22, 1978  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Puget Sound, Washington, USA  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Spill of irradiated water  
**Name:** *1978 U.S.S. Puffer Nuclear Incident*

**Abstract:** A valve was mistakenly opened aboard the submarine USS Puffer releasing up to 500 US gallons (1,900 l; 420 imp gal) of radioactive water (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** September 18, 1980  
**Source:** Wikipedia  
**Location:** Little Rock Air Force Base, Jacksonville, Arkansas, USA  
**Proliferator:** United States of America  
**Proliferation:** Nuclear missile explosion with no detonation  
**Name:** *1980 USAF Titan-II Nuclear Missile Incident*

**Abstract:** At about 6:30 p.m., an airman conducting maintenance on a USAF Titan-II missile at Little Rock Air Force Base's Launch Complex 374-7 in Southside (Van Buren County), just north of Damascus, Arkansas, dropped a socket from a socket wrench, which fell about 80 feet (24 m) before hitting and piercing the skin on the rocket's first-stage fuel tank, causing it to leak. The area was evacuated. At about 3:00 a.m., on September 19, 1980, the hypergolic fuel exploded. The W53 warhead landed about 100 feet (30 m) from the launch

complex's entry gate; its safety features operated correctly and prevented any loss of radioactive material. An Air Force airman was killed and the launch complex was destroyed (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** 1986

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Hanford Nuclear Site, Richland, Washington

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Release of thousands of US gallons of radioactive liquids

**Name:** 1986 U.S. Government Hanford Nuclear Disclosure

**Abstract:** The U.S. government declassifies 19,000 pages of documents indicating that between 1946 and 1986, the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington, released thousands of US gallons of radioactive liquids. Many of the people living in the affected area received low doses of radiation from 131 (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** October 1988

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Golden, Colorado, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Air and groundwater contaminated with radioactivity

**Name:** 1988 Rocky Flats Nuclear Incident

**Abstract:** At the nuclear trigger assembly facility at Rocky Flats in Colorado, two employees and a D.O.E. inspector inhale radioactive particles, causing closure of the plant. Several safety violations were cited, including uncalibrated monitors, inadequate fire equipment, and groundwater contaminated with radioactivity (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** July 26, 1994

**Source:** Wikipedia

**Location:** Golden, Colorado, USA

**Proliferator:** United States of America

**Proliferation:** Illegal burn of radioactive material

**Name:** 1994 Rocky Flats Nuclear Incident

**Abstract:** Two scientists, Otto K. Heiney, 52, of Chatsworth and Larry A. Pugh, 51, of Thousand Oaks, were killed when the chemicals they were illegally burning in open pits exploded. After a grand jury investigation and FBI raid on the facility, three Rocketdyne officials pleaded guilty in June 2004 to illegally storing explosive materials. The jury deadlocked on the more serious charges related to illegal burning of hazardous waste. At trial, a retired Rocketdyne mechanic testified as to what he witnessed at the time of the explosion: "I assumed we were burning waste," Wells testified, comparing the process used on July 21 and 26, 1994, to that once used to legally dispose of leftover chemicals at the company's old burn pit. As Heiney poured the chemicals for what would have been the third burn of the day, the blast occurred, Wells said. "[The background noise] was so loud I didn't hear anything ... I felt the blast and I looked down and my shirt was coming apart." When he realized what had occurred, Wells said, "I felt to see if I was all there ... I knew I was burned but I didn't know how bad (Wikipedia, 2010).

**Date:** January 8, 2001

**Source:** BBC, Alex Kirby

**Title/Headline:** Israel Denies Depleted Uranium Use

**Abstract:** As debate intensifies in Europe over the risks of depleted uranium (DU) weapons, Israel has insisted that it is not using them. It has rejected an allegation by a Palestinian minister that its forces are firing them in the current wave of violence. Israel is known to possess DU munitions, and a reluctance to use them now could indicate an awareness of the risks involved. And even some critics say it would gain nothing from resorting to DU weapons. A Ramallah newspaper, al-Hayat al-Jadidah, accused the Israelis on 19 December of using DU. It said the Palestinian Interior Minister, Dr Yusuf Abu-Safieh, had "confirmed that the occupation authorities have started using radioactive uranium ammunition to suppress the intifada". The minister said the Palestinian President, Yasser Arafat, was assembling a committee "to examine the situation". But the Israeli Embassy in London told BBC News Online the report was completely without foundation, and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) were not using DU. It did not say why the IDF were not using DU munitions, nor whether they might do so in the future. Last November the independent Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group (PHRMG) asked the IDF about reports that Israeli helicopters had been using DU ammunition throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip. An IDF spokesman said no such ammunition had been used. The same month a US group, the International Action Center (IAC), called for an inquiry into what it said was Israel's use of DU weapons. IAC members say they picked up shell casings and metal fragments around Nablus and Ramallah which they believe contained DU. But the debris was confiscated from them as they were leaving Israel, so they were unable to test it for radioactivity. More than 350 people have been killed in the last three months in the violence between Palestinians and Israelis. Most of those who died have been Palestinians. Depleted uranium is a heavy substance, 1.7 times as dense as lead, and used in armour-piercing munitions. Many veterans of the Gulf War believe it is implicated in a range of medical problems they are suffering from, known collectively as Gulf War Syndrome. And members of the armed forces of several European countries who served in Bosnia and Kosovo now say they believe DU may have made them ill. Because of its ability to punch through armour, DU is prized as a highly effective anti-tank weapon. In its natural state, it is only mildly radioactive. On impact with a solid object it turns into a burning vapour. The US Defense Department and the UK Ministry of Defence accept that the resulting



dust can be dangerous, and say troops entering vehicles hit by DU weapons need to take precautions. But they say the dust soon ceases to be a significant problem, and is unlikely to move far from the site of the explosion, though independent authors have found it can be blown many miles. **The US and UK military authorities say any risk from DU comes from its toxicity as a heavy metal, and that its radioactivity is negligible** (Kirby, 2001).



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**Date:** October 28, 2006

**Source:** The Independent, Robert Fisk

**Title/Headline:** *Mystery Of Israel's Secret Uranium Bomb*

**Abstract:** Did Israel use a secret new uranium-based weapon in southern Lebanon this summer in the 34-day assault that cost more than 1,300 Lebanese lives, most of them civilians? We know that the Israelis used American "bunker-buster" bombs on Hizbollah's Beirut headquarters. We know that they drenched southern Lebanon with cluster bombs in the last 72 hours of the war, leaving tens of thousands of bomblets which are still killing Lebanese civilians every week. And we now know - after it first categorically denied using such munitions - that the Israeli army also used phosphorous bombs, weapons which are supposed to be restricted under the third protocol of the Geneva Conventions, which neither Israel nor the United States have signed. But scientific evidence gathered from at least two bomb craters in Khiam and At-Tiri, the scene of fierce fighting between Hizbollah guerrillas and Israeli troops last July and August, suggests that uranium-based munitions may now also be included in Israel's weapons inventory - and were used against targets in Lebanon. According to Dr Chris Busby, the British Scientific Secretary of the European Committee on Radiation Risk, two soil samples thrown up by Israeli heavy or guided bombs showed "elevated radiation signatures". Both have been forwarded for further examination to the Harwell laboratory in Oxfordshire for mass spectrometry - used by the Ministry of Defence - which has confirmed the concentration of uranium isotopes in the samples. Dr Busby's initial report states that there are two possible reasons for the contamination. "The first is that the weapon was some novel small experimental nuclear fission device or other experimental weapon (eg, a thermobaric weapon) based on the high temperature of a uranium oxidation flash ... The second is that the weapon was a bunker-busting conventional uranium penetrator weapon employing enriched uranium rather than depleted uranium." A photograph of the explosion of the first bomb shows large clouds of black smoke that might result from burning uranium. Enriched uranium is produced from natural uranium ore and is used as fuel for nuclear reactors. A waste product of the enrichment process is depleted uranium, it is an extremely hard metal used in anti-tank missiles for penetrating armour. Depleted uranium is less radioactive than natural uranium, which is less radioactive than enriched uranium. Israel has a poor reputation for telling the truth about its use of weapons in Lebanon. In 1982, it denied using phosphorous munitions on civilian areas - until journalists discovered dying and dead civilians whose wounds caught fire when exposed to air. I saw two dead babies who, when taken from a mortuary drawer in West Beirut during the Israeli siege of the city, suddenly burst back into flames. Israel officially denied using phosphorous again in Lebanon during the summer - except for "marking" targets - even after civilians were photographed in Lebanese hospitals with burn wounds consistent with phosphorous munitions. Then on Sunday, Israel suddenly admitted that it had not been telling the truth. Jacob Edery, the Israeli minister in charge of government-parliament relations, confirmed that phosphorous shells were used in direct attacks against Hizbollah, adding that "according to international law, the use of phosphorous munitions is authorised and the (Israeli) army keeps to the rules of international norms". Asked by The Independent if the Israeli army had been using uranium-based munitions in Lebanon this summer, Mark Regev, the Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman, said: "Israel does not use any weaponry which is not authorised by international law or international conventions." This, however, begs more questions than it answers. Much international law does not cover modern uranium weapons because they were not invented when humanitarian rules such as the Geneva Conventions were drawn up and because Western governments still refuse to believe that their use can cause long-term damage to the health of thousands of civilians living in the area of the explosions. American and British forces used hundreds of tons of depleted uranium (DU) shells in Iraq in 1991 - their hardened penetrator warheads manufactured from the waste products of the nuclear industry - and five years later, a plague of cancers emerged across the south of Iraq. Initial US military assessments warned of grave consequences for public health if such weapons were used against armoured vehicles. But the US administration and the British government later went out of their way to belittle these claims. Yet the cancers continued to spread amid reports that civilians in Bosnia - where DU was also used by Nato aircraft - were suffering new forms of cancer. DU shells were again used in the 2003 Anglo-American invasion of Iraq but it is too early to register any health effects. "When a uranium penetrator hits a hard target, the particles of the explosion are very long-lived in the environment," Dr Busby said yesterday. "They spread over long distances. They can be inhaled into the lungs. The military really seem to believe that this stuff is not as dangerous as it is." Yet why would Israel use such a weapon when its targets - in the case of Khiam, for example - were only two miles from the Israeli border? The dust ignited by DU munitions can be blown across international borders, just as the chlorine gas used in attacks by both sides in the First World War often blew back on its perpetrators. Chris Bellamy, the professor of military science and doctrine at Cranfield University, who has reviewed the Busby report, said: "At worst it's some sort of experimental weapon with an enriched uranium component the purpose of which we don't yet know. At best - if you can say that - it shows a remarkably cavalier attitude to the use of nuclear waste products." The soil sample from Khiam - site of a notorious torture prison when Israel occupied southern Lebanon between 1978 and 2000, and a frontline Hizbollah stronghold in the summer war - was a piece of impacted red earth from an explosion; the isotope ratio was 108, indicative of the presence of enriched uranium. "The health effects on local civilian populations following the use of large uranium penetrators and the large amounts of respirable uranium oxide particles in the atmosphere," the Busby report says, "are likely to be significant ... we recommend that the area is examined for further traces of these weapons with a view to clean up." This

summer's Lebanon war began after Hizbollah guerrillas crossed the Lebanese frontier into Israel, captured two Israeli soldiers and killed three others, prompting Israel to unleash a massive bombardment of Lebanon's villages, cities, bridges and civilian infrastructure. **Human rights groups have said that Israel committed war crimes when it attacked civilians, but that Hizbollah was also guilty of such crimes because it fired missiles into Israel which were also filled with ball-bearings, turning their rockets into primitive one-time-only cluster bombs.** Many Lebanese, however, long ago concluded that the latest Lebanon war was a weapons testing ground for the Americans and Iranians, who respectively supply Israel and Hizbollah with munitions. Just as Israel used hitherto-unproven US missiles in its attacks, so the Iranians were able to test-fire a rocket which hit an Israeli corvette off the Lebanese coast, killing four Israeli sailors and almost sinking the vessel after it suffered a 15-hour on-board fire. **What the weapons manufacturers make of the latest scientific findings of potential uranium weapons use in southern Lebanon is not yet known. Nor is their effect on civilians** (Fisk, 2008).

**Date:** November 8, 2007

**Source:** Washington Post

**Proliferator:** Republic of South Africa

**Proliferation:** Nuclear Site Breached

**Location:** Pelindaba, South Africa

**Name:** 2007 South African Nuclear Site Incidents

**Date:** December 20, 2007

**Source:** Washington Post, Micah Zenko

**Title/Headline:** *A Nuclear Site Is Breached: South African Attack Should Sound Alarms*

**Abstract:** An underreported attack on a South African nuclear facility demonstrates the high risk of theft of nuclear materials by terrorists or criminals. Such a crime could have grave national security implications for the United States or any of the dozens of countries where nuclear materials are held in various states of security. **Shortly after midnight on Nov. 8, four armed men broke into the Pelindaba nuclear facility 18 miles west of Pretoria, a site where hundreds of kilograms of weapons-grade uranium are stored.** According to the South African Nuclear Energy Corp., the state-owned entity that runs the Pelindaba facility, these four "technically sophisticated criminals" deactivated several layers of security, including a 10,000-volt electrical fence, suggesting insider knowledge of the system. Though their images were captured on closed-circuit television, they were not detected by security officers because nobody was monitoring the cameras at the time. So, **undetected, the four men spent 45 minutes inside one of South Africa's most heavily guarded "national key points" -- defined by the government as "any place or area that is so important that its loss, damage, disruption or immobilization may prejudice the Republic."** Eventually, the attackers broke into the emergency control center in the middle of the facility, stole a computer (which was ultimately left behind) and breached an electronically sealed control room. After a brief struggle, they shot Anton Gerber, an off-duty emergency services officer. Gerber later explained that he was hanging around because he believed (reasonably, in retrospect) that his fiancée -- a site supervisor -- was not safe at work. Although badly injured, Gerber triggered the alarm, setting off sirens and lights and alerting police stationed a few miles away. **Nevertheless, the four escaped, leaving the facility the same way they broke in.** Amazingly, at the same time those four men entered Pelindaba from its eastern perimeter, a separate group of intruders failed in an attempt to break in from the west. **The timing suggests a coordinated attack against a facility that contains an estimated 25 bombs' worth of weapons-grade nuclear material.** On Nov. 16, local police arrested three suspects, ranging in age from 17 to 28, in connection with this incident. In response to the successful attack, the South African Nuclear Energy Corp. suspended six Pelindaba security personnel, including the general manager of security, and promised an "internal investigation which will cover culpability, negligence and improvements of Security Systems." It should be noted that Pelindaba's security was considered to have been upgraded after a break-in there two years ago (one individual was detained shortly after breaching the security fence). It is still unclear why the two groups of intruders sought to break into this particular facility. More important, however, is that **had the armed attackers succeeded in penetrating the site's highly enriched uranium storage vault, where the weapons-grade nuclear material is believed to be held, they could have carried away the ingredients for the world's first terrorist nuclear bomb.** As this incident shows, nuclear terrorism is a global issue, extending far beyond the familiar policy talking points of U.S. cooperation with Russia over its nuclear stockpiles, the security of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal in the face of threats from Islamic extremists, and concerns that if Iran acquires nuclear capabilities it could provide a bomb to sympathetic terrorist organizations (Zenko, 2007).

**Date:** January 5, 2008

**Source:** Prison Planet, Infowars, Paul Joseph Watson

**Title/Headline:** *Israel Using Depleted Uranium Against Gaza Victims*

**Abstract:** Medics have found traces of depleted uranium in victims of Israel's brutal attack on Gaza, according to a Press TV report, meaning the ultimate death toll could be far higher as future generations are plagued by cancers and birth defects. "Norwegian medics told Press TV correspondent Akram al-Sattari that some of the victims who have been wounded since Israel began its attacks on the Gaza Strip on December 27 have traces of depleted uranium in their bodies," states the article. Following the conclusion of the first Gulf War in 1991, in which depleted uranium was used by U.S. forces, cancers and birth defects in Iraq soared and many veterans organizations agree that the weapon was responsible for the emergence of Gulf War Syndrome that has plagued hundreds of thousands of Gulf War veterans. **Depleted uranium shell holes at the infamous Highway of Death in Iraq showed measurements 1,000 times more radioactive than background radiation.** The residue of a DU weapon can be spread by the wind and infect humans not in the immediate area as well as the entire food chain. In 1999, the UN called for the use of depleted uranium to be banned worldwide but efforts to downplay its effects led by the Pentagon have blocked such a ban. Former head of the Pentagon's 1994 U.S. Army Depleted Uranium Project Maj. Doug Rokke has faced constant harassment, including murder attempts, after going public in 1997 to expose the health effects from depleted uranium that the U.S. government and the World Health Organization

have consistently dismissed. **Israel's use of depleted uranium against victims of the Gaza bombing campaign provides further evidence that war crimes are being committed with the tacit approval of both the current administration as well as president elect Barack Obama** (Watson, 2008).

**Date:** May 21, 2008

**Source:** The Independent

**Proliferator:** The United Kingdom of Great Britain

**Proliferation:** Unguarded Secret Shipments of Weapons-Ready Plutonium

**Location:** Cumbria, England en route to Cap la Hague, France

**Name:** *Secret British Plutonium Shipments Exposed By France*

**Date:** July 27, 2008

**Source:** The Independent, Geoffrey Lean

**Title/Headline:** *Ferry Shipments Of 'Terror-Threat' Plutonium End*

**Abstract:** **Top-secret shipments of weapons-ready plutonium through British waters have been stopped, after their exposure by The Independent.** The Department for Transport (DFT) said that it had taken "regulatory action" to prohibit the shipments from Sellafield to Normandy on an unarmed old roll-on, roll-off ferry, with few safety or security features. The prohibition, the first of its kind, was imposed after complaints by the French nuclear safety authorities. **The shipments – denounced by nuclear weapons experts as "madness" and "totally irresponsible" – were carrying hundreds of kilograms of plutonium-dioxide powder, described as the ideal material for terrorists seeking to create a nuclear explosion or make a dirty bomb. Only 10kg of the plutonium, experts claim, would be needed to make a terrorist atomic weapon.** John Large, an independent nuclear expert, called it **"the most dangerous and worst possible material you could ship"**. The first shipment – in the converted ferry Atlantic Osprey – was about to leave Cumbria for a French nuclear complex at Cap la Hague in March, when the plan was exposed in The Independent. Peter Ainsworth, the Conservative environment spokesman, and Steve Webb, his Lib-Dem counterpart, **condemned the shipment as a threat to national security and it was delayed for two months, finally taking place secretly on 21 May.** The DFT refused to explain why it had acted, apart from saying that **"the company failed to abide by the terms of its certificate of approval"**. Sellafield Ltd has said it is appealing against the decision. It said: "We take this matter very seriously", adding: "We are unable to comment any further." Mr Baker, the Lib-Dem transport spokesman, said: **"The Government was very lax in allowing this material to be shipped on such an unsuitable vessel"** (Lean, 2008).

**Date:** April 15, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Jerry Mazza

**Title/Headline:** *Depleted Uranium Is Destroying Life*

**Abstract:** I have long heard sound-bites or seen passages about depleted uranium that sounded more than dire. But given my own cognitive dissonance, and the fact that I was writing about many other dire topics at the time, I filed depleted uranium in my cranium for future investigation, which, given the human aversion to bad news, could have been never. But never was over in an exchange of emails about nuclear missiles in Israel's arsenal. I received some startling nuclear information from San Francisco Bay View writer, Bob Nichols. It was an illumination long-time coming. I started at the end of Bob's article to find out who he was. His credits read "Bob Nichols is a Project Censored Award winning writer and a San Francisco Bay View correspondent. A former bomb maker in a U.S. government factory in rural Oklahoma, he reports on the two nuclear weapons labs in the Bay Area. He can be reached at duweapons@gmail.com." His credentials were impressive and so was the article he sent, PTSD, infertility and other consequences of war. In several, follow-up phone calls, Bob, in his gentle, mid-western drawl, filled me in on **the picture of the imposing disasters caused by depleted uranium in Central Asia and in the Mid-East, in which hundreds of thousands of tons of depleted uranium had been dropped in the past 20 years.** Bob pointed out that San Francisco itself was receiving fallout from the Berkeley National [Nuclear Weapons] Lab, and from the Livermore Laboratory in the South Bay area, managed by San Francisco-based Bechtel, a nuclear-capable corporation, boosted by San Francisco's "Nuclear Nancy" Pelosi and her friends at Bechtel" as Bob commented. The University of California at Berkeley now earns more from weapons than from students. The San Francisco facilities have been part of the Manhattan Project, operating from pre-1945, contributing a dangerous amount of radiation to the area with weapons testing and leakages of material into the Bay. It was for this reason, Nichols told me, that he still lives in Oklahoma, though he has a real love affair with San Francisco. Yet he fears for its human and natural safety due to poisoning by the nuclear projects. In fact, he bemoaned the occasion of "Fleet Week," "the happy boys sent off to war by Mayor Gavin Newsom's Fleet Week – an event responsible for a big chunk of the enlistments in the US Navy and marines – who will probably come in deadly contact with another Bay Area product: depleted uranium, aka DU, and weaponized ceramic uranium oxide gas and aerosols, UO." As he wrote, **"Iraq and virtually all the rest of the Middle East and Central Asia have been continually dosed for almost 20 years with thousands of tons of weaponized ceramic uranium oxide gas, also known as depleted uranium. "When used as directed, the depleted uranium bullets, shells and bombs become a lethal uranium gas or aerosol. The poison uranium oxide gas aerosols last for billions of years and never stop indiscriminately maiming and killing, which is a war crime in itself."** That was shocking to hear. So I did a bit of research to corroborate Bob's claims and came upon a number of YouTube pieces, one particularly powerful ten-minute piece called Depleted Uranium – The Ultimate Dirty Bomb. It features Dr. Doug Rokke, US Army Health Physicist and Nuclear Medicine Sciences Officer, as well as the internationally known Geological Scientist and International Radiation Expert Leuren Moret. Please take ten minutes to listen to it. **Dr. Rokke explains that as far back as 1973 [the Yom Kippur War], radioactive materials carpeted Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq.** He mentions too that DU radioactive contamination makes food and water unusable. He explains how the huge jolts of electrical energy in a small amount of depleted uranium can destroy human cells. **Most notably, Dr. Rooke estimates that from October/November 1991 in Gulf War 1, 160,000 US soldiers were permanently disabled by US use of some 340 tons of depleted uranium. Ten years later that number had climbed to 221,000 and left 10,000 dead.** Dr. Rooke, a victim himself of the lack of proper

post-battle examinations for DU poisoning, spoke with a tempered but deliberate anger and frustration at the damage done to all, including civilian populations, combatants, and himself. **Lauren Moret pointed out that as far back as 1943 depleted uranium usage, aka "poison gas warfare" was encouraged in a government memo shown on screen. She also tells us that the UN Human Rights Commission declared depleted uranium as illegal. The ultimate irony she points out is that in 2003 we attacked Iraq and Saddam Hussein for possessing Weapons of Mass Destruction, which turned out not to be true. Yet when we attacked Iraq in 2003, we dropped between 1000 to 2000 tons of depleted uranium, a known Weapon of Mass Nuclear Destruction in a three-week period. This is a war crime unto itself. This all jibed with Bob Nichol's writings, especially the fact that the damage of depleted uranium is forever, lasting billions of years in the atmosphere, the earth and water, as it lasts on clothing, the skin, the human body, destroying vital organs, causing birth defects of all kinds, cancers, infertility, damage to the bones, brains, testicles and ovaries, which applies to civilians and animals as well. As Nichols writes, "Uranium munitions, containing weaponized uranium oxide gas and aerosols, are used by presidential order in US war zones. Privates and corporals do not decide to use these poisonous uranium gas weapons on their own. No, that order comes from the American president." "Uranium oxide gas weapons are called 'genocidal weapons.' They maim and kill millions of people, their animals and their land. The actual targets by the US Expeditionary Forces are the populations of Central Asia and the Middle East, about a billion people."** Remember that US forces themselves are the victims as well of these weapons, the worst imaginable blowback. In fact, Nichols points us towards a "Middle Eastern country that requires all 18-year olds to join national service for several years. This country even has a roughly comparable health care system to America for a population of 7,233,701, according to the CIA World Factbook. This country is Israel." Bob sent along an article from the noted Israeli paper, Haaretz, dated 3/21/2010: Study: **Quality of Israeli sperm down 40% in past decade. Bob claimed the number was fudged somewhat because from 2004-2008 there was a 10 million sperm a year drop-off. Taken to 2015, all of the nation would be infertile.** The motility of the tested sperm also indicated a drop-off. These samples were taken from healthy young people who do not smoke. "In Israel, too," Haaretz writes, a study was published about a year ago, showing an increase of about 30 percent in defects in the male reproductive system. In addition, in the past decade, the number of cases of testicular cancer has doubled." Haaretz goes on to attribute the sperm drop to "chemicals in the ground and in drinking water...as impacting hormone levels and secondary sexual characteristics." The paragraph concludes with **"Studies published in Britain have highlighted a clear connection between continual decline in sperm counts and chemicals in the environment."** In the next to last paragraph of Bob Nichols' article, he writes of the Israeli situation, **"Since 20 percent live sperm is considered to be the beginning of infertility, Israel will be sterile in less than 10 years at this rate of decline. The estimated 7 million Israeli Jews will have no more children after that.** This catastrophic development has already occasioned legislative hearings in Israel's Knesset... Israeli sperm concentration is just an example of what is happening to human sperm all over the Middle East and Central Asia, by the choice and force of will of successive US presidents." **The 800-pound gorilla in the room here is that young people tested (both men and women) are performing in the Israeli Defense Forces, and face massive amounts of depleted uranium in the US manufactured weaponry being used in the ongoing conflict with the Palestinians. The land, animals, and those involved in the conflict on both sides must be, by definition, poisoned by these toxic weapons of nuclear destruction.** That's the real story. The Israelis have performed a service in a way just by conducting a bona fide scientific analysis of the situation. In nearby Iraq, three-headed babies are turning up and a virtual Pandora's Box of birth defects that you can see here. Caution: these are not pretty pictures, but they are true pictures of what the future could be as the present. Again, please read the entire Haaretz article and view the YouTube piece. Or check the more conservative Wikipedia for the 38-page article (which includes 13 pages of footnotes) linked here on Depleted Uranium. You can verify the information presented above and find more information as well. **In fact, the first DU, which uses radioactive isotope-238 was "manufactured in the 1940's when the US and USSR began their nuclear weapons and nuclear power programs."** P.S. Depleted uranium bombs were also used on Serbia in the Bosnian War by President Clinton. **The total world inventory of depleted uranium stands at 1,188,273 tonnes as of 2002. That is enough to wipe out life on the planet for billions of years. The United States leads the pack with 480,000 tonnes; Russia closely follow with 460,000 million tonnes; France, 190,000 tonnes; United Kingdom, 30,000 tonnes, etcetera. As to the Legal Status of DU, Wiki reports, "In 1996 the International Court of Justice (ICJ) gave an advisory opinion on the 'legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons'. [29] This made it clear, in paragraphs 54, 55 and 56, that international law on poisonous weapons—the Second Hague Declaration of 29 July 1899, Hague Convention IV of 18 October 1907 and the Geneva Protocol of 17 June 1925—did not cover nuclear weapons, because their prime or exclusive use was not to poison or asphyxiate. This ICJ opinion was about nuclear weapons, but the sentence 'The terms have been understood, in the practice of States, in their ordinary sense as covering weapons whose prime, or even exclusive, effect is to poison or asphyxiate,' also removes depleted uranium weaponry from coverage by the same treaties as their primary use is not to poison or asphyxiate, but to destroy material and kill soldiers through kinetic energy" (Mazza, 2010).**

**Date:** May 8, 2010

**Source:** Press TV (Iran)

**Title/Headline:** *IAEA To Focus On Israeli Nukes In June*

**Abstract:** "The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will discuss Israel - the owner of Middle East's sole atomic arsenal -- and its nuclear activities. The IAEA is allowed to refer nuclear proliferation concerns to the UN Security Council. The issue, which has always eluded IAEA's agenda with the help of the United States, has been included in the list of items to be brought up at the agency's gathering on June 7, the Associated Press reported. **The matter is to be discussed under the subject of Israel's "nuclear capabilities" at the request of the body's 18 Arab members. The organization has avoided the issue since its inception and for more than half a century amid Israel's insistence on maintaining a policy of nuclear "ambiguity," under which the regime neither confirms nor denies having nuclear weapons.** Tel Aviv has repeatedly brushed aside international calls for joining the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). **Since 1958, when Israel began building the Dimona plutonium and uranium processing facility, it has allegedly manufactured scores of nuclear warheads, earning reputation as the sole owner of such weapons in the Middle East.** Former US President Jimmy Carter has attested to the existence of the arsenal, which he said includes between 200 to 300 warheads. According to AP, the June meeting's agenda could change, should Washington and other Israeli allies raise strong objections to the measure" (Press TV, 2010).



**Date:** June 2, 2010

**Source:** Infowars, Tehran Times

**Title/Headline:** *Iran Haze Contains Depleted Uranium*

**Abstract:** An Iranian lawmaker says the haze that arrives in Iran from Iraq is polluted with depleted uranium due to the U.S. military's use of the prohibited weapon in the neighboring country. MP Mohammad-Mehdi Shahriari called for urgent measures to prevent the diffusion of the Iraqi haze over Iran. "This is not an issue that can be easily neglected," said Shahriari, who is a member of the Majlis National Security and Foreign Policy Committee. "Everyone knows that the United States has used depleted uranium during the occupation of Iraq, and this has contaminated the Iraqi soil, which arrives in Iran once in a while and pollutes Iranian soil," the Iranian MP told the Mehr News Agency on Monday. "The results of this polluted soil will be seen in the agricultural products in the coming years, it endangers people's health, and its harmful impact could be transferred to the next generation," he added. "Silence on this issue could create a humanitarian catastrophe in the country," the Iranian lawmaker stated. The aerosol produced during impact and combustion of depleted uranium munitions can potentially contaminate wide areas around the impact sites or can be inhaled by civilians and military personnel. Experts have calculated that from all sources that between 1,000 to 2,000 tons of depleted uranium munitions were used during a three-week period of conflict in 2003 in Iraq, mostly in cities, The Guardian reported in an article published in 2003 (Tehran Times, 2010).



**Arrested: A high-risk operation by the Hawks' specialised tactical unit resulted in an international police sting at a Pretoria petrol station. Photo: CCTV footage**

**Date:** July 9, 2010

**Source:** Voice Of America News

**Proliferator:** Unknown

**Proliferation:** Attempted Sale of an Industrial Nuclear Device

**Location:** Pretoria, South Africa

**Name:** *2010 World Cup Final Nuclear Incident*

**Date:** July 10, 2010

**Source:** Voice Of America News (VOA)

**Title/Headline:** *4 Arrested In South Africa Trying To Sell Nuclear Device*

**Abstract:** South African police say they have arrested four men in the capital, Pretoria, for attempting to sell what they describe as an industrial nuclear device to undercover officers. The men - all South Africans - were arrested Friday at a Pretoria gas station, where they attempted to sell the device for about \$6 million. Police say Interpol was also involved in the operation. **They did not say where the device came from or for what industrial purpose it is used, but did say it contained radioactive material.** The officials say the four will appear in court soon to face charges of possession of a radioactive device, as well as health code violations for handling radioactive material in public (VOA, 2010).

**Date:** July 23, 2010

**Source:** Nuclear Engineering International, Steven Kidd

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Proliferation Risk – Is It Vastly Overrated?*

**Abstract:** The recent well-publicised outpourings of anxiety about the potential consequences of nuclear terrorism overlook the fact that nuclear weapons are usually a matter for states, rather than individuals. By Steve Kidd A significant amount of media attention has recently attached itself to the nuclear security meeting convened by US president Barack Obama and the five-yearly review conference for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which followed soon afterwards. **The fear of so-called 'rogue nations' acquiring nuclear weapons, or terrorist organisations creating outrages by misuse of nuclear materials, clearly remains strong.** Many column inches also continue to be devoted to various North Korean nuclear activities and to Iran's alleged intentions to pursue a weapons programme. **There therefore remains a fear that this may cast a shadow over the nuclear renaissance, particularly as many people clearly believe that nuclear energy and bombs are merely two faces of the same coin. But it is surely not unreasonable to question whether these fears are being substantially inflated and possibly manipulated by various interest groups in order to suit their own purposes.** There is, however, no doubt that nuclear materials could conceivably be diverted from a civil nuclear power programme into the production of nuclear weapons or alternatively, major fuel cycle processes (notably enrichment and reprocessing of used fuel) could be employed to produce weapons rather than fuel for civil reactors. Similarly, it is understandable that concerns over the security of civil nuclear facilities have multiplied since the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York. The possibility of aircraft crashing into such plants has naturally now been raised, as have possible terrorist incursions at plants either to acquire materials for weapons or to misuse the facility to create an explosion or a major radioactive release. Rather like the risks of operating nuclear power plants themselves, these possibilities largely boil down to assessing very low probability events which may have big consequences. Human beings are notoriously bad at this and frequently reach what seem to be illogical conclusions. This is highlighted by a recent book by a US academic, John Mueller, Atomic Obsession–Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al-Qaeda. **Mueller argues very persuasively (but certainly also**



controversially) that the impact of nuclear weapons has been substantially overstated both in terms of their likely destructive power (in the hands of any party other than one of the five recognised nuclear weapons states) but also in their real impact on human history since 1945. He emphasizes how slow proliferation of weapons has been in reality, partly because the difficulties of acquiring nuclear materials and developing weapons technology are much greater than commonly stated, but also because all but a few countries have no real interest in acquiring weapons, as they make little sense beyond supposedly increasing national prestige. Similarly, the task of the atomic terrorist is far from simple. If it were as easy as many people claim, why haven't there been any incidents, even when the controls on nuclear materials were far looser than today? And why do terrorist incidents (with the possible exception of the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway in 1995) usually involve low tech methods, such as people attaching bombs to themselves or taking over commercial airlines armed with box cutters and then flying them into prominent buildings? **There may not be, in reality, any substantive black market in nuclear materials, despite the stories we regularly hear of nuclear trafficking.** The comparison sometimes made with narcotic drugs is not reasonable; although drug seizures are known to be the tip of a very large iceberg, controls on the production, trade and transport of nuclear materials are much stiffer and potential buyers are very limited in number. First, security considerations have been addressed by deploying additional armed personnel at facilities and by other measures to prevent incursions, while new nuclear plants are designed with the possibility of an aircraft impact much in mind. **Although such events are clearly not impossible, the entire 50-year history of civil nuclear power contains nothing to suggest that the risks are other than very remote.** Little can be done other than what has been accomplished already and the risks should certainly not be allowed to dominate the assessment of potential future actions. **Indeed, critics of nuclear power are very bad at keeping things in perspective and fail to apply similar degrees of scrutiny to other plans.** For example, should football stadiums not be licensed for 80,000 fans, simply because a direct aircraft strike during a game could conceivably kill many thousands? Should the walls of the stadium have to be several metres thick? Proliferation of nuclear materials and technology and their integration into weapons are notably more substantive risks, particularly as they will likely involve sovereign states with their greater resources above those of a terrorist organisation. **Critics of nuclear power emphasise that designing a nuclear bomb itself is not particularly difficult (even if, as Mueller emphasises, actually manufacturing and delivering a weapon certainly is).** So much of the world anti-proliferation regime is based on controls on fissile materials; if the necessary plutonium or highly enriched uranium is not available either by diversion from civil uses or production in a local facility, a weapon is impossible. It is therefore necessary for nuclear power critics to focus on alleged weaknesses in the international nuclear safeguards regime or in the security of nuclear materials transport, plus the possible spread of enrichment and reprocessing technologies to countries who may have an interest beyond normal civil uses. **While there is no room for complacency, the real risks are actually as remote as those associated with nuclear facility security and mean that attempts to stiffen safeguards even further will encounter reasonable objections.** Nevertheless, over the past 35 years, the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) safeguards system under the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) has been a conspicuous international success in curbing the diversion of civil uranium into military uses. **Most countries have indeed renounced nuclear weapons, recognising that possessing of them would threaten rather than enhance national security. They have therefore embraced the NPT as a public commitment to use nuclear materials and technology only for peaceful purposes.** Parties to the NPT agree to accept technical safeguards measures applied by the IAEA, complemented by controls on the export of sensitive technology from countries such as UK and USA through voluntary bodies such as the Nuclear Suppliers' Group (NSG). Safeguards require that operators of nuclear facilities maintain and declare detailed accounting records of all movements and transactions involving nuclear material. The aim is to deter the diversion of nuclear material from peaceful use by maximising the risk of early detection. At a broader level they provide assurance to the international community that countries are honouring their treaty commitments to use nuclear materials and facilities exclusively for peaceful purposes. In this way safeguards are a service both to the international community and to individual states, who recognise that it is in their own interest to demonstrate compliance with these commitments (Kidd, 2010). **All NPT non-weapons states must accept these full-scope safeguards, while facility-specific safeguards apply in the five weapons states (USA, Russia, UK, France and China) plus the non-NPT states (India, Pakistan and Israel).** Iran and North Korea illustrate both the strengths and weaknesses of international safeguards. While accepting safeguards at declared facilities, Iran has allegedly set up equipment elsewhere in an attempt to enrich uranium to weapons grade [see also 'Figuring out Fordow,' NEI March 2010, pp20-2]. North Korea used research reactors (not commercial electricity-generating reactors) and a reprocessing plant to produce some weapons-grade plutonium. The weakness of the NPT regime lies in the fact that no obvious diversion of material has been involved. In both countries, the uranium used as fuel probably came from indigenous sources, and the countries themselves built the nuclear facilities concerned, without being declared or placed under safeguards arrangements. **The greatest risk of nuclear weapons proliferation has traditionally rested with countries which have not joined the NPT and which have significant unsafeguarded nuclear activities. India, Pakistan and Israel are in this category.** While safeguards apply to some of their activities, others remain beyond scrutiny. A further concern is that countries may develop various sensitive nuclear fuel cycle facilities and research reactors under full NPT safeguards and then subsequently opt out of the NPT. This is the argument for moving to some kind of intrinsic proliferation resistance in the fuel cycle, where there are a number of ideas, previously floated many years ago, which keep on being revamped. One key principle is that the assurance of non-proliferation must be linked to assurance of supply and services in the nuclear fuel cycle to any country embracing nuclear power. Various proposals for fuel banks and multinational fuel cycle centres may aim to guarantee the supply of nuclear fuel and services for bona fide uses, thereby removing the incentive for countries to develop indigenous fuel cycle capabilities. Yet there is clearly a risk here of dividing the world into 'good guys' and 'bad guys,' in a politically discriminatory way. Already, some international fuel cycle proposals have raised the ire of major developing countries like Brazil and South Africa. **The real problem is that nuclear non-proliferation and security have powerful lobby groups behind them, largely claiming to have nothing against nuclear power as such, apart from the dangers of misuse of nuclear technology. In fact in Washington DC, home of the US federal government, there is a cottage industry of lobby groups dedicated to this. Those who oppose their scaremongering (and it essentially amounts to no more than this) are castigated as being in the industry's pocket or acting unresponsively to allegedly genuinely expressed public fears.** Pointing out that very few new countries will acquire nuclear power by even 2030, and that very few of these will likely express any interest in acquiring enrichment or reprocessing facilities, seems to go completely over their heads. In any case, nuclear fuel cycle technologies are very expensive to acquire and it makes perfect sense to buy nuclear fuel from the existing commercial international supply chain. This already guarantees security of supply, so moves towards international fuel banks are essentially irrelevant, while measures supposedly to increase the proliferation resistance of the fuel cycle are unwarranted, particularly if

they impose additional costs on the industry. **It is likely that more countries will foolishly choose to acquire nuclear weapons. If they are really determined to do so, there is little really that the world can do to prevent them—the main effort has to be in dissuading them from this course of action.** How many countries will have nuclear weapons by 2030 is hard to say, but there could well be a total of 15 by then. Mueller argues that this increase, in itself, will neither prevent nor cause wars, but will impose substantial costs on the countries concerned. Apart from the costs of weapons programmes diverting needed economic resources away from more productive activities, such countries are likely to be faced with economic sanctions which would create severe economic hardship for their citizens but be unlikely to deter them. So there has to be a better way. **The problems of regions such as the Middle East will have to be resolved by negotiation, as the presence of many nuclear weapons states will solve nothing. In the absence of leadership by madmen, the spectre of mutually-assured destruction will merely maintain the status quo; acquiring nuclear weapons will grant a country more criticism than international prestige. Meanwhile, the commercial nuclear sector will hopefully be allowed to flourish without too many people chipping away at the margins by raising unwarranted fears about its activities (and imposing additional financial costs, which is what it eventually amounts to)** (Kidd, 2010).

**Date:** August 29, 2010

**Source:** Veterans Today, Gordon Duff

**Title/Headline:** *Crash Of Airbus 320 Outside Islamabad Now Believed Hijacked, Heading For Nuke Facility*

**Abstract:** Informed sources in the Government of Pakistan have told Veterans Today that they are developing “hard evidence” indicating the Air Blue Airbus 320 that crashed July 28th outside Islamabad was a terrorist hijacking tied to rogue American security forces operating inside that country. Sources indicate that the plane crash was an unsuccessful hijacking attempt intended to crash into the nuclear weapons facility at Kahuta, outside Islamabad. Such an attack may have been blamed on India and would likely have led to retaliation which could easily have escalated to a nuclear exchange between these two nations that have spent decades at each other's throats. **Suspicious were raised inside Pakistan's military and intelligence organizations when American military contractors employed by Blackwater/Xe showed up on the scene immediately after the crash, seizing the black box and “other materials.”** There is no confirmation that parachutes or electronic equipment had been removed when Blackwater/Xe security relinquished control of the crash scene to Pakistani investigators. Royal Television in Islamabad, owned by the brother of the head of Pakistan's powerful JI (Jamate Islami), the Islamic political party, has reported that investigations are underway tying American based contractors to the planning of the attack. **Pakistan's ISRP (Inter-Services Public Relations) has failed to confirm this but private sources indicate that an active investigation of these allegations is, not only underway but has established ties between an American group and the hijackers.** Military and intelligence officials inside Pakistan, in concert with the American embassy, are withholding all official details of the investigation and are likely to continue doing so. **This same facility had been the subject of an armed penetration by American contractors, believed to be employed by the State Department, in 2009. Four Blackwater employees, armed and possessing explosives were arrested outside the Kahuta nuclear facility in 2009. The four, driving a Jeep 4x4 and possessing advanced surveillance and jamming equipment of Israeli manufacture, were intercepted 1.5 miles from the Kahuta nuclear facility.** The four spoke fluent Pushtu and were dressed in a manner as to resemble Taliban fighters. The order for their release, given by Minister of the Interior Rehman Malik, is an issue of considerable controversy between the civilian government in Pakistan and the powerful military. **The passenger jet with 152 on board slammed into a hillside in what was believed to be Pakistan's most serious air crash. At least 2 Americans were believed to be on board but, a month later, the US Embassy in Islamabad has left this unconfirmed. Reports received today, however, confirm that at least 5 Americans, military contractors said to be employed by Xe, may also have been on the craft but could not be identified as they had been traveling in local garb and had boarded with false identification. Xe is an American based military and intelligence contracting firm formerly known as Blackwater and has been the subject of considerable controversy for activities inside Pakistan.** Sources indicate that the attackers stormed the cockpit in a hijacking attempt. **The pilot is said to have jammed the flight controls, careening the Airbus 320 and all aboard into a hillside rather than allowing the plane to be used in a “9/11” type attack inside Pakistan or flown into Indian air space for a repeat of the 2008 Mumbai attack.** Pakistan has, at times in error, referred to American contractors employed by the Departments of Defense, State or the Central Intelligence Agency as Blackwater. However, it is believed the majority of such employees are, in fact, members of that organization or is derivative, Xe. **The same group, often criticized for irregularities in Iraq, has been contracted by the Central Intelligence Agency to operate Predator drones inside Pakistan, operations that have resulted in a significant number of civilian deaths and said by political leaders of several factions to do little but recruit terrorists** (Duff, 2010)

**Date:** November 22, 2010

**Source:** The Washington Post, Associated Press Frederic J. Frommer

**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Weapon Drivers Sometimes Got Drunk*

**Abstract:** Federal agents hired to transport nuclear weapons and components sometimes got drunk while on convoy missions, a government watchdog said. In an incident last year, police detained two agents who went to a bar during an assignment. **The Energy Department's assistant inspector general, Sandra D. Bruce, said her office reviewed 16 alcohol-related incidents involving agents, candidate-agents and others from the government's Office of Secure Transportation between 2007 through 2009.** Nearly 600 federal agents ship nuclear weapons, weapon components and special nuclear material across the U.S. **Two incidents in particular raised red flags, the report said, because they happened during secure transportation missions while agents checked into local hotels while on extended missions. In these cases, the vehicles were placed in “safe harbor,” meaning they were moved to secure locations.** In one case, in 2007, an agent was arrested for public intoxication. The other occurred last year, when police handcuffed and temporarily detained two agents after an incident at a bar. **“Alcohol incidents such as these, as infrequent as they may be, indicate a potential vulnerability in OST's critical national security mission,”** the report warns. The report did not identify the locations for either incident, and the inspector general's office declined to identify them Monday, citing the safe harbor locations. The findings alarmed some lawmakers on Capitol Hill. **“I was appalled to learn that some couriers responsible for transporting nuclear weapons and material were found to**

**be drinking on the job,"** said Rep. Jim Langevin, D-R.I., who chairs the House Armed Services strategic forces subcommittee. He said he would seek a full briefing from the inspector general. **"We cannot tolerate any behavior that falls short of the level of excellence required and expected when it comes to protecting and handling our nation's most powerful and dangerous weapons,"** Langevin said. Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, is seeking more information on the report and will be monitoring implementation of the recommendations, a committee spokeswoman said. **"As the report suggests, a potential vulnerability in the secure transportation of nuclear materials is entirely unacceptable,"** said Towns. The Energy Department's National Nuclear Security Administration, which oversees the agents, stressed that the report found no evidence of them driving drunk while on duty, or of a systemic problem. **"NNSA's Office of Secure Transportation maintains a highly trained, highly professional force that has safely and securely transported nuclear materials more than 100 million miles without a single fatal accident or any release of radiation,"** said NNSA spokesman Damien LaVera. "Of hundreds of agents," he added, "the report identifies just two cases involving NNSA personnel being intoxicated while on overnight stops during official missions." LaVera said that the agency takes the cases seriously, and is working to evaluate the report and make additional improvements. He declined to say whether anyone was fired as a result of the incidents detailed in the report, saying he couldn't comment on personnel matters. The report says that current guidelines call for alcohol testing at least once a year and when there is reasonable suspicion of alcohol use; a ban on consuming alcohol within 10 hours before scheduled work; and sending home agents who have an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or more. **"When alcohol-related incidents have occurred, OST officials told us that they have taken immediate action to include removal of agents from mission status,"** the report states. **The report recommends that officials consider actions such as a "zero tolerance" policy for alcohol incidents** (Frommer, 2010)

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**Title/Headline:** *Nuclear Smuggling: The Expert View*

**Abstract:** Insider thieves are the new nuclear threat. Protect the materials and prevent the terrorism. The dark netherworlds of nuclear smuggling still pose a terrible danger to us all. Terrorists are seeking nuclear weapons and the materials to make them. Unfortunately, it doesn't take a Manhattan Project to make a crude nuclear bomb – numerous government studies have warned that a sophisticated terrorist group might pull it off, if they could get enough nuclear material. And with bits of highly enriched uranium (HEU) continuing to show up in the hands of hustlers and smugglers, the obvious question is: of which iceberg are we seeing the tip? Fortunately, controlling the essential ingredients of nuclear weapons – plutonium and HEU, neither of which occur in nature – offers a choke point on the pathway to the bomb. **If we can keep terrorists from getting these materials, we can prevent nuclear terrorism.** Already, years of co-operative efforts under the US Nunn-Lugar programme and related efforts have dramatically improved security for nuclear weapons and materials at scores of sites. Potential nuclear bomb material has been removed from dozens more, cutting out the risk of nuclear theft at those sites. These successes represent, in a real sense, bombs that will never go off. In Washington in April, leaders from 47 countries agreed to secure all vulnerable nuclear stockpiles in four years. Now the time has come to flesh out the specifics and move from words to deeds. **The world needs to forge agreement that all nuclear warheads, plutonium, and HEU must have at least a common baseline of nuclear security measures in place – for example, protection against a couple of small teams of well-armed, well-trained outsiders, or a well-placed insider thief.** Countries where terrorists and thieves can pose more substantial threats need still higher levels of security. **New measures to protect against insider thieves – who have perpetrated nearly every known nuclear material theft to date – must be put in place.** Every country that has these materials needs an urgent review of each site where they exist, to assess whether the continuing use of these materials at that site is worth the costs and risks, and whether security there can provide effective protection. **Over time, the world should phase out the civilian use of HEU, which is still used to fuel more than 100 research reactors around the world, many with minimal security measures in place.** Overcoming complacency is the key to success. Many policymakers and nuclear managers around the world wrongly dismiss the danger, arguing that since they have never had an incident at their facility there is no need to upgrade security, and that in any case terrorists could not possibly make a nuclear bomb. They are wrong. **Al-Qaida's nuclear bomb programme was in earnest, and progressed as far as carrying out explosive tests in the desert in Afghanistan before the 9/11 attacks. Nuclear security measures around the world are demonstrably insufficient to cope with the capabilities and tactics terrorists and thieves have already used in non-nuclear attacks.** We need a broad range of steps to counter this deadly complacency, from detailed briefings on the real threat to "red team" exercises, in which well-trained teams test security at nuclear sites. **Another nuclear security summit is slated for 2012 in Seoul. The world needs intensive diplomacy and action on the ground between now and then, so that the leaders there will be able to say that the steps already taken and the further steps agreed to at that summit will be enough to keep the essential ingredients of nuclear bombs out of terrorist hands** (Bunn, 2010).

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**Source:** Jalopnik News, Matt Hardigree

**Title/Headline:** *The Military Is Secretly Trucking Hundreds Of Nuclear Warheads Across The U.S.*

**Abstract:** Nondescript 18-wheelers are secretly transporting nearly 1,000 of the U.S. Navy's 100-kiloton W76 nuclear warheads from a submarine base near Seattle to a plant in Texas. Worse news? It's by an agency recently investigated for problems with alcohol abuse. An item in Washington's Kitsap Sun this weekend confirms something we all expect to be true but is rarely talked about: the transportation of nuclear weapons across the United States. **The quantity of nuclear warheads is astounding, with the report indicating as many as 1,000 of the approximately 30-year-old 100-kiloton W76 warheads are being transported from Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor near Seattle to the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, nearly 1,800 miles away, for updates that'll extend the life of the weapon by 30 years.** The W76 warheads, currently used as the main warhead for the Trident 1 and Trident II Submarine-launched missiles, are designed to create a fireball more than half-a-mile in diameter if exploded. Transportation of these items will be carried out by the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Office of Secure Transportation. **Convoys of escorted and**

**unmarked nuke trucks like the ones pictured above will carry them on their journey. Numerous safeguards are in place according to the NNSA, including bulletproof sleeper areas in all trucks and a requirement that agents don't go for more than 32 hours without 8 hours of "stationary bed rest."** Here's them bragging: "The federal agents who do this work are trained to defend, recapture, and recover nuclear materials in case of an attack. Because of the highly skilled agents, NNSA was able to safely and securely complete 100 percent of its shipments without the compromise or loss of any nuclear weapons and components or a release of radioactive material" (Hardigree, 2010).

**Conclusion:** Clearly, the US and its allies are the greatest purveyors of nuclear proliferation and negligence on the planet. Even more disturbing is the fact that a great many of these so called nuclear "accidents" occurred on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please see Chapter 44: *Numerology of 26 & 11* (Date of Super Bowl XLV) for more info...

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